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### Professional Background:

Adam Potočňák, PhD, in 2022 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. He has worked at the CSMSS since December 2019.

## Areas of Expertise:

- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Armed Conflicts Analysis
- Great Powers' Competition
- Transatlantic Security
- Security and Defence Policy of the USA
- Security and Defence Policy of the Russian Federation

## Education:

- 2023: NATO Academy: Deterrence and Defense in the 21st Century, YATA International, Budapest, Hungary
- 2023: European Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (Euro-SWAMOS), Centre for International Security, Hertie School, Berlin, Germany
- 2023: Prague Summer School on China: A World Superpower – A Myth or Reality, Schola Empirica, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2022: Transatlantic Security Initiative, International Republican Institute, Bratislava, Bucharest, Riga, Vilnius, Warsaw, Brussels, Slovakia, Romania, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Belgium
- 2022: PhD. in Political Science with specialisation in 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, Poznan, Poland
- 2021: Post-COVID Security Priorities, Prague Security Studies Institute, Vystrkov, Czech Republic
- 2019: Vilnius Summer School Military Course, Vilnius Mokymu Centras, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2019: US-Russia Relations Between the Cold Wars, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russian Federation
- 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

## 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:

## Recent Publications:

- Novotný, Antonín, Adam Potočňák. 2023. "U.S. Foreign and Security Policy in the First Half of the Biden Administration." *Politické vedy*, 26 (2), 32-53. <https://politickevedy.fpvmv.umb.sk/24510/u-s-foreign-and-security-policy-in-the-first-half-of-the-biden-administration>.
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- Marasoiu, Eveline, Izel Selim, Adam Potočňák, Kamila Koníková, Péter Stepper. 2023. “Future of NATO Resilience, Deterrence, and Defense in the Black Sea Region.” In *Voices From Central and Eastern Europe*, edited by Breanna Kerr, 31-35. Washington: International Republican Institute. <https://www.iri.org/resources/voices-from-central-and-eastern-europe/>.
- Potočňák, Adam, Miroslav Mareš. 2023. „Donbas Conflict: How Russia’s Trojan Horse Failed and Forced Moscow to Alter Its Strategy.“ *Problems of Post-Communism*, 70 (4): 341-351. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10758216.2022.2066005>.
- Potočňák, Adam, Miroslav Mareš. 2022. „Russia’s Private Military Enterprises as a Multipurpose Tool of Hybrid Warfare.“ *The Journal of Slavic Military Studies*, 35 (2): 181-204. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13518046.2022.2132608>.
- Bízík, Vladimír, Dominika Kosárová, Adam Potočňák, Richard Stojar. 2022. „Hybrid Interference: From the Particular to a Continuum.“ *Obrana a Strategie*, 22 (1): 75-88. [doi:10.3849/1802-7199.22.2022.01.075-088](https://doi.org/10.3849/1802-7199.22.2022.01.075-088).
- Potočňák, Adam. 2022. *The NATO 2022 Strategic Concept Implications for the Baltics: Correcting the Course, but Still Missing the Point*. Bratislava: Adapt Institute. [https://www.adaptinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Adapt\\_LR\\_A\\_Potocnak\\_9-22\\_NATO.pdf](https://www.adaptinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Adapt_LR_A_Potocnak_9-22_NATO.pdf).
- Potočňák, Adam. 2021. „Súčasná nukleárna stratégia a výzbroj Spojených štátov amerických a Ruskej federácie.“ *Vojenské rozhledy*, 30 (4): 22-44. [doi:10.3849/2336-2995.30.2021.04.023-044](https://doi.org/10.3849/2336-2995.30.2021.04.023-044).
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- Potočňák, Adam a Vicenová, Radka, eds. 2015. *Radicals in Uniforms: Case Studies of Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Poland and Slovakia*. Bratislava: Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs.
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