



## INTRODUCTION

Dear reader,

It is an honour and a source of deep institutional satisfaction to present Volume 4, Issue 2 of Logos Guardia Civil: the academic journal of the University Centre the Guardia Civil (CUGC). In this June 2026 issue, our publication once again establishes itself as an essential reference point for strategic thinking, empirical research and the transfer of knowledge in the field of public security and police sciences in Spain.

The richness of this issue lies, to a very significant extent, in the wide range of research areas it covers, thereby reinforcing the CUGC's commitment to placing scientific knowledge at the service of all those interested in issues relating to public security.



In this regard, I would first like to highlight the collaborative article entitled 'Security-based leadership in the Guardia Civil: a pilot study in territorial units', an excellent piece of work carried out jointly, on the one hand, by senior officers the Guardia Civil (Commander Santos Gamito, Commander De la Cruz Moreno and Colonel González-Álvarez) and, on the other, by PhDs in psychology from the National University of Distance Education (Dr Guillén Corchado, Dr Moriano León and Dr Laguía González). This symbiosis between the Civil Guard's operational experience and academic methodological rigour perfectly embodies the spirit of our University Centre, providing an excellent contribution to the essential keys for optimising people management and talent management.

Alongside this outstanding study, the reader will find an enriching variety of topics that examine both doctrinal challenges and cutting-edge methodologies. Forensic science and criminology feature prominently through research into the analysis of bloodstain patterns in crime scene reconstruction, institutional lessons from complex historical cases, and the analysis of ballistic traceability. Meanwhile, legal certainty is interwoven with police practice in articles devoted to the criminal law definition of the occupation of premises, the evolution of the concept of driving in road safety, and the systematisation of naval procedures in the fight against the smuggling of migrants. Furthermore, this issue offers undeniable practical value for day-to-day operational work by including a rigorous review of case law from the Second Chamber of the Supreme Court, an indispensable tool for keeping our professionals up to date with the latest regulatory developments.

Aware of the threats posed by the digital environment, this issue also rigorously analyses cybersecurity and cybercrime through a study on money laundering involving crypto-assets in the international context, whilst also assessing strategies for protecting critical infrastructure against terrorism. Finally, the journal remains committed to social issues and institutional history, addressing the impact of online sexual violence and the role of psychopathy in intimate partner violence, concluding with a historical article on the so-called ‘Transformados’ in the Guardia Civil.

An editorial project of this calibre would not be possible without the coming together of individuals committed to excellence. I would therefore like to express my sincere gratitude to the authors, whose dedication to research enhances the prestige of this journal. Likewise, my appreciation extends to the peer reviewers, who, working anonymously, ensure the scientific quality of each article. And, of course, my sincerest congratulations to the journal’s editorial team for their meticulous efforts in coordinating and editing this volume.

To conclude, I invite you to delve into these pages in the certainty that they will help to enrich academic debate and refine the operational practice of public security.

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