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The only certainty about the future, is its inherent uncertainty. This year's edition of the Defence Forces Review examines this concept under the theme of: **'The global island: Strategic implications for Irish defence planning in the evolving geopolitical landscape.'** In providing a forum for critical reflection and the application of learning from other contexts, the Defence Forces Review seeks to improve foresight and encourage enhanced strategic choices that prepare Ireland and the Defence Forces for the future. In doing so, it aims to highlight current trends and challenges that have the potential to become threats, but if managed correctly, could become attainable opportunities. Papers are invited for submission across a broad disciplinary and multi-disciplinary spectrum looking at the evolution of contemporary threats and opportunities and their implication for military strategic planners in three key domains: national, European and global. Special attention will be given to the rate of change and level of uncertainty, and how this may shape Ireland's engagement in key domains. Submissions are invited, inter alia, to address the following topics:

- The impact of global strategic trends on Ireland and its national interests;
- The implications of the evolving geopolitical environment for Irish national security and strategic defence planning;
- The significance of an evolving, multi-polar geopolitical landscape on Ireland's positioning in the international system;
- The impact of Ireland's multilateral engagement, as a member of the European Union and the United Nations, on future national policy development, and Ireland's preparedness to actively contribute to future mandates;
- The particular impact of global and regional trends in forced displacement, migration, trafficking and organised crime for Ireland, and its role internationally;
- The effects of climate crisis on Ireland and its role within the EU and UN, in light of its potential to exacerbate current low to mid-intensity conflicts and create new ones;
- The ways in which shifting norms in the protection and targeting of civilians in conflict contexts might shape Ireland's engagement in peace support operations internationally;
- The extent to which Ireland is prepared and capable of demonstrating the required resilience in response to global health crises and pandemics, and more broadly, how it can develop its level of social readiness;
- How wider society can be engaged in these debates, such that, policy choices are clearly understood, and associated policy decisions are grounded in full democratic consent?

The 2020 Defence Forces Review will be published in collaboration with Dublin City University (DCU) and is delighted to have as part of the joint Editorial Team, Assistant Professor in Security Studies, Dr. Caitriona Dowd. The Defence Forces Review will be launched in conjunction with an Academic Seminar held at DCU in December 2020.

Based on the above, the editorial team are inviting contributions to the Defence Forces Review 2020. In the first instance, 300 word abstracts should be submitted no later than **29th May 2020**. Based on the review of abstracts, the editorial team will invite final contributions. Final submissions should not exceed 3,000 words, should be referenced in accordance with the Chicago Referencing Style, be in Word (.docx) or equivalent format, and are due no later than **14th August 2020**. Final contributions will be subject to a full peer review process and the editorial team will make final editorial decisions. All abstracts and subsequent final submissions should be directed to paul.hegarty@defenceforces.ie by the deadlines stated above.



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