THE THEORY OF SECURITY AND INSECURITY (Part II)

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Abstract: The author presents the stage in knowledge of the security concept, the (quantitative and qualitative) definitions of this concept function of risks, threats, and vulnerabilities. For this noble purpose, a method of investigation similar to the "thread of Ariadne" was used, which guided / guided us through the avalanche of information of scientific facts. The general method (valid for all sciences) was used, but also the one specific to the socio-human sciences. However, unlike the common knowledge – which is superficial – the scientific one has a theoretical structure and certain methods / techniques of investigation (research) and hypothesis verification procedures; in addition, it also has a scientific language that includes concepts and notions. In summary, the methodology used here represents the path of science – the set of stages and tools of scientific knowledge of (in) security. Therefore, the methodology covers the steps that are taken for our research to answer the questions of the topic (The theory of security and insecurity) and to achieve the objectives set. At the same time, our endeavor is also focused on the research of theoretical knowledge sources, in order to understand the possibilities of optimization of security capacities and capabilities employment. Likewise, we have used a synthetic approach in structuring our article in a logical, natural sequence and a gradual approach, starting from general aspects and moving on to specific, practical aspects, related to institutional regulations, norms, and constructs, as well as those referring to the culture of security. Therefore, the paper is structured in a few chapters, depending on the specific demands implied by the theories and ideas tackled. Yet, we could not say that our approach has managed to be exhaustive, given the huge number of elements involved in a deeper research but it highlights the steps and mutations suffered by security/insecurity over the centuries together with the National Defense.

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