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Research Lines

Configuration of Defense as a public policy, under the democratic framework that regulates civil-military relations. Likewise, it has analyzed the roles assigned in the region, in the face of the new scenario of threats, to the military and police forces. In recent years it has focused on organized crime in a context of growing insecurity, and on security policies.