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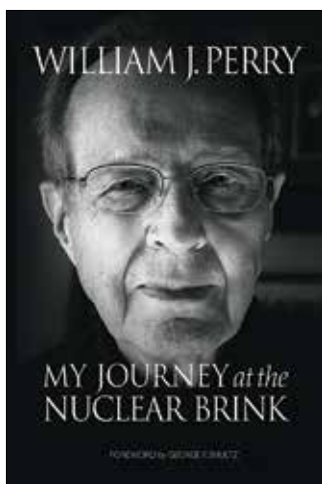
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My Journey at the Nuclear Brink

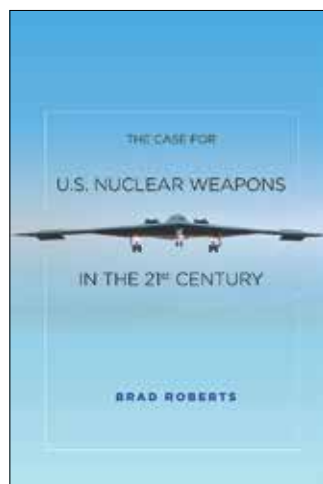
WILLIAM J. PERRY

My Journey at the Nuclear Brink is a continuation of William J. Perry's efforts to keep the world safe from a nuclear catastrophe. It tells the story of his coming of age in the nuclear era, his role in trying to shape and contain it, and how his thinking has changed about the threat these weapons pose.

In a remarkable career, Perry has dealt firsthand with the changing nuclear threat. Decades of experience and special access to top-secret knowledge of strategic nuclear options have given Perry a unique, and chilling, vantage point from which to conclude that nuclear weapons endanger our security rather than securing it.

This book traces his thought process as he journeys from the Cuban Missile Crisis, to crafting a defense strategy in the Carter Administration to offset the Soviets' numeric superiority in conventional forces, to presiding over the dismantling of more than 8,000 nuclear weapons in the Clinton Administration, and to his creation in 2007, with George Shultz, Sam Nunn, and Henry Kissinger, of the Nuclear Security Project to articulate their vision of a world free from nuclear weapons and to lay out the urgent steps needed to reduce nuclear dangers.

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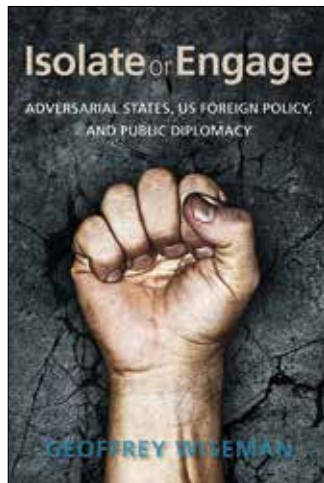
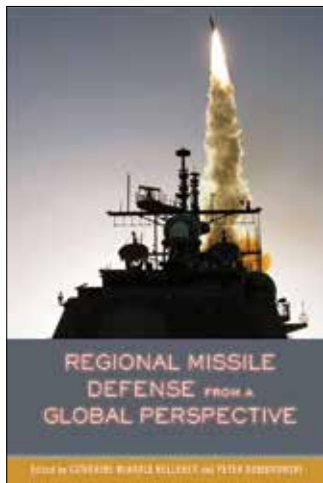
The Case for U.S. Nuclear Weapons in the 21st Century

BRAD ROBERTS

This book is a counter to the conventional wisdom that the United States can and should do more to reduce both the role of nuclear weapons in its security strategies and the number of weapons in its arsenal. The case against nuclear weapons has been made on many grounds—including historical, political, and moral. But, Brad Roberts argues, it has not so far been informed by the experience of the United States since the Cold War in trying to adapt deterrence to a changed world, and to create the conditions that would allow further significant changes to U.S. nuclear policy and posture.

Drawing on his experience in the making and implementation of U.S. policy in the Obama administration, Roberts examines that real world experience and finds important lessons for the disarmament enterprise. He concludes that other nuclear-armed states are not prepared to join the United States in making reductions, and that unilateral steps by the United States to disarm further would be harmful to its interests and those of its allies.

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Regional Missile Defense from a Global Perspective

EDITED BY CATHERINE MCARDLE KELLEHER AND PETER DOMBROWSKI

Regional Missile Defense from a Global Perspective explains the origins, evolution, and implications of the regional approach to missile defense that has emerged since the presidency of George H. W. Bush, and has culminated with the missile defense decisions of President Barack Obama. The Obama administration focuses on developing both a national system of limited ground-based defenses, intended to counter limited intercontinental threats, and regionally-based missile defenses consisting of mobile ground-based technologies like the Patriot PAC-3 system, and sea-based Aegis-equipped destroyer and cruisers.

The volume is intended to stimulate renewed debates in strategic studies and public policy circles over the contribution of regional and national missile defense to global security. Written from a range of perspectives by practitioners and academics, the book provides a rich source for understanding the technologies, history, diplomacy, and strategic implications of the gradual evolution of American missile defense plans. Experts and non-experts alike will find this book invaluable. While it opens the door to the debates, however, it does not find or offer easy solutions—because they do not exist.

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Isolate or Engage

Adversarial States, US Foreign Policy, and Public Diplomacy
GEOFFREY WISEMAN

Isolate or Engage systematically examines U.S. diplomatic relations with nine intensely adversarial states. In these cases, “public diplomacy”—the means by which the U.S. engages with citizens in other countries so they will push their own governments to adopt more favorable views of U.S. foreign policies—becomes extremely important. The book examines the role, costs, and benefits of both traditional and public diplomacy with adversarial states.

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Coercion, Survival, and War *Why Weak States Resist the United States*

PHIL HAUN

Great powers have the capability to coerce weak states by threatening their survival—but not vice versa. It is therefore the great power that decides whether to escalate a conflict into a crisis by adopting a coercive strategy. In practice, however, the coercive strategies of the U.S. have frequently failed. *Coercion, Survival and War* chronicles 30 crises involving the U.S. from 1918 to 2003. The U.S. chose coercive strategies in 23 of these cases, but failed half of the time. Phil Haun examines why this was the case.

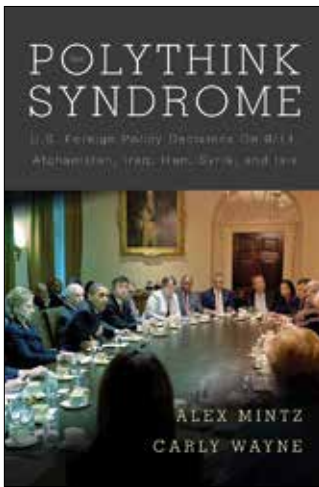
288 pages, 2015
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Courting Science

Securing the Foundation for a Second American Century
DAMON V. COLETTA

In *Courting Science*, Damon V. Coletta offers a novel explanation for the decline of American leadership in world affairs. Whether the American Century ends sooner rather than later may depend on America’s capacity for self-reflection and, ultimately, self-restraint when it comes to science, technology, and engineering. Democracy’s affinity for advanced technology has to be balanced against scientific research and progress as a global enterprise. In an era of rising challengers to America’s lead in the international order and an increasingly globalized civil society, a “Scientific State” has a better chance of extending its dominance. In order to draw closer to this ideal, though, the United States will have to reconsider its grand strategy. It must have a strategy that scrutinizes how tightly it constrains, how narrowly it directs, and how far it trusts American scientists. If given the opportunity, scientists have the potential to lead a second American Century through domestic science and technology policy, international diplomacy, and transnational networks for global governance.

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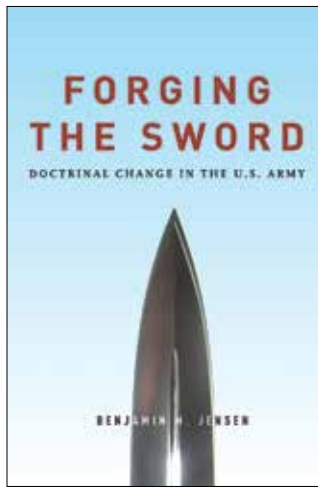
The Polythink Syndrome
U.S. Foreign Policy Decisions on 9/11, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, and ISIS

ALEX MINTZ AND CARLY WAYNE

The leading concept of group dynamics, groupthink, explains that groups make sub-optimal decisions due to their desire for conformity and uniformity over dissent, leading to a failure to consider other relevant possibilities. But presidential advisory groups are often fragmented and divisive. This book therefore scrutinizes polythink, a group decision-making dynamic whereby different members in a decision-making unit espouse a plurality of opinions and divergent policy prescriptions, resulting in a disjointed decision-making process or even decision paralysis.

The book analyzes eleven U.S. national security decisions and addresses implications of the polythink phenomenon, including how to avoid or overcome it. The authors further develop strategies and tools for what they call Productive Polythink and show the applicability of polythink to business, industry, and everyday decisions.

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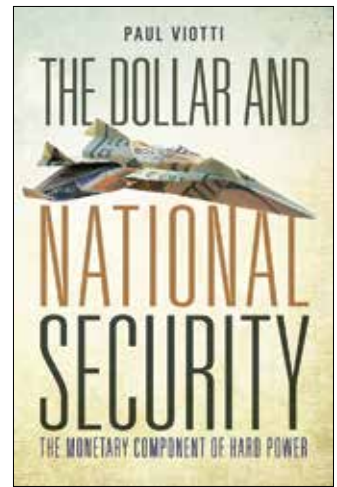
Forging the Sword
Doctrinal Change in the U.S. Army

BENJAMIN M. JENSEN

As entrenched bureaucracies, military organizations might reasonably be expected to be especially resistant to reform and favor only limited, incremental adjustments. Yet, since 1945, the U.S. Army has rewritten its capstone doctrine manual, *Operations*, fourteen times. This reflects a significant evolution in how the Army approaches warfare—making the U.S. Army a crucial and unique case of a modern land power that is capable of change. So what accounts for this anomaly? What institutional processes have professional officers developed over time to escape bureaucracies' iron cage?

Forging the Sword conducts a comparative historical process-tracing of doctrinal reform in the U.S. Army. It argues that change in military organizations requires “incubators,” designated subunits established outside the normal bureaucratic hierarchy, and “advocacy networks” championing new concepts. Incubators, ranging from special study groups to non-Title 10 war games and field exercises, provide a safe space for experimentation and the construction of new operational concepts. Advocacy networks then connect different constituents and inject them with concepts developed in incubators. This injection makes changes elites would have otherwise rejected a contagious narrative.

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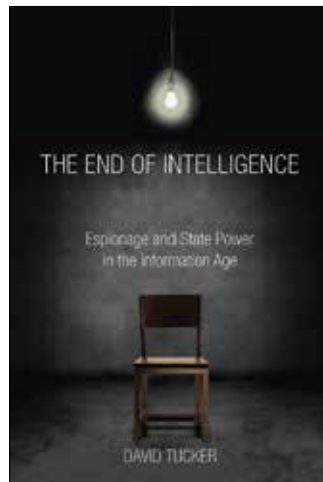
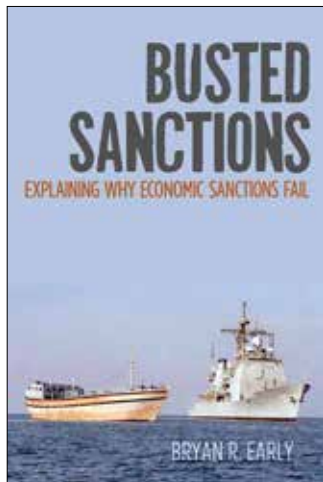
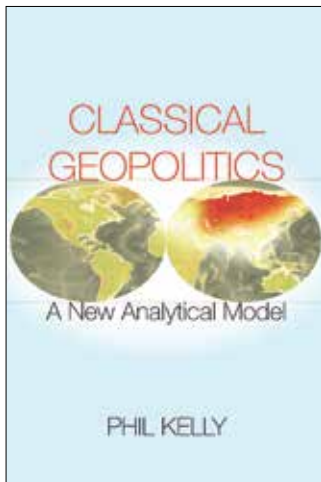
The Dollar and National Security
The Monetary Component of Hard Power

PAUL VIOTTI

Defense establishments and the armed forces they organize, train, equip, and deploy depend upon the security of capital and capital flows, mechanisms that have become increasingly globalized. Military capabilities are thus closely tied to the viability of global convertibility and exchange arrangements.

In *The Dollar and National Security*, Paul Viotti explores the links between global capital flows, policy elites, and national security. After establishing the historical link between currency, gold, and security, he continues the monetary-security story by examining the instrumental role the dollar has played in American economic and national security over the past seven decades. He reveals how perceived individual and collective interests are the key drivers toward building the kind of durable consensus necessary to sustain the external financing of American foreign and national security policy, and addresses the future implications for national security as decision-makers in the BRICS and other countries position themselves to assume an even larger policy presence in global commercial, monetary, and security matters.

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Classical Geopolitics

A New Analytical Model

PHIL KELLY

Geopolitics is the study of how the projection of power (ideological, cultural, economic, or military) is effected and affected by the geographic and political landscape in which it operates. Despite the real world relevance of geopolitics, a common understanding of what classical geopolitics is and how it works still lies beyond the reach of both researchers and practitioners.

In *Classical Geopolitics*, Phil Kelly attempts to build a common theoretical model, incorporating a host of variables that reflect the complexity of the modern geopolitical stage. He then analyzes thirteen pivotal but widely differing historical events stretching from the Peloponnesian War to World War II, from the fall of the British and Soviet empires to the contemporary diplomacy of South America. Through this analysis, Kelly tests the efficacy of his model as a comprehensive geopolitical analytical tool that can be used across a broad spectrum of geopolitical contexts and events.

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Busted Sanctions

Explaining Why Economic Sanctions Fail

BRYAN R. EARLY

Powerful countries like the United States regularly employ economic sanctions as a tool for promoting their foreign policy interests. Yet economic sanctions achieve their goals less than a third of the time. The costs of these failed sanctions policies can be significant, requiring an explanation for such a high failure rate. *Busted Sanctions* seeks to provide this explanation and reveals that the primary cause of this failure is third-party spoilers, or sanctions busters, who undercut sanctioning efforts.

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Help or Harm

The Human Security Effects of International NGOs

AMANDA MURDIE

When do international non-governmental organizations like Oxfam or Human Rights Watch actually work? Amanda Murdie answers this question by offering the first comprehensive framework for understanding the effects of the international nongovernmental organizations working in the area of human security. Unlike much of the previous literature on INGOs within international relations, its theoretical focus includes both advocacy INGOs and service INGOs.

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The End of Intelligence

Espionage and State Power in the Information Age

DAVID TUCKER

Examining espionage, counterintelligence, and covert action, the book argues that, contrary to prevailing views, the information revolution is increasing the power of states relative to non-state actors and threatening privacy more than secrecy.

“David Tucker’s new study of the information revolution and its implications for contemporary statecraft is uncommonly wise as well as impressively informed.”

—Carnes Lord, Professor of Strategic Leadership, the U.S. Naval War College

256 pages, 2014
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Open Skies

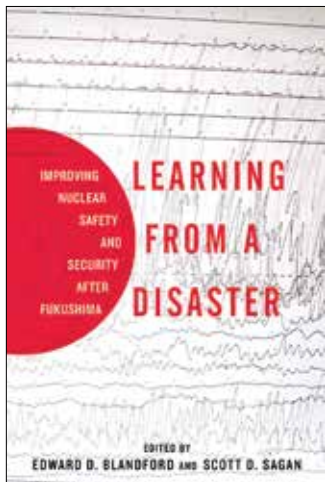
Transparency, Confidence-Building, and the End of the Cold War

PETER JONES

“Open Skies is a crash course on negotiations that de-mystifies the process and equips rookies and veterans alike to be much more effective negotiators. The book is so readable and the analysis so well done that it can be assigned for students at any level, allowing them walk a mile, indeed many miles, in Jones’ uncomfortable shoes.”

—Amy E. Smithson, Senior Fellow, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies

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Learning from a Disaster
Improving Nuclear Safety and Security after Fukushima

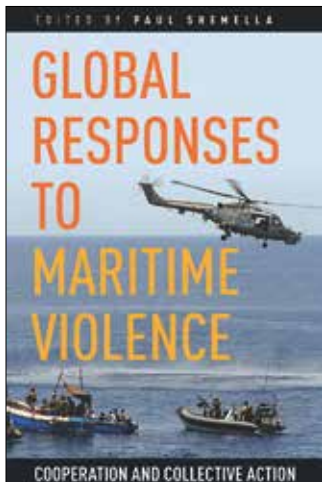
EDITED BY EDWARD D. BLANDFORD AND SCOTT D. SAGAN

This book—the culmination of a truly collaborative international and highly interdisciplinary effort—brings together Japanese and American political scientists, nuclear engineers, historians, and physicists to examine the Fukushima accident from a new and broad perspective.

It explains the complex interactions between nuclear safety risks (the causes and consequences of accidents) and nuclear security risks (the causes and consequences of sabotage or terrorist attacks), exposing the possible vulnerabilities all countries may have if they fail to learn from this accident.

The book further analyzes the lessons of Fukushima in comparative perspective, focusing on the politics of safety and emergency preparedness. It first compares the different policies and procedures adopted by various nuclear facilities in Japan and then discusses the lessons learned—and not learned—after major nuclear accidents and incidents in other countries in the past. The book's editors conclude that learning lessons across nations has proven to be very difficult, and they propose new policies to improve global learning after nuclear accidents or attacks.

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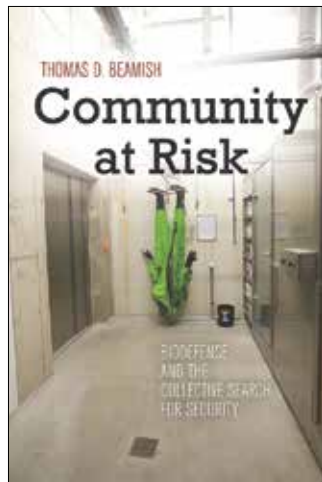
Global Responses to Maritime Violence
Cooperation and Collective Action

EDITED BY PAUL SHEMELLA

Global Responses to Maritime Violence is a full discussion of maritime security short of war that goes beyond the current literature in both scope and perspective. The chapters in this volume examine terrorism, piracy, armed robbery at sea, illegal maritime trafficking, illegal fishing, and other maritime crimes. Contributors uncover both threats and responses as a complex ecosystem that challenges even the strongest national and regional institutions. Managing this system is a “wicked problem” that has no ultimate solution. But the book offers strategic precepts to guide the efforts of any government that seeks to improve its responses to maritime violence.

The bottom line is that maritime violence can be managed effectively enough to protect citizens and national economies that depend on the sea. Comprehensive in scope, the volume coheres around the premise that good governance in the maritime domain, though difficult, is worth the considerable resources required.

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Community at Risk
Biodefense and the Collective Search for Security

THOMAS D. BEAMISH

Thomas D. Beamish examines the diverse civic responses to local universities’ plans to develop National Biocontainment Laboratories in three communities: Roxbury, MA; Davis, CA; and Galveston, TX. Reactions to the biolabs ranged from vocal public opposition to acceptance and embrace. Beamish argues that these divergent responses are caused by civic conventions, relations, and virtues specific to each locale.

HIGH RELIABILITY AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT
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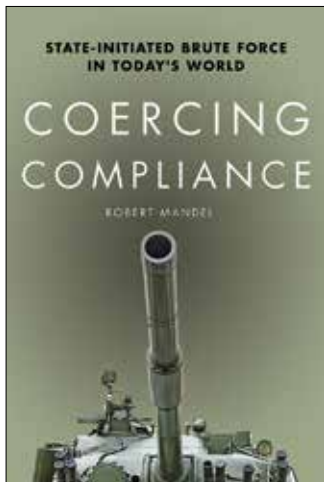
Explanation and Progress in Security Studies
Bridging Theoretical Divides in International Relations

FRED CHERNOFF

“Why do theoretical debates in international relations get recycled rather than resolved? Why does the cumulation of evidence fail to generate scholarly consensus, as it does in the natural sciences? How can we enhance scientific progress in international relations? In this wide-ranging, sophisticated, and innovative study, Chernoff offers persuasive answers to these critical questions.”

—Jack S. Levy, Board of Governors’ Professor, Rutgers University

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Coercing Compliance

State-Initiated Brute Force in Today's World

ROBERT MANDEL

Few global security issues stimulate more fervent passion than the application of brute force. Despite the fierce debate raging about it in government, society and the academy, inadequate strategic understanding surrounds the issue, prompting the urgent need for *Coercing Compliance*—the first comprehensive systematic global analysis of 21st century state-initiated internal and external applications of brute force.

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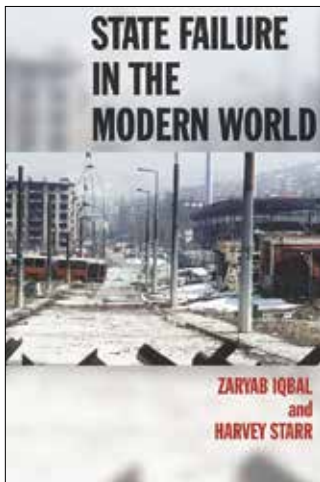
Networked Regionalism as Conflict Management

ANNA OHANYAN

“Networked Regionalism as Conflict Management is a breakthrough for conflict resolution audiences. It integrates conflict theory with regionalism theory in a way that makes both more useful. Graduate students will find new lines of research here to pursue and policy makers will find promising paths to follow.”

—David Matz, University of Massachusetts, Boston

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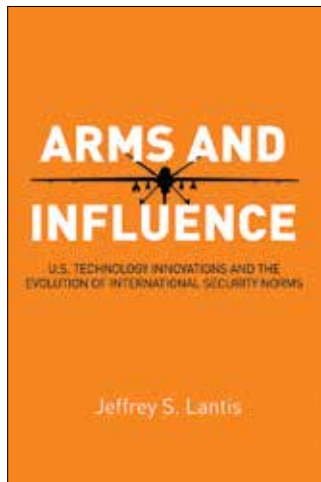
State Failure in the Modern World

ZARYAB IQBAL AND HARVEY STARR

State failure is seen as one of the significant threats to regional and international stability in the current international system. *State Failure in the Modern World* presents a comprehensive, systematic, and empirically rigorous analysis of the full range of the state failure process in the post-World War II state system—including what state failure means, its causes, what accounts for its duration, its consequences, and its implications. Among the questions the book addresses are: when and why state failure occurs, why it recurs in any single state, and when and why its consequences spread to other states.

The book sets out the array of problems in previous work on state failure with respect to conceptualization and definition, as well as how the causes and consequences of state failure have been addressed, and presents analyses to deal with these problems. Any analysis of state failure can be seen as an exercise in policy evaluation; this book undertakes the theoretical, conceptual, and analytic work that must be done before we can evaluate—or have much confidence in—both current and proposed policy prescriptions to prevent or manage state collapse.

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Arms and Influence

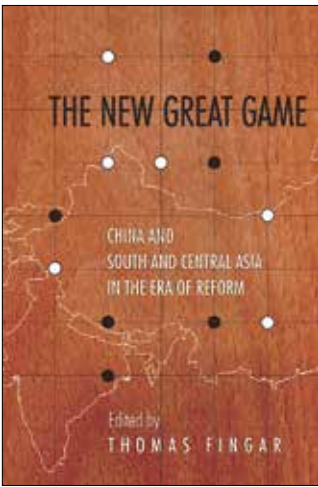
U.S. Technology Innovations and the Evolution of International Security Norms

JEFFREY S. LANTIS

Arms and Influence explores the complex relationship between technology, policymaking, and international norms. Modern technological innovations such as the atomic bomb, armed unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), and advanced reconnaissance satellites have fostered fascinating debates about the boundaries of international norms and legitimate standards of behavior. These advances allow governments new opportunities for action around the world and have, in turn, prompted a broader effort to redefine international standards in areas such as self-defense, sovereignty, and preemptive strikes.

In this book, Jeffrey S. Lantis develops a new theory of norm change and identifies its stages, including redefinition (involving domestic political deliberations) and constructive norm substitution (in multilateral institutions). He deftly takes some of the most controversial new developments in military technologies and embeds them in international relations theory. The case evidence he presents suggests that fascinating periods of norm change are underway across numerous different issue areas.

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The New Great Game
*China and South and Central Asia
in the Era of Reform*

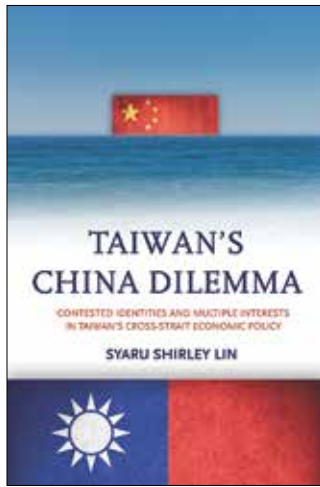
EDITED BY THOMAS FINGAR

China's rise has elicited envy, admiration, and fear among its neighbors. Although much has been written about this, previous coverage portrays events as determined almost entirely by Beijing. Such accounts minimize or ignore the other side of the equation: namely, what individuals, corporate actors, and governments in other countries do to attract, shape, exploit, or deflect Chinese involvement. *The New Great Game* analyzes and explains how Chinese policies and priorities interact with the goals and actions of other countries in the region.

To explore the reciprocal nature of relations between China and countries in South and Central Asia, *The New Great Game* employs numerous policy-relevant lenses: geography, culture, history, resource endowments, and levels of development. This volume seeks to discover what has happened during the three decades of China's rise and why it happened as it did, with the goal of deeper understanding of Chinese and other national priorities and policies and of discerning patterns among countries and issues.

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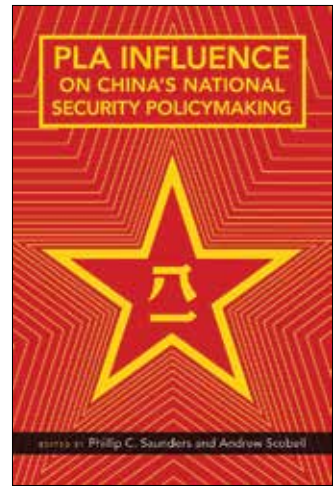
Taiwan's China Dilemma
*Contested Identities and Multiple
Interests in Taiwan's Cross-Strait
Economic Policy*

SYARU SHIRLEY LIN

China and Taiwan share one of the world's most complex international relationships. Although similar cultures and economic interests promoted an explosion of economic ties between them since the late 1980s, these ties have not led to an improved political relationship, let alone progress toward the unification that both governments once claimed to seek. In addition, Taiwan's recent Sunflower Movement succeeded in obstructing deeper economic ties with China. Why has Taiwan's policy toward China been so inconsistent?

Taiwan's China Dilemma explains the divergence between the development of economic and political relations across the Taiwan Strait through the interplay of national identity and economic interests. Using primary sources, opinion surveys, and interviews with Taiwanese opinion leaders, Syaru Shirley Lin paints a vivid picture of one of the most unsettled and dangerous relationships in the contemporary world, and illustrates the growing backlash against economic liberalization and regional economic integration around the world.

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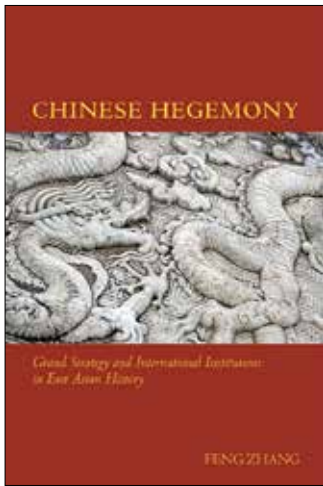
**PLA Influence on China's
National Security
Policymaking**

EDITED BY PHILLIP C. SAUNDERS
AND ANDREW SCOBELL

In recent years there have been reports of actions purportedly taken by People's Liberation Army (PLA) units without civilian authorization, and of Chinese Communist Party (CCP) civilian leaders seeking to curry favor with the military—suggesting that a nationalistic and increasingly influential PLA is driving more assertive Chinese policies on a range of military and sovereignty issues. To many experienced PLA watchers however, the PLA remains a “party-army” that is responsive to orders from the CCP.

This volume seeks to assess the “real” relationship between the PLA and its civilian masters by moving beyond media and pundit speculation to mount an in-depth examination and explanation of the PLA's role in national security policy-making. The evidence reveals that today's PLA does appear to have more influence on purely military issues than in the past—but much less influence on political issues—and to be more actively engaged in policy debates on mixed civil-military issues where military equities are at stake.

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Chinese Hegemony
Grand Strategy and International Institutions in East Asian History
FENG ZHANG

"This is an ambitious book that speaks to important theoretical debates and has an empirical contribution that moves beyond the existing literature on premodern East Asian international relations. It will be debated and discussed at length in the field."

—David C. Kang, University of Southern California

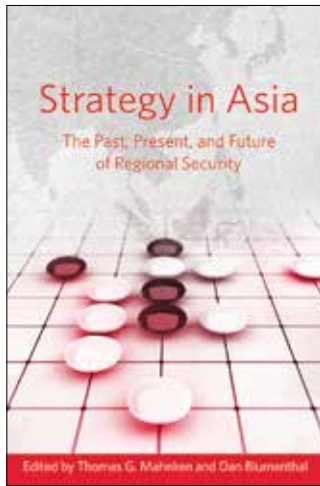
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How India Became Territorial
Foreign Policy, Diaspora, Geopolitics
ITTY ABRAHAM

"In an intellectual space crowded with texts, Itty Abraham breaks new ground. He offers an elegant and insightful account of India's fraught boundaries and the stakes—both domestic and international—of struggles over them. At the same time he sheds new light on academic arguments in international relations and the very practical matter of what nation means in our international world."

—Craig Calhoun, Director of the London School of Economics and Political Science

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Strategy in Asia
The Past, Present, and Future of Regional Security
EDITED BY THOMAS G. MAHNKEN AND DAN BLUMENTHAL

"This is a uniquely successful exploration of East Asia through the dual lens of strategic studies and Asian regional studies. An all-star cast of experts from both disciplines have written short but compelling essays on every facet of Asian security strategy. A valuable contribution; kudos to Mahnken and Blumenthal."

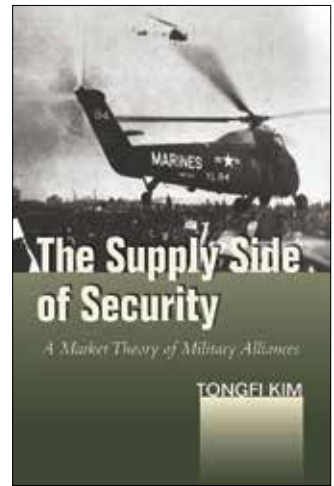
—RADM Michael McDevitt, USN (Ret.), Senior Fellow, CNA Corporation

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Protests Against U.S. Military Base Policy in Asia
Persuasion and Its Limits
YUKO KAWATO

Since the end of World War II, protests against U.S. military base and related policies have occurred in several Asian host countries. *Protests Against U.S. Military Base Policy in Asia* examines state response to twelve major protests in Asia since the end of World War II—in the Philippines, Okinawa, and South Korea.

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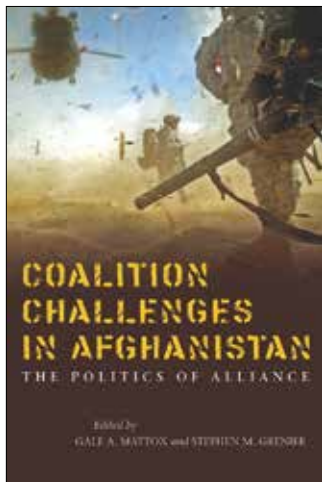


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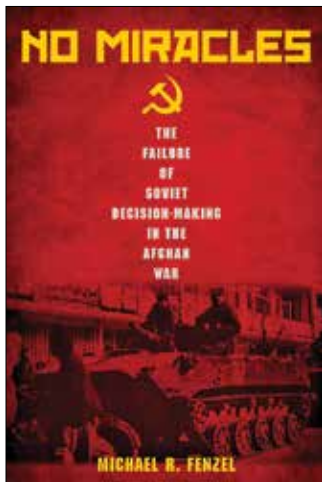
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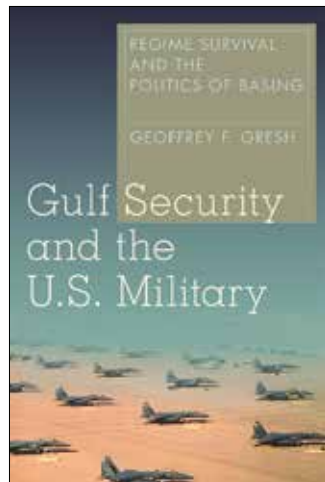
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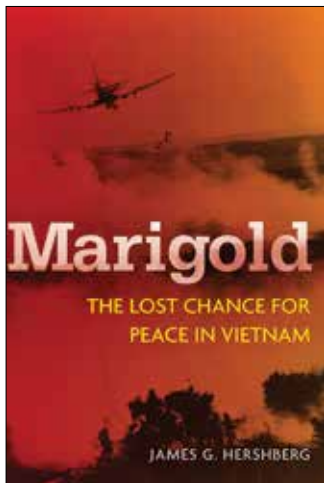
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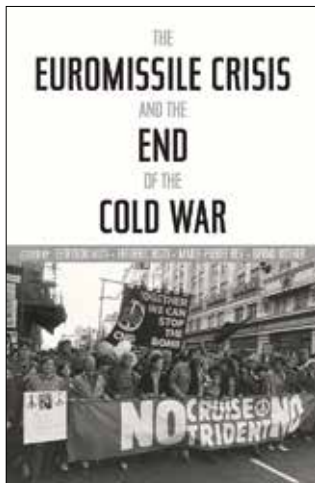
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