

AFGHANISTAN

Cognitivism, prospect theory, and foreign policy change : a comparative analysis of the politics of counterinsurgency in Malaya and Afghanistan/ Eszter Simon

*Small Wars & Insurgencies :Vol.26, No.6
December2015, pp.886-911, (97)*

This article uses a comparative approach contrasting America's Afghanistan policy from the outbreak of the insurgency in 2003-2014 with British policy against communist insurgents in Malaya between 1948-1954. The analysis of government policy making in Malaya holds some important political lessons for American leaders today despite differences between insurgencies in Afghanistan and British Malaya.

ASIAN

Defense industries in Asia and the technonationalist impulse/ Richard A Bitzinger

*Contemporary Security Policy : Vol.36, No.3,
December 2015, pp.498-527 (104)*

This article addresses defense industrialization among the leading arms producing states in Asia and how the technonationalist impulse has not only driven defense industrialization in the region but also how techno-nationalism has also provided a model for development.

CHINA

Standing up to China

*Survival : Vol.57, No.6,
December 2015 - January 2016, pp.127-144 (106)*

In this article highlights China used land reclamation techniques to expand many of features that it occupies in the South China Sea most of which were then militarised. China one of the features that it occupies in the SCS indicated that Washington recognised the necessity of stronger countermeasures. China aims to coerce Southeast Asian states

Has U.S. China policy failed/ Harry Harding

*The Washington Quarterly Vol.38, No.3,
Fall 2015, pp. 95-122 (108)*

The article highlights present policy is widely believed to have failed, and strong arguments are being presented for a tougher U.S. policy toward Beijing.

Is China pursuing counter-intervention/ Timothy Heath

The Washington Quarterly Vol.38, No.3, pp.143-156 (108)

This article focusing the concept of 'counter-intervention' in the manner proposed offers advantages. The United States will continue to care about retaining military access to maritime regions which play a vital role in the nation's economy.

CHINA

China in 2014/ Thomas Heberer

*Asian Survey: Vol.55 No.1,
January/February 2015 pp.82-102 (12)*

An overview of political events that occurred in China throughout 2014. This article also talks about China's domestic and foreign policies, China's development against issues such as corruption, anti-terrorism,

South China Sea and its relationship with the United States. The United States, China, and geopolitics in the Mekong region/ Hidetaka Yoshimatsu

*Asian Affairs An American Review Vol.42, No 4,
October - December 2015, pp.173-194 (10)*

The objective of this article is to elucidate power politics in the Mekong region by exploring how China and the United States have committed to the development of Mekong countries. This article also investigates how the US MEKONG policies need to evolve in meeting the geopolitical reality that China has steadily increased its presence in the Mekong region.

XI Jinping and Ma Ying-jeou's historic 2015 meeting in Singapore an interpretation/ Winberg Chai

*Asian Affairs : An American Review Vol.42, No.4,
October - December 2015, pp.195-202 (10)*

The article analyzes the interactions between two competing powers China under the Chinese communist party and Taiwan

Special issue the ties that divide history, honour and territory in Sino-Japanese relations/ William Choong

Adelphi Series Vol. 54, Issue 445, 2014 pp. 9-12 (109)

In this Adelphi the author argues that there is a pressing need for China and Japan to work out bilateral arrangements to prevent a further deterioration in relations. To identify such steps, he explores their disputes over historiography and territory, and how these are affected by their military postures, the US-Japanese alliance and the regional security architecture.

CYBER SECURITY

Nato's cyber defence : strategic challenges and institutional adaption/ Joe Burton

Defence Studies : Vol. 15, No. 4, pp.297-318 (105)

This article explores the definitional and theoretical problems in analysing the emerging cyber security field and seeks to provide an outline of the main strategic challenges that cyber attack NATO

CYBER SECURITY

Public-private partnerships in national cyber-security strategies/ Madeline Carr

International Affairs; Vol.92 No.1, January 2016 pp.43-62 (32)

This article develops a comprehensive understanding of how policy-makers and the private sector are conceptualizing their respective roles in national cyber security, where there may be disparity in these conceptions and what implications this may have for national and international cyber security.

HUMANITARIAN AID

Improving humanitarian aid/ David Miliband, Ravi Gurumurthy

Foreign Affairs: July/August 2015, pp.118-129 (76)

This article discusses on what actions to undertake when conducting humanitarian aid to countries in need.

INDONESIA

Indonesia's forest fires: igniting tensions in Southeast Asia/ Malcolm C.K.

RUSI Newsbrief: Vol 36 No 1, January 2016, pp.24-26 (129)

Jakarta's failure to tackle illegal burning is threatening its relations with its neighbours.

ISIS

A strategy for the ISIS foreign fighter threat/ Thomas R.McCabe

Orbis: Vol.60 No.1 Winter 2016, pp.140-153 (44)

This article proposes a modified strategy comprising three aspects: 1) a counter-narrative stressing ISIS's attacks on Sunni Muslims, questioning their religious credentials, and accurately describing conditions in ISIS-controlled territory, 2) a comprehensive effort to disrupt ISIS recruitment on social media, and 3) countering foreign fighter mobility through a comprehensive international effort to identify foreign fighters, suspending their passports and revoking their citizenship. Unfortunately even these efforts will only be a partial fix for the vastly larger problems of jihadism and radical Islam.

JAPAN

Growing pains neoclassical realism and Japan's security policy emancipation/ Ilai Z Saltzman

Contemporary Security Policy : Vol.36, No.3, December 2015, pp.498-527 (104)

This article examines the trajectory of Japan's security policy transformation, focusing on the causes and nature of dramatic reorientation

MARITIME SECURITY

From dusk to dawn: maritime domain awareness in Southeast Asia/ Christian Bueger

Contemporary Southeast Asia: Vol.37 No.2, Aug 2015 pp.157-182 (19)

The organisation of Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) in Southeast Asia is discussed in this article, focussing on 3 three major centres that provide the backbone of the regional MDA structure i.e. International Maritime Bureau Piracy Reporting Centre (IMB PRC) in Kuala Lumpur, ReCAAP ISC in Singapore and Information Fusion Centre (IFC) also in Singapore. It explores the functions of these 3 centres in the governance of maritime security in the region. It also goes on to argue that each of these centres has different focus and strengths which are in fact can be seen as complimenting each other's functions.

MILITARY LEADERSHIP

One piece at a time : why linear planning and institutionalisms promote military campaign failures/ Ben Zweibelson

Defence Studies : Vol.15, No.4, pp.360-374 (105)

This article critically charges that the entire approach to understanding conflict and subsequent military planning methodologies stem from highly limited yet deeply cherished conceptual models that operate behind the scenes.

NUCLEAR ENERGY

Introduction to the special issue: nuclear power in East Asia/ Tilman Ruff

Asian Perspective: Vol.39 No.4 2015, pp.555-558 (11)

Nearly five years after the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster, with the largest planned share of new nuclear power reactors anticipated to be built in Asia, it is timely to survey the status and challenges of nuclear power in East Asia. This article aims to identify what is really at stake in the vitally important decisions being made in many countries with respect to nuclear power. It will provide perspectives from various disciplines, key to a comprehensive assessment and evidence-based policy.

PAKISTAN

Pakistan in 2014/ Aqil Shah, Bushra Asif

Asian Survey: Vol.55 No.1, January/February 2015 pp.48-59 (12)

An overview of political events in Pakistan throughout the year of 2014.

SINGAPORE***Singapore chief of air force visit cements friendship***

Air Force News : Issue 167, March 2015, pp.6-7 (F2)

The visit provided the RNZAF with an opportunity to give Major General Hoo and his team an overview of where the New Zealand air force is at now, as well as where its heading in the longer term.

Singapore's Heron 1 UAV approaches FOC/ Kelvin Wong

*IHS Jane's International Defence Review: Vol.49
February 2016, p.19 (120)*

A brief report on Singapore's new medium-altitude long-endurance (MALE) unmanned aerial vehicle which is almost approaching full operational capability (FOC). The Heron 1 built by Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) was acquired to replace the ageing Searcher UAVs. However, it has not been disclosed as to the total number of Heron 1 UAVs was acquired.

SOUTH ASIA***What SAARC can learn from ASEAN: past experience and future strategies/ Anushree Chakraborty, et.al***

*The Indonesian Quarterly: Vol 43 No 1,
First Quarter 2015, pp. 55-76 (30)*

This article attempts to compare the regionalization experiences of ASEAN and SAARC countries so as to analyze the differences in their performance. The discussions will cover both economic and political factors that led to considerable success of Southeast Asian countries compared to that of their South Asian neighbours, and will draw on the pertinent lessons from these experiences.

SOUTH CHINA SEA***US Navy to continue South China Sea patrols, confirms CNO/ Grace Jean***

*IHS Jane's Navy International : Vol.121 Iss.1
January/February 2016, . p.5 (123)*

A brief article reporting on the US Navy continuation in patrolling the waters of the South China Sea, in accordance with international law.

SOUTHEAST ASIA***Submarine capabilities and conventional deterrence in southeast Asia/ Jan Joel Andersson***

*Contemporary Security Policy : Vol.36, No.3,
December 2015, pp.473-497 (104)*

This article draws on deterrence theory and analyse the significance of submarine proliferation in Southeast Asia on the strategic balance in the region.

TAIWAN***Rebalancing Taiwan - US relations/ Nien Chung Liao***

*Survival : Vol.57, No.6,
December 2015-January 2016, pp.145-158 (106)*

The Taiwan and United States relationship is a tacit alliance. US alliances however Taipei and Washington's relationship is extremely asymmetric. The asymmetry between the benefits and costs to the United States of maintaining a commitment to Taiwan leads some to venture that the US-Taiwan informal alliance has finally run its course.

TERRORISM***The Islamic state and the new tribalism/ Jeffrey Kaplan***

*Terrorism and Political Violence : Vol. 27, No.5,
November - December 2015, pp.926-969 (116)*

This article will analyze the Islamic state through the lens of the new tribalism. The discussion will focus first on the IS. Second from a policy perspective, IS has proven the fragility of the nation system. Third from an intelligence perspectives IS presents a hydra-headed array of threats and challenges.

THAILAND***The politics of international sanctions: the 2014 coup in Thailand/ Pavin Chachavalponpun***

*Journal of International Affairs: Vol.68 No.1
Fall/Winter 2014, pp.169-185 (36)*

This article studies the political climate of Thailand following the 2014 military coup. It suggests that the era of King Bhumibol Adulyadej is approaching its end with the successor to the throne being deemed unpopular. It also suggests that the military and the traditional elite may dominate this royal succession although observing and protecting democracy in the country. It concludes by discussing how sanctions from the US and EU affect the Thai military grip on the government.

Thailand modernises/ Alex Calvo

*Asian Military Review: November 2015,
pp.10-12, 13, 16 (60)*

Looks at Thailand's effort to modernise its armed forces while facing several issues internally and regionally such as the insurgency in its Muslim-majority regions in Southern Thailand and its territorial issues with neighbours Malaysia and Cambodia.

VIETNAM

Delusions of survival : US deliberations on support for South Vietnam during the 1975 'final offensive' / Jeffrey H Michaels

*Small Wars & Insurgencies : Vol.26, No.6,
pp.957-975 (97)*

This article examines the diplomatic, economy, military and covert options. US policymakers developed to support the South and enable it to 'survive' in one guise or another its last days. Part one will examine US support Vietnam. Second part focuses on the initial period following the start of the North's military offensive, and the last part will look at the report produced in early April by US army chief. The article will conclude with analysis of the international diplomatic efforts.

MALAYSIA

*Logistics for Pacific pathways: Malaysia / Michael McMillan,
Brian W. Tuttle*

Army Sustainment: March-April 2015, pp.42-45 (74)

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