

ASPECTS OF THE EVOLUTION OF TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE GLOBALIZED WORLD

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In addition to positive effects in terms of economic and political integration, the unprecedented spread of modern technologies and the easy access to culture and civilization, globalization also has certain negative aspects. These consist mainly in facilitating the spread, the proliferation of cross-border networks and new transcontinental criminal activities even the most virulent, with destabilizing effects on both internal and international security and stability of states.

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Globalization has become, perhaps, the hottest issue of our times and "the 21st century will be the first truly global century."¹

In a world of interdependence, generated by the globalization process, any significant change in the political, economic, social, military and environmental domains will have influence on international security. Security and how to preserve it in the context of globalization must be redefined in order to adapt properly to the international security environment trends.

The complexity of globalization is indirectly highlighted by the positive and negative effects they generate; it affects different countries in the world, on all levels - economic, cultural, social, political, military and environmental.

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¹ Teodor Frunzeti, *Vulnerabilități, amenințări și riscuri în sistemul global în Lumea 2007, Enciclopedie politică și militară*, Editura C.T.E.A., București, 2007, p.39.