

# Editorial

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This new issue of Perspectives tackles the issue of geopolitical strategy, when in a midst of war in Europe, that is the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, these issues have regained particular and utmost importance by the nature of geography and political will and intervention.

The first article by Paulo Fontes deals with the geostrategic position of the Azores archipelago, on the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. It analyses its evolving nature, specifically of Azores in Portugal, and its relation between Europe and the US, and also the relation between Azores and mainland Portugal. The article namely focuses on the autonomy status and legal bindings related to the Portuguese Nation-State, and their roots of an insularity culture.

The second article continues the geostrategic line thread and deals with the ebb and flow of the Black Sea, namely its impact on regional and the international system functioning and balance of powers. Again, geostrategic positioning is dealt upon with major players on the region and the Yalta inherited chess players and their role on the world.

The third article analyses some important aspects of nanotechnology role on geostrategic position and the role of ethics, society and policies and their impacts on human and civil society. The focuses here are on nanotechnology research, policy and their impacts, which unveil security

stresses and important caveats and from which also relevant opportunities arise.

The fourth article deals with Boko Haram and Fulani movements in Nigeria. That is the author, a specialist on African urban violence, presents the current determinants of terrorism threats on that country, by means of a Realist assessment. The presence of an analysis of urban terrorism in Africa, specifically in Nigeria, is important as it stresses and adds up to the literature on terrorism, which has had reached its acumen after the terrorist attacks of 9/11 to WTC and the Pentagon.

Thus, from the first article there is a clear line of thread from the geopolitical stance, the focus from Europe/Portugal and the Azores with the US, and, also continuing, on the second article with the geographic underpinning of Turkey and the Black Sea; whilst on the third article nanotechnology is present with a major role on both the hard-power and soft-power from which it is exercised, and "finally last" but not least, recurring to an assessment of urban violence in Africa.

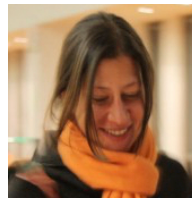
So, for all being said, this Perspectives issue, is a journey across the geopolitical world, from the Atlantic, Europe, US, Black Sea and Africa, where we all get more rich and acquainted with relevant research in political science, international relations, international law and even economics.

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