

**CENTRAL EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND SECURITY STUDIES (CEJISS)**

**CALL FOR PAPERS (THEMATIC SECTION)**

**Ukraine – Russia: Why Did the Conflict Prevention Fail?**

Relations between Ukraine and Russia have oscillated between civility and hostility since the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991. After 2014, the tensions have been increasing despite multiple efforts to mitigate and prevent the conflict. Nevertheless, the official recognition of Donetsk and Luhansk People’s Republics by Russia and the subsequent commencement of the military operations in late February 2022 came as a shock to many, despite multiple warning signals.

The CEJISS Editorial Team invites original contributions to a thematic section focusing on the period until the start of open war in February 2022 and investigating why the hot and large-scale conflict between Ukraine and Russia was not prevented. We are particularly interested in manuscripts considering the role of Central and Eastern European (CEE) actors. We welcome papers based on different perspectives, including but not limited to strategic and military studies, global governance, critical security studies, foreign policy analysis, critical or conventional geopolitics, approaches to (national) identity and emotions or ontological security. Authors may inquire into the role of states, international organisations, intelligence services or media. The papers should help elucidate the failure to prevent the actual start of the war and solve the conflict through other means.

The thematic sections of CEJISS aim to facilitate a forum for authors to publish timely academic reflections on selected topics. More on thematic sections below. The final manuscripts are expected to be 4,000 – 8,000 words in length (including bibliography, footnotes and abstract) and should follow [general research article requirements](#). Selected contributions will undergo the peer-review process.

- Deadline for abstracts (about 200 words): 3 April 2022
- Abstract selection (acceptance e-mails): 6 April 2022
- Final manuscript submission deadline: 29 May 2022
- Online-first publication: mid-summer
- Standard (print) publication: 23 September 2022

**In order to submit your paper or get more information, please contact Dr Martina Varkockova (the deputy editor-in-chief) at [varkockova@cejiss.org](mailto:varkockova@cejiss.org).** When submitting your paper, please use the following email subject: thematic section.

## THEMATIC SECTIONS

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- Calls for contributions to particular thematic sections are launched by the CEJISS Editorial Team. They are announced via the [CEJISS website](#) and the [CEJISS Twitter account](#).
- Length of contributions: 4,000-8,000 words (including abstract, references, footnotes)
- While shorter in their length and more polemic and essayistic in their character, thematic section contributions are considered research articles. Hence, they are [peer-reviewed](#), following the double-blind policy and other principles stemming from the [CEJISS Ethical Guidelines](#). CEJISS Editorial Teams aims to ensure a prompt peer-review process of thematic section contributions and their timely publication.

**Contributions to thematic sections may include the following types of articles.**

- Standard research articles whose ambitions, research goal and framework are adjusted to the length of thematic section contributions (4,000-8,000 words). Papers with a strong narrative are particularly encouraged.
- Sophisticated academic essays (op-eds) that develop or build on the existing theoretical repertoire of International Relations (or closely related disciplines), offer a clear argument and contribute to academic debates.

Articles that lie between the two aforementioned types of papers are also welcomed. In any case, thematic section contributions should be of a scholarly character. They should engage with current debates, controversies and emerging topics relevant for International Relations and Security Studies or important trends and dynamics impacting the current state of international politics, including but not limited to politics in/of/across Central and Eastern Europe. Brief commentaries, policy papers or short reviews are not suitable.

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