International conference:

Security of the Republic of Poland in the national and international dimension

The main topic of the 8th edition of the conference:

The International Order in the (post) Pandemic World - Challenges, Threats and Opportunities for National and International Security

## **CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES:**

The COVID-19 pandemic has sparked a multi-faceted crisis that has not only gone beyond the scope of public health, but also affects all other dimensions of life: economic, social, political and cultural issues. The reasons for this state of affairs are varied and multi-faceted, but undoubtedly include the lack of contemporary experiences, comprehensive plans and procedures that would allow to minimize the effects of the pandemic. Efforts by individual countries to counter the spread of infections were often inconsistent and mutually exclusive in some actions. This undoubtedly contributed to the world recession, the worst one since the Great Depression. Thus, the order that regulated the functioning of communities in national and international dimensions was violated. According to the opinions of experts, the world will not return to state before the pandemic Therefore, a fundamental question arises - what will be the new international order?

According to the organizers of the conference, it is worth looking for answers for a number of questions to project the future world. The aim of the conference is to analyze, evaluate and diagnose contemporary threats and forecast challenges for the security of states, and consequently to systematize the knowledge on shaping national and international security in the (post) pandemic world.

We are convinced that active participation of distinguished guests in our conference will contribute in its high scientific level, and the results of our discussion will be used in solving many important problems in the field of broadly understood security.

- Integration of the scientific community in the face of the problems of the present and the future:
- Searching for areas and topics of cooperation;
- Exchange of research experiences;
- Stimulating an interdisciplinary debate on the contemporary and future complex security environment in the areas of: international, political, military, economic, socio-cultural and environmental security conditioned by changes caused by the pandemic.

Agenda of the Conference will cover following thematic areas:

• Redefining security threats in a (post) pandemic world - Main panel

The aim of the panel is to find answers for questions related to changes in the security environment caused by the pandemic. Are the threats that were key until now still valid? Or maybe there are new, more powerful that can change the international order? Are we able to identify and predict dynamics and scope of impact at the present stage?

• The social dimension of national and international security (panel 1.).

The pandemic and economic crisis has raised the question of the ability of states to ensure public security, order and social welfare. Social ties were violated both locally and internationally. Therefore, it is worth looking for answers how the new order influences the social dimension.

• The impact of the pandemic on political and military security (panel 2).

Each global crisis causes changes on the international scene, decreases role of some international actors and increases importance of others. Therefore, it seems reasonable to consider changes in the political and military environment in the context of who has faced negative impacts and who can benefit from this situation? And how could this affect the future?

• <u>Services</u>, inspections and guards in the fight against the pandemic - conclusions, experiences, perspectives (panel 3).

Despite numerous plans, procedures, risk assessment methodologies and other planned undertakings, no one was prepared for the scale of problems risen during the pandemic. For this reason it is worth assessing the activities in the context of successes and failures and look for optimal solutions.

• How is the world changing in the era of the pandemic (panel 4)?

Practice has shown that there is no one good solution when it comes to the broadly understood fight against the pandemic. The aim of the panel is to present local solutions in selected countries.

• The COVID-19 pandemic as the greatest challenge for international security in the third decade of the 21st century (panel 5 - student debate).

The last two years have made the international community aware of the security threat that the pandemic (COVID-19) can pose. Despite the advanced development of the pharmaceutical industry, it is impossible, to fully control the situation. Both experts and governments reflect on the development of the epidemiological situation in the near and distant future and on its impact on the functioning of societies. It is worth to underline the multiplicity of contradictory opinions that cause information chaos and a deepening state of uncertainty.

An interesting solution in this case may be an open debate on the impact of the pandemic and the prognosis of its qualifications in the foreseeable future.

• Outlook on the future international order (panel 6).

The pre-pandemic world is already history according to experts, and the future is not yet known to us. It seems important to extrapolate the world in the context of a possible new international order. What will affect it? Who can face consequences and who can benefit?

• Modern technologies in shaping a new order (panel 7, "sponsor" panel).

The time of the pandemic made us realize the possibility, and often even the necessity, of applying new technological solutions. In many cases, new solutions turned out to be the only way to ensure relatively normal functioning of both individuals and public administration. The idea of the panel is to look for answers to questions related to the possible impact of modern technologies on the new order. Will it only be a positive impact or will other, more powerful threats arise?

#### **CONFERENCE DATE:**

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