



INTRODUCTION

Dear reader,

We are pleased to welcome you to the fifth issue of our magazine Logos Guardia Civil, published by the University Centre of the Civil Guard. This new issue brings together a selection of articles that address, from different perspectives and disciplines, some of the most pressing challenges in the field of security, both nationally and internationally.

We open this issue with a contribution from Adriano J. Alfonso Rodríguez, Doctor of Law and Professor of Law and Criminology at the UNED, who offers us a timely reflection on 'Cooperation between security agencies and regional integration processes in Latin America'.



In the research articles section, Juan Francisco Adame Hernández, Director of Strategy, Communication and Promotion at Casa Árabe, presents 'Spain in the face of disinformation: Hybrid challenges and conventional responses', a rigorous study on the risks of disinformation in state security.

Security expert and PhD candidate in Forensic Sciences at the University of Alcalá, Paula Castro Castañer introduces us to 'Intelligence in the spotlight: from Classical Theory to implementation in the Digital Age', a critical approach to the social perception of intelligence services.

The work of Josué Expósito Guisado, sergeant in the Civil Guard and PhD candidate at Pablo de Olavide University, entitled 'Hacktivism: from social protest to state instrumentalisation', analyses the boundaries between digital action and criminal activity.

Alejandro Gómez García, Captain of the Civil Guard and Master's Degree in Operational Security Management, delves into 'International Protection and Sovereignty: the complicated balance between individual rights and national security', a highly sensitive issue in international law.

Don J. Luigi M. Kunz Saponaro, a doctoral researcher at the Carlos III University of Madrid, analyses in his article 'Nixon's war on drugs and the rise of virtual border surveillance in the United States' the transformation of security in the US, pointing out how the policies promoted during the "war on drugs" gave way to the development of sophisticated border control systems supported by advanced technology.

The team formed by Francisco Pérez-Fernández, Heriberto Janosch, Enrique López López and Francisco López-Muñoz presents ‘Sexual violence committed by strangers in Madrid and Barcelona: a situational analysis’, a study that provides relevant insights into the geographical distribution and behaviour patterns of urban sexual assaults.

Juan Carlos Rodríguez Bello, First Corporal of the Civil Guard Traffic Group, university expert in road crime and forensic document expert at the UNED, is the author of the article "Drugs and driving: zero tolerance. Methodology of the Synlab laboratory saliva report and approval criteria of the National Accreditation Entity", which addresses scientific and legal standards in the detection of substances.

Mónica Román González is a PhD candidate in the Political Science and Administration and International Relations Programme at the Complutense University of Madrid, and offers us a strategic analysis in ‘The protection of critical underwater infrastructure and the strengthening of security in the Baltic Sea: NATO's Operation Baltic Sentry’, highlighting the importance of international cooperation in maritime scenarios.

Finally, Virginia Belén Subiris Moriel, PhD candidate at the Rey Juan Carlos University, Social and Legal Sciences Programme, closes with ‘Social Economy: The contribution of the Civil Guard Institution through its intellectual capital’, an article that explores the value of shared knowledge and institutional commitment to social development.

On the other hand, the case law review section features a new contribution by Javier Ignacio Reyes López, Senior Magistrate of Alcalá de Henares, who analyses relevant rulings of the Second Chamber of the Supreme Court.

The editorial committee would like to express its sincere gratitude to the authors for their rigour and commitment, and to the external reviewers for their indispensable work. We hope that you find this new edition interesting and that it contributes to knowledge, reflection and continuous improvement in the field of security.

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