Dear readers,

I am delighted to introduce to your attention the seventh issue of scientific peer-reviewed *Journal of Security and Sustainability Issues*. I encourage the efforts of pulling the classic and the newest ideas and practices, raising problems, suggesting alternative answers and analyzing plausible scenarios of countries’ development.

The journal was launched in the year 2011 by The General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania—a university, which provides military and civil education for the Lithuanian Armed Forces. The initiative to integrate international intellectual potential of scientists and practitioners, representing civil and military parts of society, for discussion on problems related to secure and sustainable development of societies has been implemented. The idea has been supported by a wide range of international partners, e.g. University of Salford, A Greater Manchester University (UK), University of Essex, Essex Business School, Centre of Entrepreneurship Research (UK), Latvian and Estonian institutions of higher education and Lithuanian Energy Security Center, which became NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence. This rich partnership, editorial board and scientific contribution witness the importance of problems under elaboration.

Looking from my personal perspective, I support discussions on the topics *Journal of Security and Sustainability Issues* embraces. I firmly believe that better future, towards which we move, cannot be achieved by mechanical application of theories or subjective beliefs. Sharing, arguing and fruitful discussion – those are the right tools enabling all of us to choose the most efficient answers to the most urgent questions and to trigger the fastest possible development of our own country.

Let us build our future together!

With best regards,

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