

ETHICS OF MILITARY AFFAIRS (PART I)

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Abstract: Nowadays we are dealing with a new type of legal and economic construction – in which ethics occupies a special place – international and European legal instruments, together with the principles embodied in them (democracy and the rule of law, the principle of separation of powers, equality of states regarding the treaties) are all forming a block of businesses functionality, in general, and of military affairs in particular.

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Introduction

If years ago it was inconceivable to talk about military affairs and especially about their ethics, whereas it was, for some authors, a phrase reserved for the powerful States only, today it is increasingly clear that we are dealing with a new type of economic and legal construction, in which ethics occupies a special place, or international and European legal instruments together with the principles sanctioned by them (of democracy and the rule of law, the principle of the separation of powers, equality of States regarding the treaties) form all together the functionality of the businesses, in general, and of military affairs in particular.

Ethics issues in current military affairs must be regarded in a much wider context than that of the relationship between profit maximization and

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