

Editorial Note

The Editorial Board of the Romanian Journal of Society and Politics is happy to announce the launch of Volume 13, Number 2 of the journal. The present issue consists of three regular articles and two book reviews, ranging across various fields of study, from security studies, to continental political theory, religious fundamentalism and the methodology of social sciences.

The first article of the issue, authored by Robert Chisholm, and titled *Counterinsurgency, Military Education, and the Erosion of Apolitical Professionalism: Lessons from the French and Brazilian Experiences*, explores the relation between politics, professional education and the military, by looking at the development of military doctrines in the 1950-1960s, with a particular focus on France and Brazil. The author singles out these case studies, in order to highlight how the French doctrine of *Guerre Révolutionnaire* has influenced the Brazilian „Doctrine of National Security”, and how these politically-laden doctrines shaped the world view of military professionals, that ultimately ended up revolting against civilian authorities.

The second article, *The Populism of the Empire and the Multitude*, written by Attila Antal, approaches the topic of transnational populism through the lens of continental political thought. Primarily drawing on the recent works of Hardt and Negri, on the one hand, and the debate between them and Laclau and Mouffe on the other, the author uses the concepts of Empire and Multitude to analyse the contemporary shifts from liberal to populist democracies, advancing the thesis that right-wing populism is an instantiation of populism in the context of the Empire, while the Multitude is seen as a counter-populist concept.

The third article, titled *Dabiq: The Role of Daesh's Jihadist Manifesto in the Violent Radicalization Process* and authored by Adina-Elena Dragoi, seeks to analyze the Daesh (or ISIS/ISIL) ideological manifesto, the magazine named Dabiq. The author focuses on uncovering and examining the various types of Jihadist narratives that are to be found in the issues of Dabiq, namely: (1) Demonizing the Enemy; (2) Saving the Ummah; (3) The Legitimacy of Violent Jihad; and (4) the Significance Quest Narrative, and on explaining how these narratives can succeed with their target groups of some specific part of the vulnerable and disenfranchised youth.

Aside from the above-mentioned articles, the issue also contains two book reviews. The first one is authored by Matei Ghimis, who reviews Wenceslao Gonzales's 2015 book titled *Philosophico-Methodological Analysis of Prediction and its Role in Economics*. According to the review's author, the book is „a thought-provoking and thorough investigation on the role and status of economics within the sciences”, which primarily aims „to argue for a shift in the methodological requirements of economy, and sciences in general, from prediction to explanation, in ways that are both normative and descriptive, and within that dimension, to focus on that certain type of explanation that economics can and should provide”. The second review, authored by Adrian Eugen Preda, reviews Graham Allison's 2017 book titled *Destined for War. Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap?* According to the author of the review, „the main question addressed by the author in his research refers to the eventual possibility of a war between great powers in the 21st century, a war between the United States of

America, as the hegemonic power in the international system, and China, a state which is on the rise”, with Allison’s account relying heavily on Thucydides’s ‘Trap, i.e. the „severe structural stress caused when a rising power threatens to upend a ruling one”.

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