



## **NOTA EDITORIAL / EDITOR'S NOTE**

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The UNISCI Journal reaches the number 40, a milestone after 13 years of existence. Let me emphasize again that this journal, indexed in more than twenty databases, including Scopus, is the result of a meritorious effort of the UNISCI team. It has not received any financial or economic support by the Complutense University. And, in order to avoid any possible misinterpretation, it is not owned by the University.

This special issue is devoted to Poland's foreign and security policy. It also includes an interesting article by Professor Rohan Gunaratna on global terrorism and its prospects in 2016.

The journal wishes to thank in a very special way to the Institute of International Relations, Warsaw University, for all the contributions to this issue which try to explain the main aspects of the Polish European policies. It will be instrumental for improving our understanding- in Europe and outside of Europe- of the new foreign and security policies of Poland, an increasingly important State in the European Union, with well-defined interests.

This issue, coordinated by professor Jakub Zajączkowski, Chairman of the Scientific Board of the Institute of International Relations, thus presents several studies that clarify the policies and priorities of Poland within the European Union, its perspective on the European neighborhood policy, the new orientations in relation to States historically problematic, such as Germany and Russia, and, in particular, its relations with Ukraine

To these central articles, two other studies are added, the first one tries to clarify the main orientations of Poland's foreign and security policies, and the second, a very novel study, shows the evolution of international relations studies in Poland, their historic conditionality and the increasing autonomy of these studies. Thus, the reader now has a fairly comprehensive view of Poland's foreign and security policy and can understand the potential of this State in Europe and its future projection.

Finally, the article by professor Rohan Gunaratna explains the transformation of ISIS, the dynamics of its expansion and the future trajectory of the threat. He considers that ISIS has sustained itself so far due mostly to inaction or ineffective response, but it will be naïve to believe that groups like ISIS can overthrow the existing world order.

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and its professors who have contributed to enriching our knowledge on key aspects of the Poland's foreign policy and security, an increasingly important State in Europe.