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"International Legal Aspects of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Against Contemporary Security Threats" – Vesna Poposka

The monograph entitled "International Legal Aspects of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Against Contemporary Security Threats" by the author Assistant Professor Vesna Poposka, PhD represents a serious contribution to the international legal and security scientific thought, especially taking into consideration the clear, structured and precise definition of the key features and concepts of the critical infrastructure in the context of the approaching security threats in contemporary international society.

The increasing number of attacks on critical infrastructure and the "creativity" of their conduct, raise a legitimate question: how to increase security without reducing freedom? Increased security needs are manifested through the response of the legislator and the evolution of attitudes and approaches to the threats of the new age. Indeed, the designation of critical infrastructure as a separate category is the result of a doctrine, not a law, but such designation generates the creation of new legal norms or interpretation of the existing into a new light. Critical infrastructure is often subject to research in an operational, security and strategic context, but not in a normative one; and the legal framework is precisely the basis to draw on in the process of operationalizing protection, allocating responsibility and generating resilience. The survey aims to identify the applicable legal norms for protecting critical infrastructure from modern, worrisome threats in the changing world; to explore the approaches of international organizations; to identify the causal links and the main drivers of change, as well as to examine development trends, possible solutions and potential risk factors or factors of improvement in the context of setting the appropriate normative infrastructure in an international context.

In the monograph, special attention is paid to the legal framework for critical infrastructure as the basis to draw on in the process of operationalizing protection, allocating responsibility and generating resilience. During the preparation of the monograph "International Legal Aspects of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Against Contemporary Security Threats", the author Assistant Professor Vesna Poposka, PhD used extensive, contemporary and relevant foreign professional and scientific literature. The author used an analytical approach, accompanied by other conventional methods, such as inductive and deductive methods, the method of

qualitative and quantitative analysis, the comparative method, content analysis, normative analysis, etc.

This monograph is characterized by special methodological-didactic values. The findings presented in the monograph are systematic, logically related and concise. This confirms the methodological-didactic orientation of the author. The order of the topics provides the readers with a systematic acquisition of knowledge. The subject of the monograph is properly developed. The writing style is academic, clear and understandable.

The views, as well as the theoretical concepts are scientifically grounded with confirmed knowledge from relevant and contemporary foreign literature. The way of preparing the monograph and the selected topics provide a quality approach to the essence of the main subject.

This monograph is the first of its kind in the Republic of North Macedonia. Its relevance and originality is reflected in the topic itself through the way of analysis and elaboration of the subject of interest of this monograph, the scientific approach to the elaboration of the problem, as well as the recommendations, thoughts and ideas arising from this work.

The monograph undoubtedly makes a significant contribution to the scientific thought in North Macedonia and beyond. As it can be seen from the used literature, the author uses a number of quality and contemporary references, which undoubtedly give additional academic and scientific weight to this book.