

AFGANISTAN

Conducting counterinsurgency with productive power/ Carsten F Roennfeldt

Small Wars & Insurgencies : Vol.27, No.2, pp.226-242 (97)

The focus of this article has been on the ground at the most tactical level in irregular armed conflicts.

Rediscovering US military strategy : a role for doctrine/ Antulio J Echevaria II

The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol.39, No.2, April 2016, pp.231-245 (98)

The focus on operational design has evolved from efforts to deal with the conditions of modern warfare and operations remain vital for managing the employment of military force. Current doctrine needs to place a similar emphasis on how to combine maneuver and non-maneuver strategies and to reconcile their requirements and prioritize them.

Hurray for militias? Not so fast : lessons from the Afghan local police experience/ Vanda Felbab Brown

Small Wars & Insurgencies : Vol.27, No.2, pp.258-281 (97)

This article examines in detail the case of the ALP in Afghanistan's north as well as in Arghandab, Kandahar in the South. It analyzes changes in local security environments, effects on the Taliban insurgency and support for government.

ARMED CONFLICT

Particularized protection : UNSC mandates and the protection of civilians in armed conflict/ Anastasia Shesterina

International Peacekeeping: Vol 23, No 2, April 2016, pp.240-273 (96)

This article advanced the argument that UN missions designed to address the plight of civilians largely fail to extend protection to other than particularized subsets of the larger civilian population,

ASIA PACIFIC

White hull expansion : regional coastguards tackle new threats/ Ridzwan Rahmat

IHS Jane's Navy International : Vol.121 Iss.3, April 2016, pp.26-31 (123)

This article looks Asia Pacific region have traditionally been smaller and less capable than their naval counterparts.

AUSTRALIA

Australian defence White Paper to bolster country's maritime presence/ Julian Kerr

Jane's Defence Weekly, 2 March 2016, Vol.53 Iss.9, p.8 (122)

This brief article talks about the Australian Defence White Paper that was launched in February 2016 which sets to emphasise on increasing the maritime capabilities of the Australian Armed Forces discussing about defence budget and projected maritime acquisitions.

BRUNEI

Fiscal cyclicity in Brunei Darussalam/ Koh Wee Chian

Journal of Southeast Asian Economies: Vol.33, No.1 April 2016, pp.83-94 (7)

This article is an economic study of Brunei Darussalam's pattern of government fiscal expenditure and the challenge faced with the fall in oil prices. It suggests what strategy should the government adopt to maintain fiscal stabilisation.

CHINA

The rise and fall of the great powers in the twenty-first century : China's rise and the fate of America's global position/ Stephen G Brooks

International Security : Vol 40 No 3, Winter 2015/2016, pp.7-53 (68)

This article developed a set of concepts and measures tailored to understanding the systemic significance of China's rise and the longevity of today's one superpower system.

Is the Taiwan strait still a flash point : rethinking the prospects for armed conflict between China and Taiwan/ Scott L Kastner

International Security : Vol 40, No 3, Winter 2015/2016, pp.54-92 (68)

The analysis presented in this article has significant implications for U.S policy toward the Taiwan Strait.

Rising powers and state transformation: the case of China/ Shahar Hameiri

European Journal of International Relations : Vol. 22 No. 1, March 2016, pp.72-98 (26)

This article attempts to comment on how state transformations under the globalisation concept which gives rise to the emergence of rising powers has also impacted these states to become increasingly vulnerable to be fragmented, decentralised and internationalised. It goes on to express that with state transformation, it is important that there must be an understanding of the emerging powers' foreign and security policies. This article uses China as its case study in demonstrating its argument.

CHINA

Strategy and grand strategy for the future of Asia/ Nori Katagari

Asian Survey: Vol.53 No.6 November/December 2015, pp.1170-1190 (12)

This article selects a total of five scenarios from the literature of international relations and examines which one is most likely to take place. It also investigates what combination of strategic actions by major powers is likely to generate those scenarios

CHINA***Comparing Japanese and South Korean strategies toward China and the United States/ Audrey Y Wong***

Asian Survey: Vol.53 No.6 November/December 2015, pp.1241-1269 (12)

This paper argues that Japan and South Korea respond first to local and imminent threats, rather than abstract, structural threats such as rise of China

Can power make a great state?: Asian citizens views of China's power/ Yida Zhai

Issues & Studies: Vol.51, No 4, December 2015, pp.85-117 (34)

This article has distinguished two goals of state development. Struggling for power and a great state that practices confucian Wangdao politics. Analyzed Asian perceptions and evaluation of china's influence.

Miles apart : Taiwanese election tests Chinese strategy/ J Michael Cole

Jane's Intelligence Review: Vol 28 Issue 4, April 2016, pp. 30-35 (123)

The article examines the implications of the election result for China's pursuit of eventual reunification with Taiwan

America's security role in the South China Sea/ Andrew S Erikson

Naval War College Review : Vol 69 No 1, Winter 2016, pp.7-20 (F22)

The article highlights China's military and paramilitary forces have a century plus history of capturing islands and other features in the South China Sea. Specific policy recommendations to develop and maintain a force structure and set of supporting policies and partnerships geared to ensuring access despite Chinese development of counter intervention capabilities.

The evolution of the interstate security crisis management theory and practice in China / Alastair Iain Johnston

Naval War College Review : Vol 69 No 1, Winter 2016, pp.29-71 (F22)

The purpose of this article is to help fill the gap in knowledge about Chinese crisis management theory and practice. Focusing international security crisis management over the past ten to fifteen years mainly on the evolution of thinking in China about.

The revenge of history/ Bruno Tertrais

The Washington Quarterly Vol.38, No.4, Winter 2016, pp.7-18 (108)

This return of history as an engine of international relations. The remarkable on the contrary is the Russian, China, Islamic State and Iran use history to advance their 21st century political agendas.

CYBERSECURITY***Securing the domain/ Gerrard Cowan***

Jane's Defence Weekly: 30 March 2016, Vol.53 Iss.13, pp.28-32 (122)

A 5-page article addressing the advancement of cyber technology and how potential targets must always keep ahead of the threat in order to prevent disastrous cyberattacks that could potentially cripple organisation and even nations.

INDIA***Indian Navy retires its Sea Harriers/ Rahul Bedi***

Jane's Defence Weekly: 30 March 2016, Vol.53 Iss.13, p.15 (122)

A brief report on the retirement of 6 single-seated Sea Harrier FRS Mk 51s of the Indian Navy which proved logistically difficult and expensive to maintain as explained by officials from the Indian Navy.

INDONESIA***Indonesian president reiterates plan to double the country's defence spending/ Jon Grevatt***

Jane's Defence Weekly, 2 March 2016, Vol.53 Iss.9, p.19 (122)

Indonesian local news reported Indonesia's President Joko Widodo pledging to increase the country's defence budget in order to support the modernisation of the Indonesian Armed Forces. Analysts sees this as over-ambitious as studies has shown that there is a slowdown in Indonesia's economy for the next few years. While others see that Indonesia may well increase its defence spending based on the continuing GDP growth.

Indonesia as an emerging peacekeeping power: norm revisionist or pragmatic provider?/ David Capie

Contemporary Southeast Asia: Vol.38 No.1 April 2016, pp.1-27 (19)

This article raises 3 arguments on Indonesia as an emerging player in United Nations peacekeeping operations. First, Indonesia has set a goal of becoming the top ten contributing country in peacekeeping operations. Secondly, although it has strong preference for undergoing UN peace operations mandated by the UN Security Council, Indonesia's views are evolving. Thirdly, Indonesia has advocate for a "more ambitious approach to peacekeeping in Southeast Asia" where it has argued for an ASEAN peacekeeping force.

Indonesia reveals more details of ramming incident with CCG vessel/ Ridzwan Rahmat

Jane's Defence Weekly: 30 March 2016, Vol.53 Iss.13, p.14 (122)

INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Developing international intelligence liaison against Islamic state : approaching one for all and all for one?/ Adam D M Svendsen

International Journal of Intelligence and CounterIntelligence: Vol 29 No 2, Summer 2016, pp. 260-277 (117)

A highly complex gradual long term approach. The international intelligence liaison is also developing incrementally, substantially following what can be characterized as the familiar evolutionary path of being driven largely by cautious necessity from its bilateral onset to its later more multi orientated basis.

LEBANON

The Lebanese army : saviour of the republic/ Eduardo W Aboultaif

RUSI Journal: Vol 161 No 1, February/March 2016, pp. 70-78 (127)

Three elements are examined in this article, the role of the Lebanese army in the political sphere, second its prudent leadership and third its wary reaction to political unrest.

MALAYSIA

Logistics for Pacific pathways: Malaysia/ Michael McMillan, Brian W. Tuttle

Army Sustainment: March-April 2015, pp.42-25 (74)

Takes a look at the logistics process conducted by Malaysia during the Pacific Pathways multi-national exercise held in September 2014. Several exercises were conducted by the U.S. forces with several countries were conducted in three different countries including Malaysia. This article focuses on the exercise that was conducted in Malaysia explaining the processes that were carried out and the experiences of the exercise.

Striking a balance/ Jon Grevatt

Jane's Defence Weekly: 23 March 2016, Vol.53 No.12, pp.24-28, 30-31 (122)

This article highlights the economic constraints of the Malaysian Armed Forces, while trying to balance its force capabilities with the growing security threats within the region.

Procurement plans remain under funding pressure/ Dzirhan Mahadzir

Defence Review Asia: March-April 2016, Vol. 10, No.2, pp.10-13 (146)

Malaysia's fiscal situation continues to weigh upon its future procurements. The Malaysia armed forces is split into two distinct directions. To develop its conventional capabilities to defend the nation from any external threat and to defend against asymmetrical threats to Sabah.

MILITARY

Different threats, different militaries : explaining organizational practices in authoritarian armies/ Caitlin Talmadge

Security studies: Vol.25, No 1, January- March 2016, pp.111-141 (118)

There are four steps to present in this article explaining what military organizational practices are, and why they vary within and across states. Second the argument to a carefully designed plausibility probe comparing the threat environmental and military organizational practices of two states whose differences are both intuitively and theoretically puzzling North and South Vietnam. Third examine alternative explanations. Fourth the broader implications for theory, research and policy.

MILITARY VEHICLES

Wheeled armoured vehicles: Asia Pacific states roll out AFVs/ Christopher F Foss

Jane's International Defence Review: April 2016, Vol.49, pp.40-42, 44 (120)

This article talks about the rising capability of Asia Pacific countries in their own armoured fighting vehicles (AFVs). Countries include: China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Republic of Korea (RoK), Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. The article provides a brief write-up of each country's efforts in the development and production of these vehicles.

MISCELLANEOUS

Women in close combat: the UK decision/ David Reynolds

Jane's Defence Weekly: 3 February 2016, Vol.53 No.5, pp.22-26 (122)

This article looks at how women take on their roles in the military focussing on the armed forces in the United Kingdom.

New tools for emergency managers: an assessment of obstacles to use and implementation/ Sabrina McCormick

Disasters: Vol.40 No.2 April 2016, pp.207-225 (23)

This paper focuses on the role of the formal response community's use of social media and crowdsourcing for emergency managers (EMs) in disaster planning, response and recovery in the United States." The findings in this study includes an insight into why many emergency managers are not using social media. It also demonstrates how internal organisational functions and staffing affects the related agencies. This article examines how to improve the outcome of the EM agencies in the United States.

MISCELLANEOUS***Lonely at the top/ Tim Johns****Management Today: April 2016 pp.43-45*

A look at the situation of being a leader of an organisation is like where the focus of this article is on the role of a Chief Executive Officer (CEO). It discusses the advantages and downside of being a CEO.

MYANMAR***The Burma roads/ K Yhome****Asian Survey: Vol.53 No.6 November/December 2015, pp.1217-1240 (12)*

The focus of this paper is on India's physical connectivity initiatives with East and Southeast Asia. Southeast Asia in particular has been moving toward greater and improved connectivity through various transportation projects and schemes with the vision of building a regional community.

Prospects for a Suu Kyi presidency*Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.1 :Vol.27, Issue 4, April 2016 , p.7 (49)*

The NLD has replaced the outgoing union solidarity and development party, which effectively acted as a proxy for the Myanmar army its formation in 2010. Suu Kyi will invariably be the leader of the NLD and its most influential member in either scenario her accession to the presidency is not necessarily a game changer.

NORTH KOREA***The perils of strategic patience with North Korea/ Jong Kun Choi****The Washington Quarterly Vol.38, No.4, Winter 2016, pp.57-72 (108)*

This article outlines the problems of relying on the idea of North Korean "collapsism" the predictive discourse confidently weighted toward North Korea's demise and policies of non-engagement seeking to hasten its collapse.

PAKISTAN***The Saudi-Pakistani relationships : more than meets the eye/ Kamal Alam****RUSI Newsbrief: Vol 36 No 2, March 2016, pp.9-10 (129)*

Pakistan and relationship with Saudi relationship is based on Saudi patronage of individual elites. Pakistan has become a guarantor of Saudi security.

Five dangerous myths about Pakistan/ C Christine Fair*The Washington Quarterly Vol.38, No.4, Winter 2016, pp.73-97 (108)*

This article address five of the most egregious and pernicious myths that Pakistani foreign and security policy establishment has propagated to promote what they deem to be Pakistan's vital interests.

PHILIPPINES***Overcoming security challenges in peace processes : Colombia and the Philippines/ Kristian Herbolzheimer****RUSI Newsbrief: Vol 36 No 2, March 2016, pp.6-8 (129)*

The Philippines and Colombia are experiencing some of the most recent and comprehensive efforts for a negotiated solution to armed conflict. Both peace processes are becoming objects of study for international academics, practitioners and policy makers.

SAUDI ARABIA***The decline and fall of the Arab state/ Ariel I Ahram****Survival : Vol.58, No.1, April - May 2016, pp. 7 - 34 (106)*

Arab struggle has taken place in a wider global context in which notions of statehood and sovereignty have changed dramatically since the end of the cold war. In this article highlights the state and its competitors in the Arab world and the 2011 revolutions and the search for new rules.

SINGAPORE***Ensuring Singapore's defensive edge/ Greg Waldron****Flight International: 9-15 February 2016, p.32 (65)*

A brief article looking at Singapore's air force acquisition plans in order to enhance its fleet given the possible limits and challenges that it can face. However, it also reported that Singapore's intention to increase air force capabilities does not only mean acquiring new hardware but also means stepping up on training and people's capabilities.

Singapore in 2014/ Kenneth Paul Tan*Asian Survey: Vol.53 No.1 January/February 2015, pp.157-164 (12)*

An overview of Singapore's political climate over 2014 as an outcome from the 2011 general election, of which the ruling People's Action Party attempts to find ways to still retain its position. The article looks at internal policies as well as Singapore's foreign relations.

The 2015 Singapore general elections (GE) : Lee Kuan Yew's last hurrah?/ James Chin*Round Table: Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs April 2016,*

This issue is divided into two parts. The first part deal with the big picture how the PAP won the GE. The second part deals with specific components of the GE such as Malay/Muslim vote.

SOUTH CHINA SEA

China, United States call for halt on South China Sea 'militarisation' / Ridzwan Rahmat, Grace Jean

Jane's Defence Weekly, 2 March 2016, Vol.53 Iss. 9, p.6 (122)

In a media conference in February 2016 after a meeting between China and the United States held in Washington, DC, both nations raised issues of militarisation of the South China Sea against each other and requested that all military activities should come to a halt. Both parties commented in the interest of their respective nations.

US-Philippines bolster military ties as China continues island building / Richard D Fisher Jr

Jane's Defence Weekly, 20 April 2016 Vol.53 Iss.16, p.8 (122)

A brief article looking at the situation at the South China Sea where China is continuing to build island bases which has shown concern from the United States and the Philippines. This has triggered the United States to improve the defence of the Philippines and increase US capacity against China's military action.

TAIWAN

Island endeavour / Gavin Phipps

Jane's Defence Weekly: 30 March 2016, Vol.53 Iss.13, pp.20-27 (122)

An 8-page article providing an overview of what Taiwan's current national security is like as far as its relationship with China is concerned. Despite improved relations between the two states, this article suggests that Taiwan should not let its guard down and to always consider the likelihood of being a significant threat to China, and to be prepared in facing China's rising military capability. This article also includes the South China Sea territorial disputes in which Taiwan claims Taiping Island to be part of its territory.

TERRORISM

Political resilience and EU responses to aviation terrorism / Javier Argomaniz

Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol.39, No 4, April 2016, pp. 363-379 (114)

This issue to explore how the European Union has responded to a series of specific terrorist threats. This article analyze in the process how the European aviation security policy dossier has evolved in reaction to the loopholes revealed by the incidents required an additional layer of protection.

THAILAND

Thai military poised for gradual COIN draw-down / Anthony Davis

Jane's Defence Weekly, 9 March 2016, Vol.53 Iss.10, p.25 (122)

The article reports that the Thai army is starting a tentative withdrawal of out of area battalions from the region. The draw-down is taking place against the back drop of an insurgency since 2014. The draw-down process is clearly tentative and in 2016 will involve an initial reduction of 1500 personnel from the insurgency effected province.

TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

Tactical and strategic airlift in the Asia Pacific / Guy Martin

Defence Review Asia: March - April 2016, Vol. 10, No. 2, pp.14-18 (146)

Transport aircraft are a vital component of any military. In this article highlights military airlift by countries like Brunei, China, and Singapore and other countries.

UNITED KINGDOM

The UK armed forces and the value of the university armed service units / Rachel Woodward

RUSI Journal: Vol 161 No 1, February/March 2016, pp. 32-39 (127)

This article examines one specific set of ideas about the value of the USUs the value of the units to the British armed forces. It looks at the claim that USUs are valuable because they aid recruitment to the armed forces. Second it looks at the claim that the USUs value resides in their capacity to the inculcate and disseminate positive views of the British armed forces and of defence generally.

UNITED STATES

Hegemony, military power projection and US structural economic interests in the periphery / James M Cypher

Third World Quarterly : Vol.37, No.5, pp.800-817(101)

This analysis of the present debate over the trajectory of US grand strategy including its geopolitical dimensions, in the context of the currently ongoing (October 2015), officially acknowledged military incursions in Iraq and Syria.

VIETNAM

Breaker of armies : air power in the Easter offensive and the myth of line backer I and II in the Vietnam war / Phil Haun

International Security : Vol 40, No 3, Winter 2015/2016, pp.139-178 (68)

This article proceeds in five sections. The first section examines U.S air power doctrine. The second section evaluates the impact of air power technologies. The third section evaluates line backer I and its impact. The fourth section assesses the role of air power in the South Vietnamese. In the fifth section review the diplomatic maneuvering the delayed a settlement.

VIETNAM

Purposes and pitfalls of war by proxy : a systemic analysis / Seyom Brown

Small Wars & Insurgencies : Vol.27, No.2, pp.243-257 (97)

This article offers guidelines for reducing the risks and minimizing the consequences of such loss of control.

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