## **PREFACE**

Nowadays, terrorism today indisputably represents a major problem, which is an obstacle on the path of development of mankind. In fact, it has become, "common phenomenon", a term that is used continuously in daily life. However, there are many controversies about this phenomenon. In favour of this speaks the fact that on the question of the definition of this phenomenon, you can get different answers and thoughts, and not only from an average citizen, but to some extent from professional public. It is evident that the awareness of this planetary phenomenon is present among all of us, because in fact, hardly a day goes by without hearing about some terrorist action. Therefore, more attention is paid to solving the problem of protection against terrorism, not only in national, but in global scale. World countries agree that terrorism is a common evil, because it affects people in all areas.

In an effort to provide a contribution to the wider national and supranational efforts in finding suitable strategies to combat terrorism, but also in order to increase the collective awareness of the implications caused by this anticivilizational phenomenon, the Faculty of Economics and Justice in Novi Sad, in cooperation with the Centre for Security Studies in Belgrade, organized from 23 to 24 June 2012 the International Scientific Conference in Novi Sad: *Terrorism as a Global Security Threat*. Also, the organization of the aforementioned scientific event, was initiated by the desire to present to the public and all significant factors in the country and abroad, the organizers of this event, as institutions that in a successful way connect not only the practice and theory, but also the scientific tradition and contemporary trends of scientific research work.

For all these reasons, these Conference Proceedings were made, which include systematized papers from the aforementioned scientific conference, divided into several sections. The participants of this International Scientific Conference and authors of these papers are acknowledged scientific authorities, university professors, judges, lawyers, leading figures in the security agencies,

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as well as many other national and foreign experts, who took part in this, in many ways significant, scientific conference.

In this context, these Conference Proceedings should provide appropriate documentational and research base, for both academic and scientific research institutions, as well as security structures at all levels, for the purpose of a more holistic understanding and improvement of knowledge of the negative effects and suppression of terrorism as a global problem of modernsociety.

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