

When the Air Force University Magazine (UNIFA) was created, in October 1985, it represented, among the publications of the then Aeronautics Ministry, an important milestone, a periodical fully turned to debate themes related to the Brazilian Air Force institutional mission. In its pages, articles mainly from reflections of official students of post-formation programs of the Aeronautics Command and General Staff School (ECEMAR) and Aeronautics Officials Development School (EAOAR) were compiled. Such works expressed military conceptions, ideas and concerns of those first years.

The magazine, which had as first words the editorial of the then Minister of Aeronautics, Air Lieutenant-General Octávio Júlio Moreira Lima, was not stagnated, since it followed its own transformations, occurred within the military structure and promoted a progressive interaction with the academic community. In the last years, in face of changes occurred with the creation of the Defense Ministry (1999) and the development of researching and teaching centers dedicated to Defense and to Strategic Studies, the magazine has been improved, under the achievement of an academic profile, according to the new moment. Thereby, UNIFA Magazine has been overcoming difficulties, consolidating itself as a bi-annual scientific periodical, dedicated to researches belonging to aeronautical and military themes.

Parallel to that, the scenario has encouraged the interchange of ideas among periodicals dedicated to Defense and Strategic Studies area, which favors the exchange of experiences and discussions around the improvement of submission modalities and maturing of the publications' field. In face of that, UNIFA magazine is consolidated as a singular publication, approaching subjects associated to the military corporation and discussing different aspects which the Aeronautics faces on a daily basis, and its planning, strategy, defense, qualification and critical analysis needs.

The publication is focused on the studies of Aerospace Power, as well as themes of interest to the Brazilian Air Force and the activities carried out in the Aeronautics Command sphere. So, there is an attempt to explain the periodical scope, an element that marks the articles in its editions. Then, the periodical focuses on the reflections of the following guiding concept:

Aerospace Power is the *capacity* resulting from the integration of resources *available* in the nation to use the airspace and the *foreign spaces*, as instrument for political and military action, or as economic and social development factor, aiming to *achieve and keep National Objectives*¹.

Its constitutive elements – Air Force, Civil Aviation, Aerospace Infrastructure, Aerospace Industry and Aerospace Scientific-Technological Complex² -, form areas that are interconnected, encouraging the promotion of analysis belonging to strategic and defense studies.

Given the high level of complexity of this reality, one cannot disregard other practices and fields of knowledge, like Administration, Health Sciences (particularly aerospace medicine), Humanities and Applied Social Sciences. The approximation to other disciplines favors the promotion of analysis dedicated to the development of defense policies and strategic studies with regard to Aerospace Power, encouraging a critical reflection on the theme.

Available in print and online versions, with a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary profile, UNIFA magazine, as a way of contributing to the dissemination of the academic production in the South Cone and the United States, has been promoting the translation of articles into Spanish and English. However, for its full success, the commitment to the work and the rigor in procedures adopted are the key to its mission.

Have a good reading!

¹ ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE GUERRA. **Manual básico: assuntos específicos**. Rio de Janeiro: Escola Superior de Guerra, 2009, v. 2, p. 75, our translation.

² *Ibid.*, p. 75.