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As the Graduate Program in Military Science, conducted by the Meira Mattos Institute of the Army Command and General Staff School, the Meira Mattos Collection seeks to build a bridge between academic researchers and military professionals involved in the field of Defense (RAMOS, FRANCHI, 2020). The construction of this space for dialogue presupposes giving a voice to this broad and diverse spectrum of actors (or giving a voice from one side to the other), so that ideas, arguments, research and research results can be presented and debated, being useful for both this epistemic community as well as for bodies and institutions directly involved with matters related to National Defense. Always remembering that "peer-validated scientific communication, constantly evaluated and re-evaluated, transfers credibility and legitimacy of the work performed" (NUNES, 2019. p.viii).

Thus, the professional works published here underwent prior selections and subsequent evaluations by their peers. Furthermore, Military Sciences and knowledge transversal to the use of the armed forces are a global field of study with secular historical roots (PINHEIRO DA CUNHA, MIGON, 2019. p.13). Most countries in the world have organized armed forces that face challenges of all kinds on a daily basis, seeking autonomous or customized solutions to their historical, geographic, geopolitical, economic, social contexts, among others. Knowing the realities in which they are inserted, how other armed forces are structured, prepared and used expands the knowledge of those who research and study Military Sciences. In this sense, the Meira Mattos Collection brings in this edition interlocutors from other countries, encouraged that military personnel from friendly nations contribute articles to this dialogue.

In this context, in the field of Geopolitics, from India, Manmeet Randhawa brings us the theme of border conflict in the article "*River Brahmaputra (Yarlung Tsangpo): a potential point of conflict between India and China*", a relevant topic for regional geopolitics with possibility of worldwide reflexes. Brazilians Marcelo Macedo de Oliveira and Ricardo Moussallem address, respectively, "*Aspects of Brazilian geopolitics in the view of General Meira Mattos*" and the "*South American Defense Council: failure or first step?*", two articles from the perspective of geopolitics that complement each other in their theory and practical application. On the same

path, another Brazilian official, Fabiano Lima de Carvalho, brings a reflection on the management of natural resources, the environment and geopolitics in the text "*Water as a polemological factor*", presenting scenarios and possible conflicts around this vital asset for the humanity.

In the field of Peace and Humanitarian Operations, two experiences presented by soldiers from developing countries: from Mexico, Alejandro M. Posadas Martínez, brings the article "*Evolution of the doctrine of peace operations and its implications for Mexico's foreign policy*"; and, from Nigeria, Jibril Aliyu Haruna Baba, deals with "*Managing Internally Displaced Persons and Strengthening Human Security in North East Nigeria*". Important contributions in the construction of knowledge in this area in which Brazil leads MONUSCO while coordinating the entire Operation Acolhida on the northern Brazilian border.

Complementing this edition, three current subjects with great adherence to Military Sciences dealing with Terrorism, Cybernetics and Leadership, offered by Ricardo Luiz da Cunha Rabelo, Brazilian official, who discusses the definition of terrorism and the current Brazilian legislation, presenting conceptual aspects and gaps necessary for the correct understanding, preparation and confrontation of terrorism. From Guatemala, Aram Albert Jordan Sandoval, in "*How Technology Is Controlling Our Critical Infrastructure, Civilians and Military Working Together to Minimize Cyberattacks*" presents a similar issue faced by Brazil in the construction of its cyber defense apparatus; and, finally, From Spain, Fernando Rocha y Castilla talks about "*Military leadership under stress*"; a subject dear to the military follow-up at all hierarchical levels of any Armed Force and a permanent focus of studies and follow-up. To the reader, the invitation for a good reading and our regards.

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