

**Thematic issue:
"The Gender Perspective of Security in the Contemporary World"**

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The thematic issue of the scientific journal *Facta Universitatis: Law and Politics*, №. 2/2019, titled „The Gender Perspective of Security in the Contemporary World“, is dedicated to two extremely current topics: Human Rights and Security. Both topics have been in the spotlight lately. The articles published in this issue bring together Law and Politics by correlating the freedom of interdisciplinary research on human (gender) rights with gender-related security issues. Interdisciplinarity is promoted in the best possible way by exploring the presence of gender perspective in a number of cross-cutting issues. Gender mainstreaming has been launched as a contemporary trend but it should not be pursued only in the academic community. In the contemporary social environment, interdisciplinarity is an imperative in the world of fundamental research in social sciences and humanities, and a prerequisite for ensuring correspondence with reality.

Gender issues have never been more present and more relevant than today. They create opportunities for opening new horizons and casting more light on modern security concepts. In order to successfully address these issues, there is a need for a rational and sustainable long-term strategy for promoting gender equality and gender perspective, rather than a popular short-lived policy.

Understanding various women's roles and promotion of women's capacities are crucial for the development of nuanced and targeted efforts in different spheres of struggle against gender stereotypes and gender-based discrimination. These can be identified in the research papers on security and defense topics presented in this publication, focusing on the security and defence issues, identified determinants of UN SC Resolution 1325 in the local context of migrant/refugee crisis, taken action aimed at combating and counteracting violent extremism and prevention of terrorism, integrating the gender perspective into peacekeeping operations, promoting the position of women in the military and police forces, developing effective responses to sexual and other forms of gender-based violence, and providing a safe environment for gender equality in the European Union and the Republic of Serbia.

The articles in this thematic publication reflect the authors' endeavour to explore diverse but correlated gender issues in the security context. Although each article should be approached individually, the articles may be observed as part of a whole, where each article is interrelated with other articles. There is a general recognition of the need to raise awareness about gender issues to the highest possible level and further promote gender equality, without being burdened or hindered by the conservative discourse of the local environment. Another prominent feature which has come to the fore is the active gender inclusion policy, which has been manifestly proclaimed as a means for eliminating the systemic and structural causes of gender inequalities as well as the ultimate and permanent value.

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