

ON THE OCCASION OF MARKING SEVENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FROM THE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF “VOJNO DELO”

It has been 75 years since the first issue of the journal “Vojno Delo” was issued on 1st February 1949. It was established on 13th December 1948 by the decision of the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the FPRY with the view to advance military scientific thought and enhance military knowledge of senior military managing personnel. With the publication of the first issue, diverse, comprehensive and fruitful duration of “Vojno Delo” started. The seventy five-year long continuity, which was not interrupted even in the circumstances of the hardest social and national challenges and ordeals, makes this journal the oldest academic publication of this type in the field of military science in the Yugoslav parts.

Over the last 75 years “Vojno Delo” has been recognised as one of the most influential all-military theoretical journals. In seven and a half decades of its duration, more than 433 volumes, or 425 issues were published with more than 6,000 texts on more than 100,000 pages. Numerous renowned authors, recognised military theoreticians and the highest military managers, esteemed academicians, university professors and prominent scientists have contributed to the excellence of “Vojno Delo”. At first, it was defined as an all-military theoretical journal, where the issues of military science and practice were analysed, along with numerous conceptual and doctrinal issues of war and peace, the organisation of armed forces, as well as other issues of military profession including considerable experience from the history of Yugoslav peoples and the People’s Liberation Fight in the Second World War. Later, as an interdisciplinary theoretical journal “Vojno Delo” expands its thematic fields and interests. Its content becomes more diverse, encompassing a wide spectrum of the issues of security and defence of contemporary societies, including growing geopolitical, ideological and other potential conflicts in international politics, and dramatic changes escalated by technological progress that occurred in the nature of contemporary armed conflicts and theatres of combat.

Laying the foundations of military publishing activity, a great number of different publications and editions were published in the framework of “Vojno Delo”, starting from the classics of the military thought to modern works from the field of military science and other scientific areas related to military science. By setting up the “Military Library” and “Small Military Library”, Library “From the war past of our peoples”, and the Library “Rulebooks and Textbooks”, “Vojno Delo” gave an immeasurable contribution to founding and building of our military scientific thought. At the same time, the editorial office of the journal was the initiator of a multitude of thematic discussions, scientific forums and scientific gatherings where many topical issues were discussed and whose conclusions later became an integral and unavoidable part of military theory and practice.

Owing to the enthusiasm and work of previous generations "Vojno Delo" has become the largest database in the territory of the former SFRY, first in the field of military science and practice, with the focus on the theory of war skill, and later in the field of international security, including, especially, the issues that relate to conceptual and doctrinal views on the organisation of defence systems and armed forces. As a credible and highly renowned journal, it influenced raising awareness about the importance of the theoretical study, as well as developing and shaping military theory and practice in academic and professional public. Furthermore, it has contributed to the affirmation of many theoreticians of military thought who left a significant mark on the foundation of military science. Concurrently, but not less importantly, "Vojno Delo" has played a significant role in the education and further professional development of officer personnel, especially of the most senior command personnel in the military.

Changing its administrative location, starting from the Military Publishing Institute in the fifties of the last century, then the Centre for Strategic Research of the General Staff of the Yugoslav People's Army, Press-Publishing Centre "Vojska", reestablished Military Publishing Institute in the Sector for Education of the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Yugoslavia, Public Relations Department and Media Centre "Odbrana" of the Ministry of Defence, "Vojno Delo" has been a part of the Strategic Research Institute of the University of Defence in Belgrade since 2020, which supported the aspiration to permanently place the journal in terms of the organisation, in the framework of scientific and research institutions as the most suitable environment for the work and continuous progress of one scientific journal.

Continuing the tradition of the renowned journal, today, "Vojno Delo" is a modernly designed journal with topical content, which has become recommended and valuable literature not only in the Ministry of Defence and Serbian Armed Forces but in wider scientific and expert circles. As an interdisciplinary scientific-theoretical journal, it represents an open forum for the publication and stimulation of innovative thinking and critical exchange of experience on all aspects and levels of security and defence within national and international domains. It is released four times a year, in the Serbian and English languages, in electronic and printed version of high publishing quality. The responsible ministry has characterised it as a supreme journal of national significance (M51) in the fields of humanist social sciences, where "Vojno Delo" has clear ambitions to reach higher categorisation levels. It is indexed, referenced and available in the following scientific databases: SCI index, DOAJ, ERIH PLUS, COBISS and the Repository of the National Library of Serbia. Furthermore, it is significant to note that the "digitalisation of intellectual heritage of "Vojno Delo" has been carried out on more than 180,000 pages and a Repository was made that contains 425 issues of the journal and relevant issues in five monographic segments. The Repository is available on the web page of the journal thus being available to the academic and professional public.

"Vojno Delo" will continue promoting the highest academic standards, placing the focus of research on military science problems, especially when it comes to topical geopolitical processes, strategic environment and strategic actors, global, regional and national security, defence system and military profession, encompassing the results of research conducted in the field of law, economy, and political science that coincide

with security aspects of modern processes in the world. It will continuously endeavour to advance technological innovation of editing, publishing, and being visible, as well as its international involvement, relevance, and influence in order to achieve higher levels of scientific categorisation. Guided by the principles of open access, quarterly dynamics, publishing papers in the Serbian and English languages, in electronic and printed version, it will enhance its scientific and research credibility and accessibility. "Vojno Delo" will continue improving its academic reputation by promoting critical thought and publishing original scientific papers that represent the result of the latest theoretical and empirical research, imposing stricter requirements regarding research and methodological soundness of authors' papers, and advancing the quality of editorial approach, as well as the involvement and availability to ever larger number of databases. In addition, it will ever stronger continue promoting cooperation with similar national and international journals, as well as research organisations, high-education institutions, governmental organisations, including a significant number of decision-makers, members of academic and professional public. Such aspirations represent a commitment to the renown of "Vojno Delo" that has been created for more than seven and a half decades.

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