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*The battlespace in modern warfare has expanded to the economic domain. According to the author, it is strategically necessary for the United States and the Federal Reserve to maintain influence over and leadership of the international financial system.*

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*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.*

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*China uses its maritime militia and fishing fleets as policy instruments to bridge the economic, informational, and military realms. Two PhD candidates provide a thorough discussion on China’s maritime policies and activities; the strategic uses, strengths, and limitations of China’s maritime militia and fishing fleets; and the challenges they pose to U.S. forces.*

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*The commander of U.S. Army Pacific discusses China and the role of the Army in dealing with Chinese activities in the Pacific theater.*

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*We must not misunderstand the Chinese approach to warfare, according to this senior intelligence officer. The conflict China is waging with the United States has put it in a positional advantage that, if left unchecked, will allow it to dominate in terms of diplomatic, intelligence, military, and economic power by 2050.*

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Maj. Robert F. Gold, U.S. Army

*China is using soft power to isolate Taiwan and set the conditions to deny the United States access to the region. The U.S. Army must be prepared to conduct amphibious operations and work as part of the joint force to open critical infrastructure needed to sustain operations in the Indo-Pacific region.*

## 177 Economic Warfare China's Financial Alternative to Military Reunification with Taiwan

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*China is more likely to use economic means rather than military force to pressure Taiwan into reunification, according to this author. China can be expected to use its economic leverage to disrupt markets and implement sanctions to compel the island to agree to annexation for the sake of its economic survival.*

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*The author describes how the People's Republic of China's malign influence in Taiwan's traditional media and its ability to spread propaganda and disinformation on social media threatens Taiwan's press freedom and democratic process.*

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*The commandant of the Marine Corps describes how the Marines are radically reorganizing and rearming to develop greatly expanded capabilities to support future joint operations in contested littoral areas of operation as a multi-domain reconnaissance and counterreconnaissance force.*

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*The author discusses how the evolving security situation in the Taiwan Strait offers the U.S. Army a chance to play an important role in deterring Chinese military action and strengthening American strategic connections in East Asia.*

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*The People's Liberation Army Rocket Force is perhaps China's most valuable current military asset as it provides China both offensive and defensive capabilities against a wide range of opponents as well as the inherent value of deterrence that nuclear weapons provide any nation.*

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Maj. Richard M. Pazdzierski, U.S. Army

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*An Army corps will be indispensable and must be fully incorporated into U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's Taiwan contingency plans. The author espouses an aggressive offensive military response to a potential Chinese attack into Taiwan.*

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### Returning U.S. Forces to Taiwan

Capt. Walker D. Mills, U.S. Marine Corps

*A U.S. marine opines that if the United States wants to maintain credible conventional deterrence against a People's Liberation Army attack on Taiwan, it needs to consider basing troops in Taiwan.*