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**„WAR AND MILITARY SECURITY”**

**about „ROADS TO PEACE”**

**/hybrid form of meetings/**

**Siedlce University of Natural Sciences and Humanities**

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## **Purpose of the Conference:**

Presentation of research results in the cognitive area of war and peace in terms of scientific disciplines: security sciences, philosophy, sociology, political science, ethics, history, management sciences, law, cultural studies, and conducting a multi and interdisciplinary discourse on these phenomena in the 21st century, in different contexts, levels and references.

## **Conference Theses:**

War is usually a period of prolonged and intense fighting, armed conflict between states or social groups. It can have various causes, such as the pursuit of territories, natural resources, political or ideological influence. War leads to the destruction of infrastructure, disruption of the economy, as well as irreparable damage to people, cultural assets, animals and the remaining natural environment. It is a situation that the entire civilized world tries to avoid (sometimes at all costs), because it leads to enormous suffering and misery, not only for the defeated, but wreaks havoc, especially mentally and morally, also among the victors.

Today, there are various international mechanisms, especially legal ones, aimed at preventing the outbreak of wars and solving political and military conflicts through negotiations and mediation. Every war should be ended by peace, because, as Plato used to say, war should only be a means of consolidating peace, and peace should not be treated as a means of preparing for a new war.

Military security can be understood as the state of a country, ensuring its protection against external threats, such as military/hybrid aggression from other states or non-state actors. This means that the state must have a strong, effective military, capable of defending the country's borders and territory, as well as its vital interests in the international arena. Thus, guaranteeing military security is one of the basic tasks of state authorities. The most serious socio-political effect of war as a result of occupation by an aggressor, is the loss of sovereignty and independence of the attacked state, with all, negative consequences for its society. In extreme cases, it can lead to the permanent or, as the history of Poland shows, long-term elimination of a state organism from the political map of the world.

It seems that currently there are many methods, means and tools that can help achieve world peace. The most important of these is undoubtedly public international law, and within it international humanitarian law of armed conflict, also known in the literature as international humanitarian law, the law of armed conflict or the law of war. However, it should be emphasized that in today's world of the omnipresent and omnipotent Internet, an important place in the pursuit of peace should be given to promoting tolerance and respect for other cultures, religions, worldviews or ideas. Another way is to initiate and conduct dialogue and resolve conflicts through negotiation and mediation, at various levels and areas of the security environment. In addition, also supporting non-governmental organizations and socio-civic initiatives that promote peace and mutual understanding can contribute to achieving world peace. Education for peace/security, which should take place at all levels of education and upbringing of children and youth, also plays an extremely important role in this regard.

The roads to peace may be different, but in addition to just working out and consolidating peace, it is also necessary to create conditions in which war becomes impossible. Is a world without wars possible

The above issues clearly indicate that war and peace are in the cognitive field of many scientific disciplines, especially social sciences and humanities. These issues, due to the complexity of their nature, require a multidisciplinary perception. Hence, it seems reasonable that the discourse in this area should take into account multiple contexts indicating the etiology, essence, nature, specificity, course and consequences of the phenomena in question, shaping personal and structural security in the third decade of the 21st century.

### **Thematic areas of the Conference:**

I. Philosophical, political, sociological, psychological and legal determinants of armed conflict in the 21st century.

II. Peace understood as a social, philosophical, ethical, political, sociological, legal, cultural, historical phenomenon - utopianism of the idea of eternal peace?

III. Political extremism, militarism, militant nationalism, totalitarianism, autocracy, terrorism, organized crime, uncontrolled migrations - the most dangerous threats that may lead to the breaking or weakening of social ties at various levels, and as a result, resulting in the use of armed violence - peace at all costs?

IV. Historical, sociological and cultural determinants of the causes and evolution of the use of armed violence in international relations - is it possible to implement the idea of world peace?

V. Economic contexts of war and armed conflict - does only peace (or perhaps war?) promote wealth and development of nations?

VI. Current political and military security challenges - *hard* or *soft power*?

VII. Modern art of war (tactics, operational art, strategy) - experience, practice, lessons, forecasts.

VIII. The role, place and importance of armed forces (state and private - PMC) in modern wars and in creating peace and sustainable security - peace based on prevention, deterrence and coercion?

IX. Axiology of wars - are there just (or only ethically justified?) and unjust wars?

X. Prakseology of peace - are there universal principles (rules, directives) for building a lasting and stable peace?

XI. War and peace - references in literature and art.

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