

CONVENTIONAL AND UNCONVENTIONAL IN MILITARY ACTIONS

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Abstract: The end of the Cold War, the accelerated globalization and the rapid development of means of warfare have brought about a new physiognomy of military actions, which in addition to conventional and unconventional warfare, now include military actions other than war. In this context, the present article seeks to answer the question “Is the conventional/unconventional dichotomy real in terms of contemporary military actions or the elements of each dimension overlap successfully in achieving the ultimate goal?”

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1. Preliminary considerations

The Cold War triggered a paradigm shift on the world order, not only in terms of mutation from bipolarity to multipolarity, but also in terms of multiplication and new facets of war. They were and are present on almost all continents, benefiting from factors such as ethnic and religious intolerance, political instability and economic or ideological changes that have been brought in new democracies. Besides the mentioned paradigm shift, the globalization has deepened and its effects have positive and negative connotations: growth and cultural openness of corporations and destabilizing countries, their vulnerability to international economic developments and alienation of traditional cultures. Arguably, one of the results of globalization was dividing the world into stable and some unstable

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