

EDITORIAL

New Threats to National Security _____

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This edition of *Jus and Justicia* is dedicated to national security. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements, shifting geopolitical landscapes, and unprecedented global challenges, national security concerns are no longer limited to traditional military threats. Today's security environment demands a broader understanding of the multifaceted risks posed by both state and non-state actors, as well as by emerging domains such as cyber warfare, environmental degradation, and global health crises.

This issue, dedicated to new threats to national security, aims to bring together innovative research that critically examines the emerging dimensions of national security and offers fresh insights into policy implications. The issue seeks to explore not only the direct challenges posed to state stability, governance, and sovereignty but also the indirect factors—such as corruption, organized crime, and disinformation—that can erode national resilience. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, there is a pressing need for interdisciplinary perspectives that merge insights from law, international relations, technology, environmental science, and public health. By fostering a dialogue on these pressing issues, this special edition of *Jus and Justicia* hopes to contribute to the development of comprehensive strategies that safeguard national security in an increasingly volatile global landscape.

The academic papers of this edition are focused in the main issues of security like corruption that explores the impact of corruption on Albania's national security during the period 2018-2020, aiming to understand how corruption undermines democratic institutions, social stability, and the country's integration into Euro-Atlantic structures. Evolution of national security concept in Albania that explores the evolution of Albania's military thought from the declaration of independence in 1912 to the present day or the concept of smart defense in Albania and Kosovo that analyzes the evolution of the defense concept from a traditional approach to the new concept of «Smart Defense».

Other valuable academic papers concern the role of state for national security. The purpose of this treatment is to highlight the state as a separate political organization, as well as the main role and obligation it has for national security. The state is distinguished from other political organizations in a society because it is sovereign and exercises absolute and unlimited power.

In conclusion national security is essential for maintaining a country's stability, sovereignty and well being. It Involves protecting a nation from external threats such as terrorism, cyberattacks, as well as internal challenges like economic instability and civil unrest.