

Introduction

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the second issue of the journal "Studies and Analyses of Political Science" in 2024. The topic of this publication is: international security challenges. After the collapse of the communist bloc, participants in international relations had to develop their own security strategies. New political realities have brought the countries of Central and Eastern Europe closer together. The establishment of closer political relations, in addition to close vicinity, was also facilitated by common historical experiences, a similar level of civilizational development and the process of democratisation. However, the initial cooperation encountered many difficulties. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) was still trying to maintain its zone of influence, the region was torn by single asymmetric conflicts, the transition from a centrally controlled to a free – market economy introduced changes in the social structure-these are just a few of the challenges faced by states wishing to develop their "young democracies." With the collapse of the communist system, new ethnic and national conflicts arose, ubiquitous globalisation led to a revaluation of the sphere of economic relations and a change in the mentality of societies, the process of mediatization and the influence of new media contributed to the emergence of new global problems: migration, terrorism, the revival of imperial interests of individual states. These conditions have led to the disruption of the security architecture not only in the Middle East and Africa, but also in Europe. The problem of migration is not only a problem of the European Union (EU) and its member states, but also of South America (Venezuela and Chile) and the United States. Cooperation within Euro-Atlantic structures allowed projects to be undertaken with selected European and non-European countries that would be interested in

implementing team projects in many areas. Regional cooperation supports security structures, while the emergence of new formats of cooperation, including the Lublin Triangle, contributes to the stabilisation of the situation in the region and the functioning of democratic systems.

In this issue of the journal, the authors of the first article *Migration Governance: Human Rights or Security? The Case of Chile* are Cristina Gómez Johnson and Ludmilla Santos de Aquino. The authors focused on the analysis of global migration management, with a particular focus on Human Rights guarantees and security issues, following the example of Chile. The phenomena associated with social affairs and the effects of the growing problem of migration within the continent, as well as from areas threatened by persistent poverty, unemployment and various types of conflicts, have been highlighted.

In the second article entitled *Strategy of the President of Lithuania Towards Ukraine 2022–2024*, the author Martinas Malužinas' interest was in the aspect of the Lithuanian President's strategy towards Ukraine over the last two years, starting from the outbreak of the full-scale Russian-Ukrainian war. Lithuania, like the other Baltic States, is active in addressing so-called new security threats, such as ICT networks and energy security. These countries also develop cooperation within the EU and NATO, while Lithuania, together with Poland and Ukraine, operates within the framework of the Lublin Triangle. The joint ventures are part of the security strategies not only of Lithuania, but of the entire area of Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltic Sea region.

The author of the following article *Security Issues in the Electoral Program of Electoral Committee of Silesian Local Government Officials in the 2024 Local Elections* is Andrzej Szczepański. The importance of security as a research issue is undoubtedly topical and important for all actors active at the political, economic and socio-cultural levels. The author undertook an analysis of the phenomenon from the point of view of local government in Poland.

The last article *Construction of the Structures of the Polish Workers' Party in the Districts of the Lublin Voivodeship in the Light of the Documents of the Voivodeship Party Control Commission in the Years 1945–1948* belongs to Michał Jan Bednarczyk. The publication was devoted to historical topics, i.e. the genesis and evolution of the Polish United Workers' Party (PZPR), a mass political party with a hegemonic, centralised character, which set the tone for all spheres of social life during the period of the Polish People's Republic (PRL).

An integral part of the journal "Studies and Analyses of Political Science" are reports. In the current issue, the book *The Palgrave Handbook of National Security* is reviewed by Witold Mazurek. Meanwhile, the author of the conference report on contemporary challenges and issues in migration policy, regional security and European cooperation is Prof. of University of Wrocław Dr. Habil. Paweł Turczyński.

We invite you to read

Aneta Bąk-Pitucha, Anna Szachon-Pszenny, Agnieszka Zaręba

