

ASEAN

ASEAN naval expansion continues in face of budgetary pressure/ Mitchell Sutton

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVII, No.III/2016, pp.78-82 (41)

The continuing to push ahead with naval modernisation and expansion programmes. ASEAN-driven procurement plan.

Russia's involvement in regional cooperation in East Asia : opportunities and limitations of constructive engagement/ Ekaterina Koldunova

Asian Survey: Vol.56 No.3, May/June 2016, pp.532-554 (12)

This article examines how Russia can fit into East Asian regionalism and whether it has any potential to effect regional dynamics at the multilateral level.

Southeast Asian perspectives on South Korea's middle power engagement initiatives/ Sarah Teo

Asian Survey: Vol.56 No.3, May/June 2016, pp.555-580 (12)

This paper assesses Korea's efforts to promoting itself as a middle power of Southeast Asia, focusing on the perspectives from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Vietnam.

The non-traditional security concept and the EU-ASEAN relationship against the backdrop of China's rise/ Naila Mier-Knapp

The Pacific Review : Vol.29, No.3, July 2016, pp.411-430 (103)

This article presumes that the NTS concept acts, as a perspective concerned with issues of lower sensitivity for Southeast Asian countries to engage and garner support from external partners

At-sea security : ASEAN adopts regional approach to maritime threats/ Ridzwan Rahmat

IHS Jane's Navy International : Vol.121 Iss.6, July/August 2016, pp.12-13 (124)

Southeast Asean navies seek to improve regional inter-operability to offset threats at sea such as kidnapping and piracy.

How do weaker states hedge? unpacking ASEAN states alignment behavior towards China/ Cheng Chwee Kuik

Journal of Contemporary China : Vol.25, No. 100, July 2016 pp.500-514 (102)

This article attempts to fill in the gap by unpacking the constituent component of weaker states alignment decisions, with a focus ASEAN states hedging behavior in the face of a rising China in the post cold war era.

ASIAN

Delhi's nuclear ambitions : China, not Pakistan is the target of India's deterrence drive/ Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan

The World Today : Vol. 72, No. 3, June/July 2016, pp. 30-31 (57)

Pakistan as the world's fifth largest nuclear weapon state. India's effort to develop an effective triad of nuclear weapons system is on going process. Delhi developing ballistic missiles such as the Agni -5 needs to cover the whole China from Southern India.

Hegemonic authority and domestic legitimation : Japan and Korea under Chinese hegemonic order in early modern East Asia/ Ji Young Lee

Security studies: Vol.25, No 2, April-June 2016, pp.320-352 (118)

The article examines the Asian hegemonic system centered on imperial China -the system that characterized the international relations of East Asia between the fourteenth and the end of the eighteenth centuries and takes a sociological approach to hegemony.

The nomadic other: ontological security and the inner Asian steppe in historical East Asian international politics/ Joseph Mackay

Review of International Studies: Vol 42 Issue 3, July 2016, pp.471-491 (45)

This article offers a corrective showing that relations between China and the steppe played an important role in regional politics.

AUSTRALIA

Statement of intent : the white paper and the RAN's future fleet/ James Goldrick

IHS Jane's Navy International : Vol.121 Iss.5, June 2016, pp.20-25 (124)

Australia's latest defence white paper discusses its implications and those of its associated investment programme for the Royal Australian Navy.

The 2016 Australian defence white paper : a view from across the Pacific/ George Galdorisi

Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter: June 2016 Vol.42 No.5, pp.34-38 (9)

2016 defence white paper focus primarily on naval assets, as those are the ACF forces that are watched most closely by other nations of the region and especially by the United States.

AVIATION

Personal flying accident rates of selected light sport aircraft compared with general aviation aircraft/ William D Mills

Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance: Vol 87, No. 7, July 2016, pp. 652-654 (62)

This report represents the calculations and results the aircraft accident rates are influenced by aircraft characteristics and the nature of the flight operations as well as by pilot factors such as medical condition, training and other issues.

Ahead of the pack : defence aviation safety regulations

Australian Defence Magazine: June 2016 Vol.24 No.6, pp.50-52 (61)

2016 is a watershed year for the ADF airworthiness system begins to cut across to the newly developed defence aviation safety regulations. The New Zealand defence force has already agreed to adopt the system and Indonesia has been briefed and will be sending a team to Australia to investigate the potential adoption of DASR.

BRUNEI

Paradoxical normativities in Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia/ Dominik M Muller

Asian Survey: Vol.56 No.3, May/June 2016, pp.415-441 (12)

This article will outline some conceptual considerations on the plurality of justificatory grounds for human rights. Then explore the dynamics of shariah politics in Brunei and Malaysia, and illustrate how Islamic policymakers are connecting the languages of Islamic law and human rights in paradoxical ways.

Brunei in 2015 : oil revenues down, sharia on the rise/ Dominik M Muller

Asian Survey: Vol.56 No.1, January/February 2016, pp.162-167 (12)

The article highlights on Brunei's economy, sharia law and fighting corruption.

CHINA

China's evolving strategic deterrence concepts and capabilities/ Michael S Chase

The Washington Quarterly Vol.39, No.1, Spring 2016, pp.117-136(108)

China's development of advanced weapons and equipment must adhere to the principle that "what the enemy fears is what we develop" an approach that was reportedly first articulated following the May 1999 embassy bombing and that continues to guide China's approach to developing its strategic deterrence capabilities.

CHINA

Will China reach great power status?/ Tim Law

British Army Review: No. 166 Spring 2016, pp.23-32 (15)

In this paper great power status describes a nation state able to pursue an assertive foreign policy and capable of shaping the international geopolitical order.

Refining the price : Chinese oil refineries and its energy security/ Inwook Kim

The Pacific Review : Vol.29, No.3, July, 2016, pp.361-386 (103)

This paper explains the basics of refinery economics and technology and details the development in China's refining industry.

Indian and Chinese espionage/ Nicolas Groffman

Defense & Security Analysis : Vol.32, Issue. 2, 2016, pp.144-162 (94)

This article is not about the conflicts between India and China but about the espionage and information gathering that oils the wheels of political and military decision making by both side.

The rise of China and the future of the Atlantic alliance/ Richard Maher

Orbis: Vol.60 No.3 Summer 2016, pp. 366-381(44)

This article argues that China's rise will create security dynamics that likely will lead to a weakening of the Atlantic alliance. The implications of china's rise have been analyzed and discussed from a number of perspectives from how it will effect the composition and functioning of global economic.

Who's at the helm : the past, present, and future leaders of China's navy/ Jeffrey Becker

Naval War College Review : Vol 69 No 2, Spring 2016, pp.67-90 (F22)

The article's findings suggest that each successive cohort of navy leadership is increasingly developing the characteristics and obtaining the maritime engagement experiences found in the officer corps of other modern, developed navies.

China and liberal hierarchies in global international society : power and negotiation for normative change/ Yongjin Zhang

International Affairs: July 2016, Vol.92 No.4, pp.795-816 (32)

This article investigates how china has been at once defending,contesting and negotiating with the liberal global order in a historically contingent social world with a view to shaping normative change in global international society.

CHINA

Cooperation, competition and shaping the outlook : the United States and China's neighbourhood diplomacy/ Wu Xinbo

International Affairs: July 2016, Vol.92 No.4, pp.849-867 (32)

This article sets out an empirical investigation of cooperation and competition in Sino-US interactions in China's neighbourhood regions, and of the role played by the US factor in shaping China's evolving neighbourhood regions and of the role played by the US factor shaping China's evolving neighbourhood diplomacy in recent years.

Between assertiveness and self-restraint : understanding China's south China Sea policy/ Zhou Fangyin

International Affairs: July 2016, Vol.92 No.4, pp.869-890 (32)

This article addresses questions from an inside-out perspective to bring internal Chinese debates and views about China's strategic goals and policy options to bear on the current debates the Chinese policies towards the South China Sea disputes.

China's ambition in the South China Sea : is a legitimate maritime order possible?/ Katherine Morton

International Affairs: July 2016, Vol.92 No.4, pp.909-940 (32)

The analysis reveals that maritime nationalism is now a central motivating force across the legal strategic and political dimensions of China's stance in the South China Sea

CYBER ATTACKS

Cyber weapons are not created equal/ Christopher A Bartos

Proceedings US Naval Institute: June 2016, pp.30-33(86)

The article highlights the cyber misperceptions, bridging the cyber divide and defensively oriented. Misperceptions about cyber warfare are fueled by a cognitive bias with regard to cyber intrusions and attacks. Cyber attacks targeting the integrity of systems are the most potent.

CYBER SECURITY

Cyber security future trends/ Eric Eifert

Intersec : May 2016, pp.14-16 (69)

The article highlights the growth of ICT integration. The number of successful attacks rising in the years ahead. Cyber security experts will need to use their creativity to get ahead of the threat curve.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Conflicts and natural disaster management : a comparative study of flood control in the republic of Korea and the United States/ Jibum Chung

Disasters: Vol.40 No.3 July 2016, pp.554-572 (23)

The purpose of research is to analyse the conflicts that arise among major stakeholders during the process of disaster management and to suggest policy recommendations for improving disaster management systems.

JAPAN

China says Japanese F-15s locked onto its fighters over East China Sea/ Gabriel Dominguez

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.53 Iss.28, 13 July 2016, p.8 (122)

China has accused two JASDF F-15s of locking onto two Chinese Su-30s. The Chinese Su-30s adopted decisive measures according to Beijing.

LEADERSHIP

Leadership scarcity : has focusing on management eclipsed our motivation to lead?/ Collin D Barry

Marine Corps Gazette : Vol.100, No.6, June 2016, pp.12-15 (71)

This article serves as a potential means to remedy major concerns that could jeopardize reputation as the fiercest, proudest and most disciplined fighting force in the world.

LEBANON

Going alone : Hizbullah targets Islamic state in Lebanon/ Nicholas Blanford

Jane's Intelligence Review: June 2016, Vol.28 Iss.6, pp.26-30 (123)

This issue in the context of the conventional and asymmetric threats posed by the Islamic State. Key points Saudi Arabia has dropped its long standing military economic support to Lebanon, and the Saudi move is driven by Iranian influence in Lebanon.

MALAYSIA

Malaysia army benefits : from RNZAF simulator/ Ron Thacker

Air Force News : Issue 181, June 2016, pp.16 (F2)

The Malaysian army aviation (MAA) corps assessed the simulator in 2013 and found it would meet their on-going requirements for conversion, upgrade and currency training.

MARITIME ENVIRONMENT

Natural partners in challenging waters?: Japan-NATO co-operation in a changing maritime environment/ Alessio Patalano

RUSI Journal: June-July 2016 Vol.161 No.3, pp.42-51 (127)

This paper reviews the Japan- NATO security partnership against the changing maritime landscape. It explores its evolution, arguing that maritime security has been and until now a driving factor in enhancing military interaction and interoperability.

MILITARY HELICOPTER

Regional news : Asia Pacific report

Helicopter International : Vol. 39, No. 6, May- June 2016, p.196 (28)

Brief details of developments in military and police helicopters in China, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Australia

MILITARY REVIEW

Understanding today's enemy : the grand strategists of modern jihad/ Sebastian Gorka

Military Review: May - June 2016, pp.32-38 (81)

The assessment of impact of key jihadi theorists. Jihad has become a threat to all that is decent in the world and foremostly to America the nation that embodies the values of individual liberty and freedom antithetical to the global jihadi movement.

MYANMAR

Mapping Myanmar's naval ambitions/ Stefan Nitschke

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVII, No.II/2016, pp.18-21 (41)

Myanmar's inventory of naval ships and aircraft is rapidly expanding to an external threat defence role in the country's territorial waters. Myanmar has always been given scant almost negligible mention in the field of naval modernisation in Asia.

Japan's bounty in Myanmar/ Patrick Strefford

Asian Survey: Vol.56 No.3, May/June 2016, pp.488-511 (12)

This paper will outline the nature of Japan's long term investment and will show the rationales for Japan's different approach to Myanmar during the sanctions era.

Myanmar's protracted transition/ Marco Bunte

Asian Survey: Vol.56 No.2, March/April 2016, pp.369-391 (12)

The article demonstrates that Myanmar's liberalization though begun as a top-down, elite managed affair initiated by former generals has incorporated a significant amount of discussion with members of parliament and a nascent civil society

NORTH KOREA

Forward thinking : cognitive techniques support better forecasting/ Nick Hare

Jane's Intelligence Review: June 2016, Vol.28 Iss.6, pp.54-57 (123)

The article analyses the effectiveness of using cognitive techniques inspired by Bayes Theorem to provide forecasts on North Korea's nuclear programme. Key points a long running study into political forecasting performance has identified a number of procedures.

Pressure is on : Kim Jung-un orders North Korean nuclear arsenal readied/ Max Blade

Naval Forces: Vol.XXXVII, No.II/2016, pp.6-7 (41)

A new round of tough United Nations sanctions levied on the democratic people's republic of North Korea are specifically intended to punish the country's leadership for its recent satellite launch and fourth nuclear detonation.

Disrupting North Korea's military markets/ Andrea Berger

Survival : Vol.58, No.3, June - July 2016, pp. 101 - 130 (106)

North Korean military clientele currently dominate the limited discussion on the subject that the country's defence offerings are inexpensive compared to competitors and those who buy them are internationally isolated members of the same anti-social network. North Korea's place in the global defence market

Can a North Korean ICBM be prevented?/ Michael Elleman

Arms Control Today: Vol. 46 No. 4, May 2016, pp.16-24 (5)

The history of North Korean ballistic missile development after the initial acquisition of Scud -B technology has become a source of debate.

North Korea tests land sea missiles

Arms Control Today: Vol. 46 No. 5, June 2016, pp.31-32 (5)

North Korea conducted two test launches of its intermediate-range ballistic missile. The test have been designed merely to evaluate the submarine launch systems missile ignition sequence and initial guidance operations.

The North Korea question/ Victor D Cha

Asian Survey: Vol.56 No.2, March/April 2016, pp.243-269 (12)

A young and unproven leader faces severe challenges. Unqualified, inexperienced and bereft of the larger than life leadership myths built around North Korea's cult of personality totalitarian system.

NORTH KOREA

Hungnam revisited : the secret nuclear history of a North Korean city / Walter E Gruden

Intelligence and National Security: Vol.31, No.5, August 2016, pp.715-728 (99)

This article disputes such claims by constructing a history of Hungnam that focuses on the city's nuclear past

PAKISTAN

Pakistan in 2015 : fighting terror, Pakistan army style/ Aqil Shah

Asian Survey: Vol.56 No.1, January/February 2016, pp.216-224 (12)

The article highlights on terrorism and military in Pakistan.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Europe's 'principled pragmatism' on the South China Sea/ Theresa Fallon

RUSI Newsbrief: Vol 36 No 3, May 2016, pp.15-17 (129)

China claims about 85% of strategic waterway. The area contested between China and five Southeast Asian countries Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam. As China flexes its muscles in the South China Sea the EU trying to balance supporting the rule of law against its pragmatic desire to stay Beijing's good side.

Indonesia and the South China Sea/ John McBeth

RUSI Newsbrief: Vol 36 No 3, May 2016, pp.18-20 (129)

Will Indonesia's aspirations to become a regional maritime power set it on a collision course with China?.

TAIWAN

Taiwan's hedging against China/ Charles Chong Han Wu

Asian Survey: Vol.56 No.3, May/June 2016, pp.466-487 (12)

This article offers theoretical mechanism and tends to focus beyond the dilemma of balancing or bandwagoning.

TERRORISM

Predicting terror/ Anthony Tucker-Jones

Intersec : June 2016, pp.20-22 (69)

Intelligent software solutions global about the growing use of predictive software in counter terrorism.

TERRORIST FINANCE

Rethinking CTF strategy : using finance to stop terrorists/ Tom Keatinge

RUSI Newsbrief: Vol 36 No 3, May 2016, pp.1-2 (129)

"Focusing on the task of stopping terrorist finance, policy makers should focus on using financial intelligence to stop terrorists"

THAILAND

Introduction : understanding Thailand's politics/ Veerayooth Kanchoochat

Journal of Contemporary Asia : Vol.46, No.3, August 2016 pp.371-387 (107)

This article examines the fragility and contested nature of Thailand's politics

VIETNAM

A miserable damn performance? The effectiveness of American air power against insurgency in Vietnam/ Squadron Leader Dan Shaw

Air Power Review : Vol.19, No.1, Spring 2016, pp.44-54 (F3)

This article seeks to elucidate lessons from Vietnam in the integration of kinetic and non-kinetic effects from an air perspective.

Norms, military utility and the use/non-use of weapons : the case of anti-plant and irritant agents in the Vietnam war/ Susan B Martin

The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol.39, No.3, June 2016, pp.321-364 (98)

This article has investigated the role that military utility and normative factors played on US decisions regarding the use of anti-plant and irritant agents in the Vietnam war.

A new era in bilateral relations between Vietnam and the US/ BMI

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.1 :Vol.27, Issue 7, July 2016 , p.5 (49)

The US is prioritising the improvement of defence cooperation with nations in the Asia Pacific region as a means to counter China's military build-up in the disputed South China Sea.

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