

4 Geoeconomics

Col. John F. Troxell, U.S. Army, Retired

The author offers a detailed discourse on the importance of geoeconomics, specifically as it applies to competition between China and the United States, based on a review of War by Other Means: Geoeconomics and Statecraft by Robert D. Blackwill and Jennifer M. Harris.

24 Human Terrain System is Dead, Long Live ... What?

Building and Sustaining Military Cultural Competence in the Aftermath of the Human Terrain System

Maj. Ben Connable, PhD, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired

Cultural competence will be lost to the U.S. military unless comprehensive, long-term, low-level, low-cost cultural training, education, and intelligence are integrated across the Department of Defense and the services.

34 The Neglected Role of Brideprice in Catalyzing Instability and Violent Conflict

Valerie M. Hudson, PhD
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In an excerpt from "In Plain Sight: The Neglected Linkage between Brideprice and Violent Conflict," originally published in International Security, the authors discuss how certain cultural aspects of male-female relationships not only subjugate women, but they can also destabilize nations by incentivizing violence and facilitating recruitment into insurgent groups.

48 The Pagonis Effect

A Doctrinal Future for the Support Area Command Post

Brig. Gen. Michael R. Fenzel, U.S. Army
Capt. Benjamin H. Torgersen, U.S. Army

Commanders must apply appropriate leadership and resources to the division support area so that they can remain focused on the fight in front of them or their battle plans will become unhinged. The support area command post concept may provide the necessary support area security.

58 Prospective Strategy for Baltic Defense

The Russian Public and War Termination in the Baltic States

Lukas Milevski, PhD

Discussion of the defense of the Baltic States against Russian aggression must also include consideration of what a successful end state would look like should a war be fought in the region, as well as how to take advantage of Russia's self-identified weakness—its own public.

71 Fixing Army Doctrine

A Network Approach

Capt. James Tollefson,
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The author discusses the importance of doctrine and the problems with the way current Army doctrine is structured. He recommends a network approach that would dramatically improve the navigability and intellectual coherence of the Army's doctrine. (Second place, 2017 General William E. DePuy Writing Competition)

80 **An Alliance Divided?**

Five Factors That Could Fracture NATO

Lt. Col. Aaron Bazin, PsyD, U.S. Army
Dominika Kunertova

Arguably, NATO is one of the most successful alliances in human history, but without cohesion, it can and will fail. The authors discuss the nature of cohesion, the factors that contribute to it, and how NATO can maintain its own cohesion.

92 **Readiness and Interoperability in Operation Atlantic Resolve**

Lt. Col. Chad Foster, U.S. Army

Enduring partnerships between U.S. units and specific allied countries optimize the ability to carry out deployed missions such as those in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve while simultaneously maintaining sustainable readiness in the European theater.

102 **The Army's Role in the Future Pacific Theater**

Emily Martin
Samantha Wooley

Two researchers associated with the Army Capabilities Integration Center argue that the Army will play a critical supporting role in the Pacific Theater if war breaks out against China or another near-peer adversary.

113 **Why Alaska and the Arctic are Critical to the National Security of the United States**

Col. Michael J. Forsyth, U.S. Army

There is a need to ensure our interests in the Arctic are sufficiently secured to ensure resolutions to territorial and resource claims remain peaceful. The author describes several things that the U.S. military can do to ensure the future security of Alaska and the Arctic region.

120 **Cyber is the New Air**

Domain Superiority in the Megacity

Maj. Austin G. Commons, U.S. Army

For the joint force to seize, retain, and exploit the initiative in a megacity environment, joint task force commanders must prioritize cyberspace superiority rather than air superiority as an operational prerequisite.

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