

Dear Reader,

We are pleased to present the fourth scholarly volume bringing together a unique series of research papers by talented students – participants in the Security and Society in the Information Age program held at Collegium Civitas University, Warsaw, Poland. Due to the pandemic in the 2020/2021 academic year, the program was held online. The students took part in a fully-fledged online course and an online research internship seminar at the Krzysztof Liedel Terrorism Research Center (TRC).

Krzysztof Liedel Terrorism Research Center is a leading think-tank and a research unit within Collegium Civitas. It is named after its longtime Director Dr. Krzysztof Liedel, outstanding academic teacher and leading expert in security issues, who passed away in 2021.

The Center gathers scientists and experts involved in terrorism in the context of their scientific specialties. It is a platform for exchanging views, opinions, research results, and experiences of people who look at the phenomenon of terrorism through the prism of various analytical approaches. These include, among others, international relations, sociology, psychology, military sciences, internal and international law, political science, banking, finance, economics, anthropology, cultural studies. This multifaceted approach contributes to increasing the amount of our knowledge about terrorism and the possibilities of counteracting it.

Security and Society Summer School is a program run by Collegium Civitas in cooperation with SRAS (USA). It is composed of summer school courses, semester or academic year abroad opportunities, and an internship. The courses are devoted to a wide range of history, security, and

sociology issues. The courses are taught in English by experts in academia and practitioners. The program is aimed at ambitious students ready to engage in extracurricular academic activities who want to enhance their competencies and boost their academic and professional careers.

During the internship, the participants have worked on their research papers under the supervision of TRC mentors – analyzing a selected security issue of their interest. The security issues explored in this volume include terrorism, hybrid threats, environmental security, threats to human rights. The authors looked for solutions and had recommendations for law enforcement, policymakers, and scholars. This volume presents the result of the internship held in the summer of 2021.

Among the subjects discussed in the book, you will find issues connected with the most up-to-date threats to national and international peace and stability – and solutions to some of those problems. Young researchers confronted those issues with courage and analytical aptitude. They wrote about current conditions for domestic terrorism in the United States and the risk of radicalization in a post-coronavirus world (Luke Odo); the intersection of terrorism and organized crime (Hayley Sawyer); the impact of religion on suicide terrorism (James Bratton); cybercrime combating (Kylie Heitzenrater); the rise of domestic terrorism in the United States with the emergence of political motives (Jacob Falck) and money as a key to success in terrorism combating (Carissa Huntsberger).

We hope you will find this book interesting and valuable and we invite you to learn more about the program Security and Society in the Information Age at: www.securityandsociety.org

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