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This volume comprises ten original research papers and one book review, each offering a distinct lens on pressing contemporary issues. All submissions underwent a stringent double-blind peer-review process, upholding the scholarly integrity we strive for. More than academic exercises, these works are intended to provide actionable policy insights, effectively connecting theoretical frameworks with real-world applications. We trust this collection will prove invaluable to researchers, students and practitioners in the policy sphere.

The high calibre of this journal reflects the unwavering commitment of our contributors. We are deeply thankful to the authors for their intellectual vigour and to our reviewers, whose thoughtful evaluations greatly strengthened the final versions. Their combined dedication enables us to retain our HEC-recognised 'Y' category status, a marker of our sustained pursuit of quality.

As you delve into these pages, we hope the discussions presented here provoke fresh thinking and offer a clearer understanding of today's complex security landscape. At MCE, PNWC, we remain steadfast in fostering a dialogue that is both academically enriching and strategically meaningful.

Dr. Marriyam Siddique
Editor-In-Chief

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