



## Call for Papers

### Security, Defence and Armed Forces

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#### **Thinking and acting in contexts of democratic instability: What contributions can be made in the field of security and defence?**

Despite the considerable global endorsement of democratic principles, several sources, including the UNDP (2022) and the *Freedom House Report* (2023), have identified a discernible decline in democratic practices across a range of geographical contexts. Furthermore, there has been an increase in armed conflicts, which are not confined to the so-called fragile contexts. The ongoing conflict in Ukraine serves to illustrate this point. The ramifications of armed conflict extend beyond the political and military realms, affecting not only the immediate territories where the conflict occurs but also the international community. This has resulted in a significant increase in forced displacement and a heightened sense of insecurity at the global level. Concurrently, there has been a rise in tensions and radicalisation surrounding the interpretation and discourse surrounding these events, as evidenced by the current situation in Gaza.

The world in which we live is characterised by a pervasive sense of insecurity, which demands a multidisciplinary approach, particularly in the field of sociology of security and defence. These perspectives prompt us to consider the concepts, actions, and practices of a multiplicity of agents whose actions take place in contexts of growing uncertainty and emergence of novel threats. In light of the challenges sociology is currently facing in the context of increasingly authoritarian and insecure societies, we invite you to reflect on the contributions of the field

of security and defence to the conceptualisation of democratic instability and the actions of the multiple actors involved in these domains. For example, we welcome proposals on topics such as:

- Geopolitical tensions and security policies
- Wars, peace support missions and post-conflict (re)construction
- Human rights, collective action and public security
- Human rights and multicultural police and military education
- Public opinion and trust in military and police institutions
- Hate speech and expressions of radicalisation
- Social perception of (in)security
- Intersectorality and security issues
- Processes of autocracy and humanitarian crises
- Crisis of representative democracy and weakening of rule of law mechanisms.
- Migration, social integration and challenges for global security.
- Recruitment and professionalisation of military and police personnel.

We invite you to submit proposals for research summaries located in academic and non-academic contexts in response to this call for proposals.

Posters and visual documents such as short films focused on projects or interventions will also be accepted.

Proposals, in addition to theoretical essays, must be formulated presenting their theoretical framework, objectives, methodologies used, diagnoses, results and conclusions.

The Thematic Section (or Area) will then be able to select the best paper(s) to be proposed for publication in the journal [SOCIOLOGIA ON LINE](#).

The rules and deadlines for submitting abstracts, as well as more information about the XIII Portuguese Congress of Sociology, can be found on the [APS website](#) or on the [Congress platform](#).

**More information and abstract submission at <https://xiii-congresso-aps.eventqualia.net>**

**Submission of abstracts by October 14, 2024.**

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