

## **Abstract**

After military invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Russian Hybrid Warfare went from being a convenient ‘bogeyman’ of Russian military strategy interpretation, to a conceptual pariah of Western political and strategic discourse. This was not, however the case in Russia, where, admittedly, *gibridnaya voyna* transformed into the phase of ‘rationalisation propaganda’ in an attempt justify Kremlin’s self-made threat perception. This study aims to fill the research gap in Western contemporary analysis of *gibridnaya voyna* by conducting an exploratory research to see if there have been any changes in the interpretation and the use of *gibridnaya voyna* in Russian military scholarship after Russia’s military invasion of Ukraine. The study will demonstrate that although conceptual understanding of the term remains the same, its interpretation in military and linguistic (buzzwords) domains experienced significant changes.

## **Keywords**

Hybird warfare; Russia; West

## **Title**

Gibridnaya Voyna in Light of the War in Ukraine: Analysing Changes in Russian Interpretations and the Use of Hybrid Warfare Concept.