

AIR FORCE**Air Force & Space Force Almanac 2020**

Air Force Magazine: June 2020, pp.40-151 (58)

A comprehensive look at the Air Force and the Space Force data and insights which include the people, equipment, budget, weapons systems and more.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**Warfighting demands better decisions/ George Galdorisi**

Proceedings US Naval Institute: June 2020, pp.32-35 (86)

Artificial intelligence has been embedded in almost everything including in the navy. With its advanced technologies, artificial intelligence is able to provide the navies an advantage in combat but they must ensure that the human remains as the master of the machine.

AUSTRALIA**Australia under cyber attack: dissecting Canberra's response/ Eugene EG Tan**

RSIS Commentary : No. 0143, 15 July 2020 (F31)

Attributing cyber-attacks to state-sponsored actors is a delicate balancing act that requires strategic and political thinking. States may or may not choose to name the offending state based on their own national interests. What is more important is how states should improve their capabilities to actively deter malicious actors.

CHINA**Civil-military relations and organisational preferences regarding the use of the military in Chinese foreign policy : insights from the debate on MOOTW/ Andrea Ghiselli**

The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol 43 No.3, June 2020, pp. 421-442 (98)

The argument of this article is that the positions of the civilian leadership and the PLA on the role of the armed forces beyond traditional missions, such as the defence of the rule of the CCP and the protection of China's sovereignty and territorial integrity (including reunification with Taiwan), have diverged increasingly since the late 1990s.

The state and digital society in China: big brother Xi is watching you!/ Jean-Pierre Cabestan

Issues and Studies: Vol 56, No 1, March 2020, pp.2040003-(1) 2040003-(30) (34)

China is known to be way ahead of many developed countries including in terms of the digitalization of its society and surveillance systems in order to maintain their control over the society and to remain in power. However digital dictatorship in China is seems to be unlikely due to factors including the size of the country and bureaucracies rivalry.

An uncommon approach to the global commons: interpreting China's divergent positions on maritime and outer space governance/ Carla P. Freeman

The China Quarterly: March 2020, No.241, pp.1-21 (17)

This article examines China's move to the global commons, which involves areas that no state claims sovereignty and are accessible to all.

CHINA

The Chinese Civil War and implications for borderland state consolidation in mainland South-East Asia/ Enze Han

The China Quarterly: March 2020, No.241, pp.214-235 (17)

This paper discusses the effects of Chinese Civil War on state consolidation in the borderland area between China and mainland Southeast Asia especially after the intrusion of Kuomintang (KMT) into area between China, Burma (now known as Myanmar) and Thailand.

COVID-19

The eye on Asia: reading the Novel Coronavirus

Asian Geographic: No 141, Issue 2 2020, pp.14-31 (59)

The new year began with a shocking start as the infectious 2019 novel coronavirus hit China and eventually the rest of the world. While China remains the country hardest hit by the outbreak, several countries across Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific have also been reporting thousands of cases. Hence this article features all related to the virus from its origin to the source of the virus and the impact it brings to the economy of the countries affected by it.

CYBER SECURITY

Leadership in cyber security: who takes responsibility?/ Kogila Balakrishnan

RSIS Commentary : No. 0138, 6 July 2020 (F31)

COVID-19 has revealed vulnerabilities in many different sectors and amplified the risk of cyber security attacks. As humanity turns to digital platforms and connectivity, the cyber domain becomes increasingly critical but challenging. Who takes responsibility for providing leadership in cyber security?

Preying on fear/ Megan Gates

Security Management: June 2020, pp.26-28 (92)

Cyber criminals are taking advantage of the coronavirus pandemic and people's fear and concern to infiltrate organizations by seeking to gain profits and scamming people.

LEBANON

Under the guise of resilience: the EU approach to migration and forced displacement in Jordan and Lebanon/ Jonathan Joseph

Contemporary Security Policy : Vol. 41, No 2, April 2020, pp.287-310 (104)

In this article EU humanitarian and development policies and provide empirical insight into resilience-building in Jordan and Lebanon. It highlights on Lebanon pursued a "policy of no-policy," leaving much of the crisis management up to UNHCR (El Mufti, 2014; Mourad, 2017; Nassar & Stel, 2019). Expecting it to be short-term, the Lebanese government stressed the humanitarian nature of the crisis, but did not allow the establishment of refugee camps for fear of repeating the Palestinian experience (Dionigi, 2016). As refugee numbers increased unabatedly, Lebanon started to demand more control over the response in order to limit refugee numbers. In 2015, it suspended UNHCR's refugee registration services (Janmyr, 2018).

MARITIME**Win without fighting/ Hunter Stires**

Proceedings US Naval Institute: June 2020, pp.20-25 (86)

China has always been a threat to most countries including the United States. The US has allocated a lot of their resources to prepare for any kinds of threats from China but as one of the greatest powers, China have a potential to win wars and this has created fears to other countries including the US.

MIDDLE EAST**Reconstruction under siege: the Gaza Strip since 2007/ Sultan Barakat**

Disasters: Vol.44, Number 3, July 2020, pp.477-498 (23)

The article examines why the reconstruction outcomes along the Gaza Strip varied over time. There are four key factors for this: time, needs, scarcity and political environment.

MILITARY STRATEGY**To change an army - winning tomorrow/ Eric J. Wesley and Jon Bates**

Military Review : May-June 2020, pp. 6-17 (81)

The world is changing and continue to do so at a quickening pace and becoming a new era of great power competition. More great powers are now trying to overpower each other including overpowering the United States' military strength. Hence the United States' army will need to constantly modernize their military framework and concept in order to keep up with the rest of the world.

NATIONAL SECURITY**Disease & disinformation/ Mark Tarallo**

Security Management: June 2020, pp.20-22 (92)

This article talks about how some people are using the coronavirus pandemic as a political weapon that have the ability to create instability and create chaos and conflicts by promoting false information.

PHILIPPINES**US-Philippines ties set to cool further as military agreement terminated by Duterte**

Asia Monitor Southeast Asia Vol.2 : Vol.31, Issue 5, May 2020, pp.8-9 (49)

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has decided to terminate the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) between the Philippines and the US which will further cool the ties between these two countries. The VFA allows military personnel from either country visa or judicial privileges, among other benefits as well as the US rights to operate vessels and aircraft in the Philippines freely. The termination hence marks a significant step away from the long-term alliance and could complicate US military exercises in the region.

SOUTH CHINA SEA**South China Sea: new US policy and its implications/ Olli Pekka Suorsa**

RSIS Commentary : No. 0144, 16 July 2020 (F31)

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced a new policy on South China Sea on 13 July 2020. It aligned America's position in the South China Sea closely with the 2016 Philippines versus China arbitration ruling award, which delegitimised China's nine-dashed line claim in the South China Sea and the UNCLOS.

East Asian disorder: China and the South China Sea disputes/ Suisheng Zhao

Asian Survey: Vol.60 No.3, May/June 2020, pp.490-509 (12)

China in recent years has increased their claim over the South China Sea by intensifying their reclamation and militarization of the islands and reef in the disputed waters that was also claimed by Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei and Taiwan. Hence this move made by China has raised a question on what kind of norms China will bring to the regional order?

UNITED STATES

How hegemony ends: the unraveling of American power/ Alexander Cooley and Daniel H. Nexon

Foreign Affairs : Vol. 99, No. 4, July/August 2020, pp. 143-156 (76)

Recent pandemic resulted to economic downturns and political differences that resulted to a less cooperative and fragile international system. Most countries relied heavily on military power in creating and maintaining their strength and presence in the global order.

WEAPONS

Hypersonic Zircon missile from Russia now deployed to the Pacific/ Vladimir Karnozov

Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter : April 2020, Vol.46, No.3, pp.40-44 (9)

The Russian Navy still continuing to test their Zircon missile and are planning to deploy their warships armed with hypersonic missiles in the Asia Pacific by 2022.

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

The Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings and the nuclear danger today/ Daryl G. Kimball

Arms Control Today: Vol.50, No. 6, July/August 2020, pp.27-30 (5)

Seventy years later, the effects from the atomic bombs still haunts the survivors of the deadly atomic bombs. As a result, there are global debate about the nuclear weapons and ongoing pursuit to nuclear disarmament.

WORLD WAR

Black and silver: perceptions and memories of the B-29 bomber, American strategic bombing and the longest bombing missions of the Second World War on Singapore/ Boon Kwan Toh

War & Society: Vol 39, No 2, May 2020, pp.109-125 (52)

The American strategic bombing of Japan and Japanese-occupied territories during the Second World War resulted in different perspectives of the aerial bombing, both during the war and in post-war memories. Some viewed the bombing raids with dread while some viewed it as a salvation from oppression.

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