

THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL SYSTEM – THE WORD OF THE EDITOR –

What is the relation between the military and politics and what is the role of the military in the political system are the important and complex issues that should be considered from different perspectives: political, philosophical, sociological, historical, economic, legal, etc. The objective of a multifaceted, multidisciplinary scientific approach to the same problem is always the same – to find out the truth about the subject of study. In order to find out the truth about the mentioned problem, the Department of Social Sciences of the Dean's Office of the Military Academy has launched the scientific-research project "The military in the political system of Serbia". This is the first significant attempt, made in the military environment, to scientifically consider the political, sociological, psychological and ethical aspects of various and complex relations between the military and political entities in the political arrangements of the modern Serbian state, in their historical depth and wider socio-political context.

This issue of „Vojno delo” contains the most valuable results of the work on the mentioned scientific-research project, previously orally presented, including a debate and criticism, at the scientific conference "The military and political system", held on September 23, 2021, at the Military Academy in Belgrade. At the conference the thematic sub-units, in which papers and different perspectives are more closely connected and mutually correspond, were defined. These are:

- The military and foreign policy;
- The military and internal policy; and
- Civil-military relations and civilian democratic control of the military.

Although these scientific papers do not exhaust the research of all directions connecting the military and politics, they represent an important contribution to better understanding of the position and role of the military in the political system in general, and particularly in different periods of the development of the modern Serbian state. Many important questions were asked and the answers were provided about the relations between the political power and the military organization, as well as the relations between the military and other institutions and political entities in various institutional arrangements. The socio-historical conditions of the military organization in Serbia, the influence of modern political processes and changes in dominant social values on the development of the military and the way in which it fulfills its social role, as well as institutional solutions of civilian democratic control of the military, have also been presented.

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