

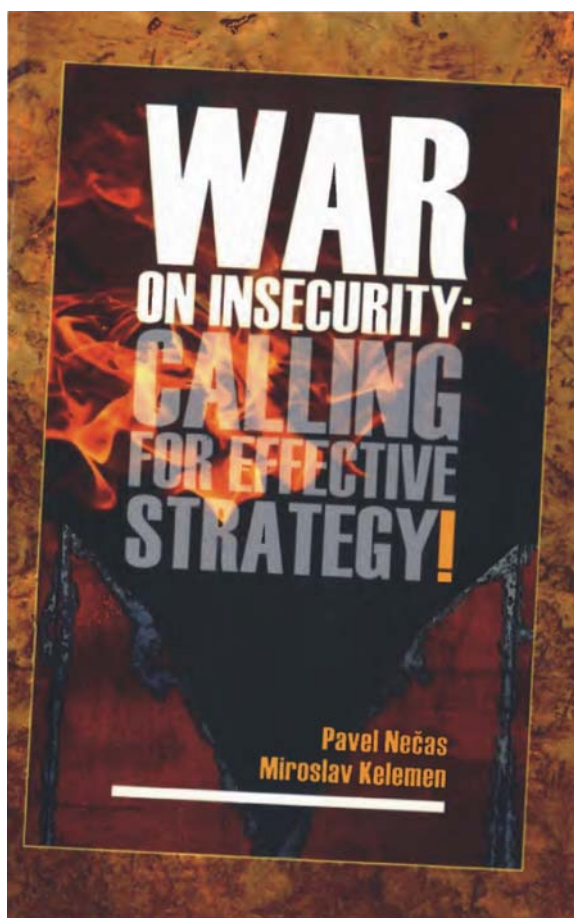
ON WAR AND (IN)SECURITY

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Abstract: *The present monograph, War on insecurity: Calling for Effective Strategy! Scientific Monograph, written by Pavel Nečas and Miroslav Kelemen, deals with the analysis of globalization, global security and defense at strategic level. It has an educational purpose for those interested in the field of security (state and public administration officials), but I find it very resourceful for military personnel that have to be very much aware of all phenomena that take place and that involve and affect the military system, as well..*

Keywords: *war, insecurity, security strategies, global security.*



1. INTRODUCTION

Thus, the book is worth reading as concepts like **war** and **insecurity** are widely

heard, especially after 9/11 to define strategic concepts that reshape the international perspective on security. These are tightly connected to the present process of globalization that impacted all areas of interest, from information and knowledge to resources. The present-day security environment is characterized not only by a high level of security, but also by the incapacity of anticipating certain events, by manifesting certain risks and threats, especially asymmetric ones, by redefining the relations between the great powers and increasing the freedom of action of the regional factors. Therefore, the authors guide us through a well structured approach, where strategy at all levels is the main key.

2. BOOK'S STRUCTURE

Thus, the first chapter initiates us with the fundamentals of strategy, namely, its objectives, principles and integration within the international system.

The second chapter introduces the main tendencies dominating the international security environment targeting the U.S.A. predominance, the democracy extension and globalization. Climate change, the interethnic and interreligious conflicts, media and

information, technology and military transformation together with the proliferation of mass destruction weapons are the main issues tackled within this chapter. The actors of the contemporary world insecurity and instability are factors that cannot be treated independently. The fight against them requires the most efficient resources and action directions. Thus, the asymmetric warfare is obviously mentioned by the end of the chapter. It is viewed as a globalized phenomenon, where asymmetry can range from distinct threats that include a nation's security forces, too. It is also mentioned the fact that the distinction between organized crime and terrorism is unclear. It is true, as the two concepts are interconnected even if the purpose of actions can be different (from a political one up to religious beliefs).

The fourth chapter deals with NATO's strategic concept, its origins, accomplishments and even a case study on EBAO (Effects Based Approach to Operations) that managed the complete range of power instruments within the Gulf War. The conclusions raised out of it actually mirror the present global situation with respect to future threats and to the transformation of strategy and operation methodologies.

The next two chapters provide a clear-cut comparison of both US and EU security strategies with focus on historical background and content. Then, they are faced with the third strategy, that of the NATO's. This comparison has not been an easy thing to do, as they all have special features and

particularities, born out of different historical backgrounds and having distinct purposes.

The list of acronyms at the end of the volume is commonly used within the NATO structures, being of high value for academic purposes.

3. CONCLUSIONS

The 21st century has brought great hopes of liberty, a growing living standard, a world of peace, stability and cooperation, but also a series of risks and threats, mainly non-military ones, which transcend the national borders. These were always present in the relationships between people over time, underlying numerous causes of conflict that have overshadowed the development of human society. The monograph makes us aware of all these issues that have occurred and shaped effective strategies, in a turbulent time that all nations have to deal with nowadays! I strongly recommend reading it. I'm more than sure that it will draw your attention and make you think of the 21st century conflict as being one of different approaches and disagreements, whose strategy is meant to attain global security.

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