

ASEAN

A community of practice : explaining change and continuity in ASEAN's diplomatic environment/ Mathew Davies

The Pacific Review : Vol.29, No.2, May 2016, pp.211-233 (103)

This article argues that the recent practice turn taken by Vincent Pouliot and Emanuel Adler explain why existing approaches fail to explain ASEAN's changing diplomatic environment and offers a new way to appreciate ASEAN.

Dealing with natural disaster/ Angela Pennisi di Floristella

The Pacific Review : Vol.29, No.2, May 2016, pp.283-305 (103)

ASEAN heads of state and governments and the representatives of NDMOs have emphasized the importance of precautionary principles and have initiated efforts to define agreements and mechanisms aimed at identifying, monitoring and preventing disaster risks.

AVIATION

Evaluating the state of army safety/ BG Jeffrey Farnsworth

Army Aviation : 31 March 2016, pp.32-34 (6)

Promoting awareness and risk reduction measures for individuals and organizations.

A rotation attack reconnaissance squadron in Korea/ Mark O Fulmer

Army Aviation : 31 March 2016, pp.36-38 (6)

The exercise focus on exercising operational plans for the defence of the Korean Peninsula punctuate the peninsula's annual training cycle. Throughout the rotation the development of leader competence was a focus embedded in the weekly battle rhythm.

CHINA

China elevates nuclear rocket force/ Kelsey Davenport

World Affairs: Winter 2016, pp.85-96 (55)

In December 2015, China announced the formation of the People's Liberation Army Rocket Force that oversees the country's nuclear mission. However, this does not affect China's nuclear policy and strategy. This article provides a brief overview of the role and responsibility of the Rocket Force and China's policy on nuclear weapons.

CHINA

Crouching tiger: China acts, America dithers/ Peter Navarro

World Affairs: Winter 2016, pp.85-96 (55)

Based on his book "Crouching tiger: what China militarism means for the world", the author presents an overview of the rising power China and its effect and relations with the United States, Southeast Asia and the Asia-Pacific with focus on its rising military power.

Taming the dragon: China's strength draws US and India together/ Rahul Bedi

Jane's Intelligence Review: June 2015, Vol.27 Iss.6, pp.28-31 (123)

The article talks about the growing relationship between the United States and India as China increases its military capability. It assesses the shared strategic goals and the diplomatic constraints of both the US and India against China's rising military power.

The once and future superpower: why China won't overtake the United States/ Stephen G. Brooks, William C. Wohlforth

Foreign Affairs: Vol.95, No.3, pp.91-104 (76)

This article provides a comparison of China and the United States as China shows its potential to be a rising superpower. However, this article questions whether China will ever surpass that of the United States. It looks at the economic wealth of both nations and its military capability and concludes by commenting that the United States will remain secure in its superpower position.

Security stability in East Asia/ William A. Douglas

Asian Perspective: Vol.40 No.1 2016, pp.147-160 (11)

This article discusses the possibility of a balance of power or otherwise from both the United States and China. It argues whether a balance of power is the best approach for global security.

CHINA

Russia's pivot to China goes astray : the impact on the Asia pacific security architecture/ Pavel K Baev

Contemporary Security Policy : Vol.37, No.1, April 2016, pp.89-110 (104)

This article attempts to suggest an answer and aims at examining the impact of the asymmetric and generally unsuccessful construction of Russia - China partnership on the near term evolution of the complex security interactions in East Asia.

Rising bipolarity in the South China Sea : the American rebalance to Asia and China's expansion/ Stephen F Burges

Contemporary Security Policy : Vol.37, No.1, April 2016, pp.111-143 (104)

The paper synthesizes three elements of power and balancing in the South China Sea. Perspectives on china's behaviour and intentions, the American rebalance to Asia and the dispositions of American allies and partners.

Projecting power : China sees strategic benefit in maritime engagement/ Andrew Tate

IHS Jane's Navy International : Vol.121 Iss.4, May 2016, pp.6-8 (124)

China now aspires to become a maritime power. Products of the strategy are the modern destroyers and frigates that have become the backbone of the 'orbat' today. China is improving its capacity to support distant naval deployments.

Beijing's new strategies toward a changing Taiwan/ Gang Lin

Journal of Contemporary China : Vol.25, No. 99, May 2016 pp.321-335 (102)

This article assumes the mainland government will make great efforts to maintain the momentum of peaceful development of cross-strait relations. The engagement tactics toward the two main parties in Taiwan are dependent on Beijing's perceptions of Taiwanese party politics.

CHINA

Chinese navy trains and takes risks/ Dale C Rielage

Proceedings US Naval Institute: May 2016, pp.36-41 (86)

The people's liberation army (PLA) has grown reflecting a need to understand the PLA's modernization and ability to intervene in an increasing range of potential friction points.

CYBERSECURITY

Cybersurveillance and the new frontier of deterrence/ Susan Landau

Current History: January 2016 Vol.115 No.777, pp.29-31 (20)

The author focuses on how surveillance in the cyber world would serve to deter likely cyber-threats taking example on the likelihood of North Korea attacking the United States, with North Korea being a nation that has not shown strong capability to be a big cyber threat to the US.

Cyber active/ Rachel Marsden

Armada International: Feb/Mar 2016 Issue 01, pp.6-11 (2)

CYBERWARFARE

The impact of cyber conflict on international interactions/ Ryan C. Maness, Brandon Valeriano

Armed Forces & Society: Vol. 42 No. 2 April 2016, pp.301-323 (3)

A research study write-up on the impact of cyber conflict towards foreign policy. The study includes using data to examine the effect on countries when cyber conflict is used as a foreign policy choice and to further look into the impact if cyber actions were to be used in state security. It concludes by suggesting the possibility of cyber cooperation and cyber peace can be implemented among nations.

DEFENCE SPENDING***Road to recovery/ IHS Jane's Defence Budgets***

Jane's Defence Weekly: 10 February 2016 Vol.53 Iss.6, pp.22-27 (122)

An study on the global defence budgets and expenditure discussing according to region. Includes graphs and charts which are presented by regions. It concludes with an outlook of global defence spending in 2015 with the Asia-Pacific and Middle East regions showing a possible increase in defence spending.

DISASTER***Disaster management in case of CBRNe events : an innovative methodology to improve the safety knowledge of advisors and first responders/ Andrea***

Defense & Security Analysis : Vol.32, Issue. 1, 2016, pp.79-90 (94)

The article demonstrates the international master courses on the protect against CBRNe events within the framework, a table top exercise in collaboration with the Italian ministry of interior and ministry of defence.

DISASTER RELIEF***Disaster response: proximity is the key/ Geoff Slocombe***

Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter: April 2016 Vol.42 No.03, pp.18-19 (9)

When Fiji got struck by Cyclone Winston in February 2016, the first Category 5 tropical cyclone to hit the islands, the death toll was 43 and an estimated 350,000 people were affected. This article discusses how the immediate response shown by Australia, New Zealand and France to aid Fiji in such a situation demonstrates that proximity is the key in obtaining immediate aid. This is especially so when aid is received from neighbouring developed countries that possess civilian and military HADR plans and assets can offer effective aid.

ENGINEERING***Underpinning operations: air force engineering capability/ Nigel Pittaway***

Australian Defence Magazine: February 2016 Vol.24 No.2, pp.36, 38, 40, 42 (61)

This article takes a look at the importance of an effective yet robust engineering and maintenance system in order to ensure serviceable platforms and weapons systems in the air force, no matter how highly capable they are.

HUMANITARIAN AID***Airlift to Nepal/ Jennifer Hlad***

Air Force Magazine: January 2016, pp.48-52 (58)

This article describes the humanitarian assistance that was conducted by the United States Air Force and other countries during the aftermath of the Nepal earthquake in April 2015.

INDONESIA***Indonesia to deploy Skyshield in South China Sea/ Ridzwan Rahmat***

Jane's Defence Weekly: 13 April 2016, Vol.53 Iss.15, p.16 (122)

A short brief reporting that Indonesia has prepared to deploy 4 units of special ground corps on one of the islands within the South China Sea.

Indonesian Navy selects Type 730 CIWS for missile attack craft/ Ridzwan Rahmat

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: 27 April 2016 Vol.53 Iss.17, p.10 (122)

A short report on Indonesia's selection to fit the first 2 of 3 of its missile attack craft with Chinese-developed close-in weapon systems (CIWS).

INDONESIA***Indonesia seeks deeper ties with China and Greece/ Jon Grevatt***

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: 4 May 2016, Vol.53 Iss. 18, p.21 (122)

A brief report on Indonesia establishing defence collaboration with China and Greece in order to expand its defence trade and industry with focus on cyber-defence and naval shipbuilding.

JAPAN

Tokyo's ascending: Abe's new defence strategy/ John Lee

World Affairs: Summer 2015, pp.66-73 (55)

This article looks at Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's objective to ensure that both national sovereignty and regional security is protected. It highlights Japan's relationship with China especially over the territorial issues in the East China Sea which implies China's aim to gain control over the region. With that, it also talks about Japan's relationship with the United States as Japan wishes to provide "proactive contribution to peace and stability" in the region.

The Sino -Japanese territorial dispute and threat perception in power transition/ Ryoko Nakano

The Pacific Review : Vol.29, No.2, May 2016, pp.165-186 (103)

This article introduces a theoretical framework on the centrality of threat perceptions in power transition. It traces the ways in which Japan and China have developed a threat perception since 1972 and deals with the escalation of the Sino-Japanese territorial since 2010.

KOREA

UN, others respond to N. Korean moves Elizabeth Philipp

Arms Control Today: Vol. 46 No. 2 March 2016, pp.32-34 (5)

When North Korea launched a three-stage rocket in February 2016, it caused concern to the international community as this implies the potential ability of North Korea in developing long-range missile that could be outfitted with nuclear warheads. This article reports on how United Nations has reacted to North Korea's actions.

LEADERSHIP

Soldiers learning to become leaders/ Mark S Jones

Army Aviation : April/May 2016, pp.18-19 (6)

The mission of the 128th aviation brigade is to generate disciplined, physical fit, technically proficient aviation maintenance soldiers and leaders who embody army values and embrace of the army profession.

LEBANON

Assembling security in a 'weak state': the contentious politics of plural governance in Lebanon since 2005 / Waleed Hazbun

Third World Quarterly : Vol.37, No.6, pp.1053-1070(101)

This article helps to explain since 2005 Lebanese security actors have been able to negotiate between rival understandings and produce shared though highly contingent, understandings of how to address security threats.

The limits of hospitality : coping strategies among displaced Syrians in

Third World Quarterly : Vol.37, No.6, pp.1071-1082(101)

This paper explores how displaced Syrians adjust to life in Lebanon under the treat and actuality of violence.

MALAYSIA

Intellectual iconoclasm as modernizing foreign policy : the cases of Mahathir bin Mohammad and Lee Kuan Yew/ Alan Chong

The Pacific Review : Vol.29, No.2, May 2016, pp.235-258 (103)

This article attempts to engage in a preliminary twinned study of the foreign policy styles of Mahathir bin Mohammad and Lee Kuan Yew in order to inquire after the pattern of modernizing Southeast Asian foreign policies.

PM unlikely to resign despite citizens declaration

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.2 :Vol.27, Issue 5, May 2016 , p.1-3 (49)

PM set to hold onto power until 2018.

MARINES

It's time to train women for the fight/ Kyleanne Hunter

Proceedings US Naval Institute: May 2016, p.16 (86)

The secretary of the navy defence announced that there would be no exceptions to women's integration. Given women are a force multiplier in the modern counterinsurgency environment. The bonds formed between male and female marines during early stages of training will translate to the success enhancing unit cohesion on the battlefield.

MILITARY LOGISTICS

The forgotten component of UK defence planning/ Andrew Curtis

RUSI Journal: April/May 2016 Vol.161 No.2, pp.30-36 (127)

This article argues that there has not been much thought given on joint logistics and that "current arrangements do not produce a fit-for-purpose command-and-control capability, nor do they fulfil the requirement for integrated training of high-readiness logistics unit." It goes on to suggest a combined-arms approach in order to ensure the effective of the integration of joint logistics in future operations.

MYANMAR

Tatmadaw reinforces political role/ Anthony Davis

Jane's Defence Weekly: 6 April 2016, Vol.53 Iss.14, p.16 (122)

This article reports on the publication of Myanmar's first Defence White Paper which was released just days before the country's first democratically elected government was due to take office. It also implies that the timing for the release of the Defence White Paper was unlikely to be a coincidence which further suggests that this reflects that the military does not intend to step back from its governing role.

MYANMAR

Suu Kyi's failed presidential bid reveals underlying tensions

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.1 :Vol.27, Issue 5, May 2016, p.6 (49)

The party of Myanmar now in dilemma what role it will give to Suu Kyi who's is almost experienced and internationally recognised member. Suu Kyi presidency would have provided a considerable measure of certainty for foreign investors as well as the broader International community.

NORTH KOREA

A proliferation plateau may offer unique opportunities/ Leonard S Spector

Arms Control Today: Vol. 46 No. 3, April 2016, pp.14-19 (5)

A range list of initiatives have gained a measure of international support in addressing the Iranian nuclear program or in settings that do not involve nuclear weapons.

Getting what we need with North Korea/ Leon V.Sigal

Arms Control Today: Vol. 46 No. 3, April 2016, pp.8-13 (5)

The article highlights on probing for peace, it says about peace process is also in the security interests of the United States and its allies. Tiptoeing toward talks also discuss how they can resume credible and meaningful negotiations.

South Korea's elusive middle powermanship : regional or global player/ Soon Ok Shin

The Pacific Review : Vol.29, No.2, May 2016, pp.187-209 (103)

This paper examines Seoul's middle power activism. it analyses how the Roh Moo Hyun and Lee Myung Bak governments sought to articulate their respective middle power foreign policy aspiration.

PAKISTAN

Can civil society tame violent extremism in Pakistan?/ Anita Weiss

Current History: April 2016, pp.144-149 (20)

This 6-page article takes a look at Pakistan's internal security as far as religious extremism goes threatening the security of the people. It questions what has the government done about it and also the people's reactions and actions towards this.

SPORTS MEDICINE

The response to and recovery from maximum-strength and -power training in elite track and field athletes/ Glyn Howatson, Raphael Brandon and Angus M. Hunter

International Journal of Sports Physiology and Performance: Vol.2 No.3 April 2016, pp.356-362 (148)

Presents a study on the response and recovery rate of track and field athletes of which the outcome of this study will be able to assist in the planning of athlete training prior to competitions.

TAIWAN

A framework for analysis of national interest : United States policy toward Taiwan/ Shaohua Hu

Contemporary Security Policy : Vol.37, No.1, April 2016, pp.144-167 (104)

The article make two contributions. To facilitate the formulation and evaluation of foreign policy and analysis of national interest.

No need to beg China?: Taiwan's membership of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation as a contested state/ Ming-chin Monique Chu

The China Quarterly: March 2016 No.225, pp.169-189 (17)

This article looks at Taiwan membership into the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and argues that its membership is due to factors such as changes in the domestic and external environments and also its diplomatic process, rather than solely due to link to China. This article also examines the effects of Taiwan's accession into the international scene and the implications for Taiwan's continuous status as a contested state.

TERRORISM

Automating social network analysis: a power tool for counter-terrorism/ Leslie Ball

Security Journal: Vol. 29 No. 2 April 2016, pp.147-168 (48)

This article addresses how automated analysis of social networks can be used to process gather intelligence and data for the analysis of terrorist-related activities.

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