

AFGHANISTAN

Intermediaries of intervention : how local power brokers shape external peace and state building in Afghanistan and Congo/ Philipp Munch

International Peacekeeping: Vol 25, No 2, April 2018, pp.266-292 (96)

This paper focus on relationships in peace and state building interventions so as to understand their political consequences in conflict ridden societies. The paper compares two of the most prominent interventions since end of the cold war the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

AIR FORCE

Chinese threat temporarily overshadowed by North Korea conundrum/ Alan Warnes

Asian Military Review : Vol.26, Issue 1, February 2018, pp.14-16 (60)

Regional air forces directory. China's shadow continues to loom large over most of the 25 states in Asia, many of the region's military have pinned their colours to the USA mast.

AL QAEDA

The future of al-Qaeda : lessons from the muslim brotherhood/ Barak Mendelsohn

Survival : Vol.60, No.2, April-May 2018, pp.151-178 (106)

The article highlights on Al Qaeda's localisation and its consequences, nationalism beats transnationalism and the muslim brotherhood. The muslim brotherhood is a global organisation with a transnational scope and universalising mission.

ARMoured VEHICLES

A growing regional interest in Russian armour/ Vladimir Karnozov

Defence Review Asia: April 2018, Vol. 12, No. 2, pp.18-23 (146)

Russia is the among world's top three manufactures of heavy armoured vehicles. Vietnam is customer for Russian equipment in the Asia Pacific region.

ASIA PACIFIC

Looking bullish/ Jay Menon

Asian Defence Technology : Vol.25, January 2018, pp.6-10 (130)

The article highlights the need for new fighter aircraft in the Asia Pacific region is expected to remain buoyant. South-east Asian governments are stepping up efforts to replace their ageing fighter aircraft fleets.

The tyranny of the shores / Brian J Dunn

Military Review : March - April 2018, pp.101-107 (81)

The article highlights on army planning for the Asia Pacific theater. America continues to shift military power to the pacific in response to China's rise, but the armys full spectrum capability is not being advocated in the mistaken belief that employment of sizable land power is ill suited to the wider Asia Pacific theater.

ASIAN

Powering ahead/ Atul Chandra

Asian Defence Technology : Vol.25, January 2018, pp.33-37 (130)

Asian military rotorcraft requirements will continue to receive priority in 2018. Asia Pacific region is expected to account for over 1/3rd share of the global rotorcraft market by 2025.

BRUNEI AIR FORCE

Brunei air force pilots 'cool' with S-70i simulator training/ Andrew Drwiega

Asian Military Review : Vol.26, Issue 2, March 2018 , pp.12-13 (60)

Asian Military Review was invited to examine the Royal Brunei Air Force's S-70i simulator.

CHINA

China steps closer to despotism as Xi becomes leader for life/ Charlie Campbell

Time: Vol 191, No.10, 12 March 2018, pp.5-6 (135)

The article highlights China now rule the world's most populous nation for as long as Xi Jinping desires missing fears that the Asian superpower is lurching back to dictatorship.

The China reckoning : how Beijing defied American expectations/ Kurt M Campbell

Foreign Affairs : Vol. 97, No. 2, March - April 2018, pp. 60-70 (76)

The paper highlights on China's internal development and external behaviour has been a bedrock of US strategy. In US policy circles who were sceptical of China's intensions still shared the underlying belief the US power and hegemony could readily mould China to the United States liking.

Life in China's Asia : what regional hegemony would look like/ Jennifer Lind

Foreign Affairs : Vol. 97, No. 2, March - April 2018, pp. 71-82 (76)

China is expanding its regional military reach since 1990s, Chinese military spending has soared and the CCP is modernizing weaponry and reforming its military organizations and doctrine.

CHINA

Soaring with dragons: China's home grown UAVS/ Guy Martin

Defence Review Asia: April 2018, Vol. 12, No. 2, pp.36-42 (146)

Chinese defence industry has made enormous progress in the research and development of UAVs.

CYBER

Cybercrime is whose responsibility? a case study of an online behaviour system in crime/ Masarah Pacquet Clouston

Global Crime: Vol.19, No.1, February 2018, pp.1-21 (111)

This study investigates social media fraud (SMF) by botnets to understand the onset and maturation of new online offending behaviour

DISASTER

Examining the impacts of disaster resettlement from a livelihood perspectives : a case study of Qinling mountains , China/ Xuesong Guo

Disasters : Vol.42, No.2, April 2018, pp.251-274 (23)

This study proposes a conceptual framework that adds the PSR to the SLA to facilitate empirical analyses of the impacts of post-disaster resettlement. The paper concludes with some practical and policy recommendations.

IS

The influence of leadership on the strategies and tactics of Islamic State and its predecessors/ Mehmet F Bastug

The Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism: Vol 13, No.1, April 2018, pp.38-59

ISIS

More than the medium : how the communication literature helps explain ISIS's success in recruiting Westerners/ Michael G Zekulin

The Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism: Vol 13, No.1, April 2018, pp.17-37

This paper engages the communication literature and identifies ISIS whether purposefully or by accident. This analysis provides additional lessons on how mitigate the success and identifies broader lessons concerning how those in terror organisations may attempt to recruit individuals.

LEADERSHIP

Leadership competencies for effective public administration : a study of Indian administrative service officers/ Vishal Gupta

Journal Of Asian Public Policy : March 2018, Vol 11 No 1, pp.98-120

This study presents an attempt to identify important competencies needed for public administrations.

MALAYSIAN

Malaysian defence reorganisation underway and some procurements moving ahead/ Dzirhan Mahadir

Defence Review Asia: April 2018, Vol. 12, No. 2, pp.12-17 (146)

Malaysia's plans to continue the modernisation of its armed forces along with the phasing out obsolete equipment side-tracked by both the overall economic situation and the need to maintain constant vigilance on the Eastern Borneo coastline.

MEDIA

Humanitarian interventions and the media : broadcasting against ethnic hate/ Kerstin Tomiak

Third World Quarterly : Vol.39, No.3, 2018, pp.454-470 (101)

This paper argues that social structure and duty to leaders play a bigger role and that present media interventions are ill suited to the problem

MIDDLE EAST

The autocrat's ascent/ Karl Vick

Time: Vol 191, No.14, 16 April 2018, pp.24-29 (135)

Saudi heir Mohammad bin Salman is pitching his plan to disrupt the Middle East.

NORTH KOREA

High stakes summits/ Charlie Campbell

Time: Vol 191, No.13, 16 April 2018, pp.32-37 (135)

The article highlights on North Korea's and United States relationships. The U.S and its allies have various motivations for engaging with Kim but all would benefit from neutralizing a rogue nuclear state.

PEACEKEEPING

Power, politics and perception: the impact of foreign policy on civilian-peacekeeper relations/ Vanessa F Newby

Third World Quarterly : Vol.39, No.4, 2018, pp.661-676 (101)

This article highlights the heterogeneity of both United Nations peacekeeping missions and local populations an issue that is insufficiently discussed in the literature on local engagement in peacebuilding/peacekeeping.

REGIME SECURITY

Saddam versus the inspectors : the impact of regime security on the verification of Iraq's WMD disarmament/ Gregory D Koblentz

The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol 41, No. 3, April 2018, pp. 372- 409 (98)

The article argues that Iraq's obstruction of inspectors in the late 1990s was motivated by his desire to shield Iraq's regime security apparatus from UNSCOM's intrusive counter concealment inspections.

SAUDI AIR WAR

The Saudi air war in Yemen : a case for coercive success through battlefield denial/ Ralph Shield

The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol 41, No. 3, April 2018, pp. 461-489 (98)

The article examines the Saudi led bombing campaign demonstrates the challenges inherent in applying a punishment based strategy in a civil war where coercive mechanisms operate differently than in interstate conflict.

Iran and Saudi Arabia in the age of Trump/ Hassan Ahmadian

Survival : Vol.60, No.2, April-May 2018, pp.133-150 (106)

The Trump administration's bilateral and regional policies are heightening Iran-Saudi rifts.

SINGAPORE

Flying high/ Atul Chandra

Asian Defence Technology : Vol.25, January 2018, pp.12-15 (130)

The republic of Singapore air force (RSAF) has transformed itself both in terms of capability and quality to grow into one of the finest air arms in the region. The RSAF now boasts of a formidable fleet of fighter aircraft, rotorcraft, transport and training aircraft and equipment sourced primarily from the USA, Europe and Israel.

SINGAPORE

Singapore forces next gen capabilities in Arizona/ JR Ng

Asian Military Review : Vol.26, Issue 1, February 2018, pp.10-13 (60)

Singaporean armed forces used enhanced C2 to further integrate fast jets attack helicopters and UAVs into precision and simultaneous delivery of kinetic munitions.

THAILAND

The commanders respond

Proceedings US Naval Institute :March 2018, pp. 32-46 (86)

Royal Thai navy faced with the tasks maintaining freedom of the sea and access to global maritime commons with confronting growing threats and unexpected incidents navies around the world to realize the importance of maritime cooperation and interoperability.

When conquest would have paid : domestic mobilization and political constrains in the Thai - Cambodian border conflict 2008-2011/ Nicole Jenne

Global Change : Peace & Security : February 2018, Vol 30 No , pp.17-36

This article disagrees by making a simple claim stats the lack the capacity to go to war compromise to avoid it.

UNITED STATES

The world after Trump : how the system can endure/ Jake Sullivan

Foreign Affairs : Vol. 97, No. 2, March - April 2018, pp. 10-19 (76)

WORLD NAVIES**World navies : review/ Eric Wertheim**

*Proceedings US Naval Institute :March 2018, pp. 62-75
(86)*

This review of the world's navies presents a snapshot of activities and developments during the past year. It is arranged by region, with nations discussed alphabetically under each subheading.

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