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Professional Background:

Adam Potočňák, PhD. Born in 1993. In 2012 he graduated from PhD program in Political Science (specialisation Security and Strategic Studies at the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic. Previously he graduated from Security and Strategic Studies (Master in 2017) and Political Science (Bachelor 2015) at the same institution. In 2014 he was an intern at the Institute of Security and Defence Studies at the Academy of the Armed Forces of Gen. Milan Rastislav Štefánik, Bratislava, Slovakia. In 2015 he worked as a junior project manager in Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs in Bratislava, Slovakia, with research focus on armed conflicts and political extremism and radicalism within state-sponsored security services. Since December 2019 he has been working as a research fellow at the CBVSS.

Areas of Expertise:

- International Relations Theory
- Armed Conflicts Analysis
- Great Powers Rivalry
- Security of the Post-soviet Space (Caucasus)
- Security and Defence Policy of the USA
- Security and Defence Policy of the Russian Federation
- Security and Defence Policy of Poland

Education:

- 2022: PhD. in Political Science (specialisation Security and Strategic Studies), Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2017: M.A. in Security and Strategic Studies, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2015: Bachelor in Political Science and Security and Strategic Studies, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

- 2022: Summer School in the Foundations of Democracy: American Law, Politics & Economy, Center for American Studies, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland
- 2021: Post-COVID Security Priorities, Prague Security Studies Institute, Vystrkov, Czech Republic
- 2020: ERASMUS+ Study (prematurely terminated due to covid-19 pandemics) Akademia Sztuki Wojennej, Warsaw, Poland
- 2019: Vilnius Summer School Military Course, Vilnius Mokymu Centras, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2019: US-Russia Relation Between the Cold Wars, National Research University Higher School of Economics (Национальный Исследовательский Университет Высшая Школа Экономики), Moscow, Russian Federation

Projects and Grants:

- 2021-2025: Resilience of the Armed Forces and Security Forces Against Hybrid Threats (IMPAKT 1 - VJ01010122)
- 2021-2025: Armed Conflict „OZKON” (DZRO – University of Defence)
- 2016-2020: Strategic Alternatives for the Building and Development of the Czech Armed Forces „STRATAL” (DZRO – University of Defence)

Additional Activities:

- Since July 2022 (ongoing): associated fellow to the independent, non-partisan, non-profit think tank ADAPT Institute, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Recent Publications:

- POTOČNÁK, Adam, MAREŠ, Miroslav. [Russia's Private Military Enterprises as a Multipurpose Tool of Hybrid Warfare](#). The Journal of Slavic Military Studies, 2022, 35 (2), p. 181-204.
- BÍZIK, Vladimír, KOSÁROVÁ, Dominika, POTOČNÁK, Adam, STOJAR, Richard. [Hybrid Interference: From the Particular to a Continuum](#). Obrana a Strategie, 2022, 22 (1), p. 75-88.
- STOJAR, Richard, DIVIŠOVÁ, Vendula, KOSÁROVÁ, Dominika, FRANK, Libor, NOVOTNÝ, Antonín, BŘEŇ, Jan, POTOČNÁK, Adam, BÍZIK, Vladimír, NOVOTNÁ, Yvona. [Security Environment: Sectoral Analysis and Implications for the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic 2021](#). Brno, University of Defence, 2022, 71 p. e-ISBN 978-80-7582-459-2.
- POTOČNÁK, Adam, MAREŠ, Miroslav. [Donbas Conflict: How Russia's Trojan Horse Failed and Forces Moscow to Alter Its Strategy](#). Problems of Post-Communism, 2022, 69 (3), p. 1-11.

- POTOČŇÁK, Adam. [Súčasné nukleárne stratégie a výzbroj Spojených štátov amerických a Ruskej federácie](#). *Vojenské rozhledy*, 2021, 30 (4), p. 22-44. ISSN 1210-3292.
- POTOČŇÁK, Adam. Georgia's NATO Membership via the Lens of Offensive Realism: Prevented in 2008, Halted Ever Since. In: Miroslaw Banasik, Piotr Gawliczek, Agnieszka Rogozińska. [Information Media Security Environment. Russian Context](#). Varšava, Difin, 2021, p. 141-160. ISBN978-83-8270-000-8.
- POTOČŇÁK, Adam. [Nuclear Doctrines of the United States of America and the Russian Federation in a Comparative Perspective. Implications for the Security of the Czech Republic](#). In: Security Forum 2021. Conference Proceedings from the 14th Annual International Scientific Conference, February 10th, 2021. Banská Bystrica, Univerzita Mateja Bela, 2021, p. 314-323. ISBN 978-80-973394-5-6.
- POTOČŇÁK, Adam, MAREŠ, Miroslav. [Georgian Foreign Fighters in the Conflict in Eastern Ukraine](#), 2014-2017. *The Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, 2019, 32 (2), p. 159-177. ISSN 1351-8046.
- POTOČŇÁK, Adam, VICENOVÁ, Radka. [Radicals in Uniforms: Case studies of Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Poland and Slovakia](#). Bratislava, Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs, 2015. ISBN 978-80-89819-05-8.
- Other open access publications of CSMSS authors are available in PDF format [here](#).