

It is a source of satisfaction to make available to the academic community of the School of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, as well as to the national and international academic community, the volume 9 - 18 of the journal *Perspectives in Intelligence*, thus highlighting the results of the academic debate that is generated within the research centers of the different academic institutions of higher education and also within the School of Intelligence and Counterintelligence. It is a rather successful dialogue, but at the same time very enriching for all researchers who strive to make part of this type of dynamics within research groups and centers, which in turn has become a more deal to provide the growth and development of this publication, which results in the development process both in form and in academic content.

This time, the work and research progress of notable academics and researchers, which have strived to show relevant scenarios and elements on issues such as global security (September 11, 2001); the covert mission of the Third Reich; response to the 2010 report of the Stockholm Peace Research Institute; general approaches to asymmetric warfare, political security, peace process, conflict and natural resources; geopolitics of the crisis in Ukraine; illegal mining in some regions of Colombia; women in an inclusive peace process; transitional justice and money laundering, among others.

It is to be hoped that these articles will generate new spaces for academic discussion among researchers and in the national and international scientific community, while at the same time spurred criticism and contribution activity, that it will be set up in a new stage of improvement in the process of approaching the knowledge and paradigms generated by these topics, inherent in the fundamental purpose of placing this journal in the best indexing standards.

I want to thank the researchers and scientific community for their welcome and I invite them to continue to contribute with their advances and articles, the product of research, reflection or review, seeking to contribute to the vast needs of the community national and international academics.

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