

## Editorial

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Over the last decade, Brazil witnessed a qualitative leap in the field of Defense Studies and the rapid growth in the cooperation between the University Academia and educational institutions linked to the Armed Forces and the Ministry of Defense. New graduate courses were created – usually in the area of Security and Defense –, and new periodic publications surfaced. However, the path to the sustained growth and development of the area is not the competition between courses and journals, but of the specialization and complementarity.

Given this context, traditional and reputable vehicles undergo transformations – such as *Coleção Meira Mattos: Revista de Ciências Militares* (Meira Mattos Collection: Military Sciences Journal) – while seeking to strengthen the relationship between Defense, Academia and Society. A Journal written by an institution that operates the Defense and reflects on it opens space for dialogue and dissemination with other institutions and a broader public. This is because there were Defense studies within the Armed Forces/Brazilian Ministry of Defense and within the traditional Academia, which was expressed through the *Associação Brasileira de Estudos de Defesa* (Brazilian Association for Defense Studies – ABED). Only now these two areas associate themselves, with the participation of Civil and Military researchers in several events, and in the presentation of their research projects via scientific articles.

The *Escola de Comando Estado Maior do Exército* (ECEME), through the *Instituto Meira Mattos*, created a successful Graduate program in Military Sciences – the only one in Brazil. This occurrence assigned a new status to the traditional *Coleção Meira Mattos* journal – deepening the to do-to know relationship –, which here presents another edition, assembling civilian and military researchers.

The topics include technical issues of the utmost relevance such as the use of drones and motorized cavalry, the recruitment and training of reservists in Recife, and the system of technological material. But also encompass political-strategic themes such as Geoeconomics and Development: the *II Plano Nacional de Desenvolvimento* (2<sup>nd</sup> Brazilian Plan for Development – PND) and the national autonomy, counterterrorism actions in large events, among others. Thus, within the Defense area, the Military Sciences develop a vehicle of interaction with other fields of study.

The institution and its competent and dedicated Editor, Professor Tássio Franchi, must be congratulated for the publication of this edition of the *Coleção Meira Mattos: Revista de Ciências Militares*.

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