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Editorial: Tendencias y nuevos factores en contextos de incertidumbre

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Despite the ongoing and concerted efforts of supranational organizations, multilateral agencies, states, private corporations, and society in general, the year 2021 continues to raise major questions concerning global health, security, and defense, redefining the balance of power and global priorities. As a result, there is uncertainty about the current and future evolution of political, economic, and social circumstances at national, regional, and global levels.

The previous makes discerning and making decisions for adequate preparation challenging in the face of uncertain future contexts. This uncertainty has particularly prevented greater flexibility, at all levels, to make the necessary adjustments to existing capabilities when, as presently, a possible scenario becomes a reality.

Therefore, this issue of the *Revista Científica General José María Córdova* offers its readers a selection of articles resulting from scientific and technological research projects, and proposing new knowledge from different perspectives on some critical aspects of the issues arising in this context of current uncertainty. These articles include transdisciplinary contributions from researchers from Colombia, Mexico, Sweden, and Spain.

The article that opens this issue presents a “Proposal for a model to measure nations’ maritime power.” This rigorous and robust proposal provides ample indexes and indicators to measure this factor in the states and guide decision-making in this regard. The

following article, “Helicopters, a decisive factor for tactical mobility: the Colombian case (1997-2012),” examines the enormous strategic impact of the use of these aircraft by the Colombian Army, especially during the most decisive years for counterinsurgency and national security.

The third article, “Risk diagnosis of the Latin American tourism sector from 2020 to 2022,” identifies the main risks that this sector currently experiences, among which viruses and plagues stand out and are strongly confirmed by the current pandemic. Regarding the latter, the article “COVID-19 mortality as factual evidence for strengthening security and defense strategies” compares the impact of a pandemic and the mortality of wars or terrorism to demonstrate the need to strengthen security strategies in the face of this new threat.

The fifth and sixth articles, entitled “Harmonizing the rights of minors, victims of recruitment, and their participation in international crimes” and “Conventionality control and legal guarantees in the criminal subrogation process,” address central discussions of procedural law concerning critical issues in the current context. The article “Profile of the members of the Mexican defense and national security commissions” investigates how these commissions are formed and how their members’ profiles could affect effectiveness and decision-making in security and defense.

The articles “Managing network responsiveness in emergency preparedness supply chains for safety and security in developed nations” and “Intelligence as a bureaucratic organization: dysfunctions of the Weberian model” analyze vital and challenging intelligence and logistics issues to establish their conditions and possibilities for improvement in complex contexts of transformation and eventual crises. Finally, the article “Comparison of physical conditioning in students of three Colombian National Army schools” closes this issue with a cross-sectional study on the results of the Army’s physical condition of soldiers and cadets’ training plan.

With this, we hope that this issue will be of great interest and usefulness to our readers and contribute to the continuous consolidation of the *Journal* as a reference in military and strategic studies in Latin America and the Caribbean.