

Intelligence and knowledge: tools for decision making in strategic environments

“The person who excels in solving situations is the one who solves them before they arise”

Sun Tzu

I extend my gratitude to the academics, who gave their intellectual disposition and time, through the effort and development of quality academic knowledge within the framework of the present edition of the journal "Perspectives in Intelligence"; scenarios that potentiate the projection of new strategies.

The evolution of the dynamics of the strategic, social and economic environment, within the framework of globalization, has led to the development of new and divergent social problems (Naciones Unidas, s.f.). The journal disseminates academic and research production that addresses, in a creative and innovative way, the economic, social and technological challenges presented by today's global and national transformation contexts. Thus, the actors of the local and international environment face the challenge of responding to situations that encompass human security such as: human rights, climate change, cybersecurity, food security and the growth of economic inequalities, among others (McDonald, 2010; Piketty, 2013; PNUD, s.f.).

From the academic and research entities of the Colombian National Army, we recognize the responsibility of generating more and better knowledge and information to face the multiplicity of problematic situations we are facing in this era of globalization and post-conflict (FIP - Ideas para la Paz, s.f.; Oyarzún, 2018). This journal explores and establishes the practical and academic concern to address these multiple vulnerabilities from research, science and knowledge creation.

This year the dynamics have been immersed in a new multidisciplinary environment. The panoramic view of the domestic and international scenario that the authors have established encompasses the union of civilians and the military. Therefore, it becomes a reference point for biopolitics which, as expressed by Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri, refers to a form of power that regulates social life from within and is enunciated

as a control that extends deep into the consciousness and bodies of the population. This concept, as well as the lines constructed through this Journal, is meant to capture and make sense of the movement of the multitude that gradually reveals itself as a power to produce a common idea, challenging the reactionary dominance of biopower towards a new model of living (Lightsey, 2017).

The parameters covered in this edition include practical theoretical development lines such as: intelligence and counterintelligence, history and philosophy, technology and development, administration, finance and economics (ESICI, s.f.). These topics are approached from a perspective eager to contrast perspectives, broaden the fronts of knowledge and strengthen the links of knowledge that expand the horizons of incidence of those thematic areas, which, in the past, were characterized by their exclusive management from military knowledge. In its recent publications, the journal has brought together the participation of civilian and military authors from different professions and lines of research in order to strengthen the analysis and the scientific and academic rigor of the products.

The Volume 13 Number 22 of the journal contains 10 articles, focused on topics such as: illegal mining, reforestation, borders and drug trafficking, globalization and insurgent groups, international cooperation and military intelligence, among others. These, allow us to consider this volume as one of the challenges of greatest effort for the School of Intelligence and Counterintelligence “BG. Ricardo Charry Solano”, it is an obligation to inform society of the importance of this type of academic interventions that lead to a detailed joint analysis.

I invite decision makers, specialists, researchers, undergraduate and graduate students, and the general public to consult this journal as a source of information that develops knowledge and understanding of the strategic environment in which we live; here are documents that are products of research and that support decision making and action planning.

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