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Leadership. What is leadership? What are the main qualities required to be a leader? Are there differences between military leadership and civilian leadership?

War today? Western world and especially European countries have thought for seventy years that war was over.

Rule of Law, culture, globalization, diplomacy, soft power, new technology: we in Europe believed that the world was now entering an era of perpetual peace.

But reality is quite different. War is an anthropological reality. World remains always disruptive and war still remains the only way to resolve conflict for some leaders.

What are the characteristics of modern wars? How are they affected by new technology? How are they impacted by the media?

Military in Modern Democracy. Security and defense were the “raison d’être” of the State. This reality has been in some way lost in modern states where social policies, fight for growth and economic issues are on the “front burner”. Consequently, the place of the armies is quite different in modern states in comparison with what it was fifty years ago; the military budgets are more constrained with the exception of the USA.

How political leaders set up the military issues? What is the relationship between military leaders and politicians? How does Nato impact the military issues in the nations? Is a European defense feasible ? How the defense industry is shaped.

The World Today is Less Predictable Than it Was Three Years Ago. Is the danger of great wars back again? Where are the main areas of conflicts? Does globalisation increase or reduce the risks of wars? Who are the main players? What position can Europe take? Is there a place for Europe?