

## Editorial note – The Baltic Security Complex

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This Special Issue of the Journal on Baltic Security explores the manifold dimensions of security affecting the Baltic region at large. This Special Issue looks at the various domains of security from a holistic viewpoint. The contributions are all in their way a testimony to the indivisible nature of the Baltic security complex.

Four themes were chosen to feature in this edition, due to their topicality and their far-reaching implications. Dr. Ieva Berzina, from the Latvian National Defence Academy, addresses the burning issue of public trust in democratic governance institutions, by bringing into question the link between the level of public trust and consumption of Russian-language media in Latvia. Looking at the security of energy flows, Dr. Arunas Molis demonstrates that the possibility of cyber threats to energy security is not pared for enough, which could render possible a blackout scenario in the Baltic States.

Dr Viljar Veebel and Dr Illimar Ploom propose an intake on Estonia's comprehensive approach to defence. Less than a truly inter-agency approach to defence and security, they argue that the Estonian formula of comprehensive security seems to be rather based on securing societal support to the military in times of crisis. Mr. Mark Voyger finally proposes a view on Russian "Lawfare" which arguably poses a systemic challenge to customary international law. Mr Voyger attempts to demonstrate that the Kremlin tends to use a series of preventive mechanisms of international law in order to sanction territorial predation. Finally, the review by Dr Asta Maskaliunaite provides a topical continuation for this special issue by touching upon the evolution of professional military education in Europe.