

POWER**Communicating to win/ Simon Harper**

Air Power Review :

Vol.19, No.3, Autumn/Winter 2016, pp.54-65 (F3)

This article examines the challenges that this new communications environment presents to air power professionals and explores how the RAF can survive the threats and exploit the opportunities the new era of communications presents.

CHINA**Is the Chinese army the real winner in PLA reforms/ Philip C Saunders**

JFQ : Joint Force Quarterly :

4th Quarter 2016, No 83, pp.44-48 (79)

In this article argues that the reforms can also be read as an effort by PLAA commanders to use new joint command and control arrangements to reassert the service's strategic relevance and political muscle by gaining the ability to command assets controlled by the other services.

China's military reforms : an optimistic take/ Michael S Chase

JFQ : Joint Force Quarterly :

4th Quarter 2016, No 83, pp.49-52 (79)

Scheduled for completion by 2020, the reforms aim to place the services on a more even footing in the traditionally army-dominated PLA and to enable the military to more effectively harness space, cyberspace and electronic warfare capabilities. By 2020 China's status as a major world power and capable of protecting China's regional and global interests.

CHINA**Military corruption in China : the role of Guanxi in the buying and selling of military positions/ Peng Wang**

The China Quarterly:

December 2016 No.228, pp.970-991 (17)

This paper investigates how Guanxi practices distort the formal military promotion system and facilitate the buying and selling of military positions in the people's liberation army (PLA) It identifies the three key functions of Guanxi in facilitating corrupt transactions, communication, exchange and neutralization.

China, the United States, alliances and war : avoiding the Thucydides trap? / Lam Peng Er

Asian Affairs : An American Review :

Vol.43, No.1,2,3,4, January - March 2016, pp.35-46 (10)

This article examines the discourse of the Thucydides Trap (TT) and its advent in the United States. Following that is an analysis of China's responses to the TT and attempts to diffuse this discourse. The article then assesses the lukewarm American response to Chinese overtures to avoid the TT. The next section is a survey of Japan and the Philippines.

CHINA**The rise of hedging and regionalism : an explanation and evaluation of President Obama's China policy/ Jean Garrison**

Asian Affairs : An American Review :
Vol.43, No.1,2,3,4, January - March 2016,
pp.47-63 (10)

This paper explains the Obama administration's engagement policy by evaluating its two central elements (1), the bilateral relationship with China itself and (2) the rise of a pan-Asian regional policy that undergirds its rebalance to Asia.

The United States in China : can they cooperate/ Ngu Yen Thi Thui Hang

Asian Affairs : An American Review :
Vol.43, No.1,2,3,4, January - March 2016,
pp.67-77 (10)

It argues that the United States the world's most powerful nation and China a rising power are heading toward cooperation rather than confrontation.

Responding to China's rising sea power/ Toshi Yoshihara

Orbis:
Vol.61 No.1, Winter 2017, pp. 91-100 (44)

This article highlights on prolonged strategic competition awaits, candid diplomatic talk backed by force will grant the U.S. and its allies their best chance to uphold the freedom of the seas. The future the new U.S. administration do to repair the damage done? The incoming U.S administration must regard risk as an unavoidable facet of great power relations.

CYBER**The real cyber paradigm : exploiting excess capacity/ Brian E Russel**

Marine Corps Gazette :
Vol.100, No.12, December 2016,
pp.36-42 (71)

In this article a view of the cyber environment needs to understand and be comfortable operating as they face nation's adversaries. The cyber domain is growing and will provide a significant amount of excess capacity for marines to exploit in achieving operational effects.

2017 cyber crime security predictions/ Morey Haber

Intersec:
January 2017, pp.14-16 (69)

The article explores how changing technology will increase the threat of cyber security breaches over the coming year.

CYBER WEAPONS**Predicting the proliferation of cyber weapons into small states/ Daniel Hughes**

JFQ : Joint Force Quarterly :
4th Quarter 2016, No 83, pp.19-26 (79)

This article takes the position that in cyber warfare the balance of power between offense and defense has yet to be determined. The indirect and immaterial nature of cyber weapons ensures that they do not alter the fundamental principles of warfare and cannot win military conflicts unaided.

EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONES**Check China/ Michael S Proctor**

Proceedings US Naval Institute:
December 2016, pp.18-22 (86)

The United States needs to develop a flexible scalable range of options at the tactical level to respond effectively should the PRC escalate actions to reinforce claims.

JAPAN**Closer than ever/ Amy McCullough**

Air Force Magazine:
January 2017, pp.22-27 (58)

The US and Japan build closer military ties as the Far East gets more dangerous. Japan is stepping up its security posture, prompted by recent provocative moves by North Korea and China.

LEADERSHIP**Servant leaders : the best way to serve your marines/ Adam M Fountain**

Marine Corps Gazette :
Vol. 101, No.1, January 2017, pp.8-9 (71)

This article is the subject of unselfishness and servant leadership. A good leader invests himself into mission accomplishment and the welfare of his marines.

MALAYSIA**Malaysia's approach to the South China Sea dispute after Tribunal's ruling/ Prashanth Parameswaran**

Contemporary Southeast Asia :
Vol. 38, No. 3, December 2016,
pp.375-381 (19)

The article highlights on Malaysia's South China Sea approach preferring to communicate its concerns with Beijing privately rather than air them publicly and proving more willing bolster bilateral ties in spite of the dispute. Malaysia's has recognized that the award has strengthened international law as well as bolstered its own claims which it is seeking to protect in the face of China's rising assertiveness.

MILITARY REFORMS**Chinese military reforms: a pessimistic take/ Roger Cliff**

IFQ : Joint Force Quarterly :
4th Quarter 2016, No 83, pp.53-56 (79)

The assessment of changes have rightly been recognized as significant steps toward resolving some longstanding problems caused by the PLA's previous organizational structure. The PLA has made significant improvements in many areas over the past two decades in an effort to transform itself into an effective modern fighting force.

MILITARY REFORMS**What do China's military reforms mean for Taiwan/ Joel Wuthnow**

IFQ: Joint Force Quarterly:
4th Quarter 2016, No 83, pp.44-48 (79)

The reforms not only significantly altered the PLA's organizational structure but also redefined authority relationships among major components. The PLA's organizational reforms are clearly intended to allow China to field a stronger joint force capable of effectively conducting operations across the range of possible contingencies including those related to Taiwan.

MYANMAR**Aung San Suu Kyi's ultimate test/ Daniel P Sullivan**

Havard International Review:
Vol.XXXVIII. No 1, Fall 2016, pp.28-33 (67)

Suu Kyi and the NLD will need to show leadership in countering dangerous forces and the international community support. According to UN figures nearly a million people from Myanmar are displaced either within the country or in surrounding countries. The new government faces a host of competing priorities from constitutional reform to delivering promised growth even as the military continues to wield inordinate economic and political influence.

MYANMAR**Relations with Japan are positive for economic growth**

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol 1:
Vol.28, Issue 2, February 2017, p.6 (49)

Aung San Suu Kyi's successful state visit to Japan in early November marks yet another step in the country's efforts to diversity its sources of foreign direct investment as well as improve bilateral ties with the region's larger economies.

NORTH KOREA**A marine's guide to North Korea/ Bruce E Bechtol**

Marine Corps Gazette:
Vol.100, No.12, December 2016, p.8-16 (71)

An analysis of the key issues in North Korea that are important to military professionals as they look to planning concerns, knowledge of social politic military factors in the DPRK and general issues that should be concerned about the future.

One impulse for Trump to heed/ Leon V Sigal

Arms Control Today:
Vol. 47 No. 1, January/February 2017, pp.14-17 (5)

North Korea continues to arm the fallback position of many in Washington is to bolster deterrence and contain. Trump's indisposition to military intervention and skepticism about alliances seem to rule out some of the more forceful options being bruited about in Washington.

NORTH KOREA**Theater missile defense is destabilizing/
Norman Friedman**

*Proceedings US Naval Institute:
January 2017, pp.90-91 (86)*

An ongoing dispute about missile defense in the Far East echoes some cold war arguments.

SINGAPORE**The Singapore fever in China : policy mobility
and mutation/ Kean Fan Lim**

*The China Quarterly:
December 2016 No.228, pp.992-1017 (17)*

This paper evaluates the emergence and effects of lesson drawing and policy transfers from Singapore to the PRC in the post Mao era. It has two objectives first, it re-examines how this Sino-Singaporean regulatory engagement, second the paper provides a twofold evaluation of the concrete policies and ideas drawn from Singapore

SOUTH CHINA SEA**In the eye of the typhoon : Taiwan and the
growing dispute in the South china sea/
Dennis Hickey**

*Asian Perspective:
Vol.40 No.4, 2016, pp. 731-751 (11)*

This study provides an overview of the ongoing South China Sea dispute and outlines Taiwan's policy. The South China Sea is one of the most disputed areas of sea in the world. Seven states the people's Republic of China, Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei Indonesia and the Philippines lay claim to part or all of the south China Sea

SOUTH KOREA**THAAD deployment in South Korea :
militarism leading to political
regression/ Grian Lee**

*Havard International Review :
Vol.XXXVIII. No 5, Winter 2017,
pp.34-37 (67)*

President Park's decision to deploy THAAD in South Korea shows determination to military approach current state of North and South Korean relations which will only lead to a destructive arms race.

SOUTHEAST ASIA**Russia's image and soft power
resources in Southeast Asia :
perceptions among young elites in
Laos, Thailand and Vietnam/
Alexander Bukh**

*Contemporary Southeast Asia :
Vol. 38, No. 3, December 2016,
pp.445-475(19)*

By analyzing the images of Russia and its soft power resources, this article seeks to create a more comprehensive understanding of the ways contemporary Russia is perceived in the world and its potential tools of influence in Southeast Asia.

TERRORISM**The hidden face of jihadist internet forum management : the case of ansar Al Mujahideen/ Manuel R Torres-Soriano**

Terrorism and Political Violence :
Vol. 28, No.3 July-August, No.4 September-October,
No 5, November-December 2016, pp.735-749 (116).

An analysis of the information provides a more robust underpinning of some of assumptions concerning the jihadist internet infrastructure while also offering a new perspective on some of the main players their capacities and the problems they face.

Taking a new perspective : mapping the Al Qaeda network through the eyes of the UN security council/ Eric Stollenwerk

Terrorism and Political Violence :
Vol. 28, No.3 July-August, No.4 September-October,
No 5, November-December 2016, pp.950-970(116)

The analysis reveals that the Al Qaeda network consists of several hundred individual and group nodes connecting almost all over the globe.

THAILAND**A reality check after Thailand's king Bhumibol/ Nicholas Farrelly**

RUSI Journal:
December 2016 Vol.161 No.6, pp.4-8 (127)

This article argues Thailand's military leadership is preparing for further turbulence and conflict.

UNITED STATES**Obama's legacy/ Zachary Fryer Biggs**

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly:
Vol.54 Issue. 5, 01 February 2017,
pp. 36-39 (122)

In terms of international deployments Barack Obama has left the US presidency in a similar position to how he found it. Eight years witnessed a full cycle of defence and national security upheaval as well as attempts to cut down US involvement overseas.

The tragedy of Obama's foreign policy/ Michael J Boyle

Current History:
January 2017, pp.10-16 (20)

The Obama administration became enamored with the hope of transcending great power politics. A critique of his legacy must be tempered by recognizing his accomplishments. Obama knows that many of his accomplishments will be undone by a Trump administrations. The final judgment Obama glimpsed the need for change but lacked the focus and political courage to push United States onto a different path.

Getting out of the gulf/ Charles L Glaser

Foreign Affairs :
Vol. 96, No. 1, January/February 2017,
pp. 122-131 (76)

Is Persian gulf oil still worth defending with American military might? Experts predictions about the economic losses an oil disruption would cause vary widely.

UNITED STATES**Will Washington abandon the order : the false logic of retreat/ Kori Schake***Foreign Affairs :**Vol. 96, No. 1, January/February 2017, pp. 41-47 (76)*

President Barrack Obama has sought to reduce U.S involvement overseas and has moved away from the interventionist strategy of preserving liberal hegemony, arguably offshore balancing. That approach was recently advocated by the political scientists who argued that instead of policing the world, Washington should encourage other countries to take the lead in checking powers, intervening itself only when necessary.

**Shaping the 21st century military/
F.G.Hoffman***Orbis:**Vol.61 No.1, Winter 2017, pp. 43-63 (44)*

This article offers options and guidance for two major components of U.S policy.

VIETNAM**The South china Sea award : legal implications for Vietnam/ Nguyen Thi Lan Anh***Contemporary Southeast Asia :**Vol. 38, No. 3, December 2016, pp.369-374 (19)*

The Tribunal's award has opened a new chapter in the long running dispute in the south China Sea. It is now up to the claimants to seize the opportunities presented by the ruling and transform regional hot spot into a sea of cooperation base on good faith and the rule of law. This article addresses both the opportunities and challenges for Vietnam as well as the short term and long term impacts of the Tribunal's award

WAR**Planning and fighting a war : the Iraq inquiry's judgements on the armed forces/ Michael Clarke***RUSI Journal:**December 2016 Vol.161 No.6, pp.50-57 (127)*

The challenge that Chilcot's evidence presents for the armed forces is to decide on the balance of strategic and tactical success and failure and in particular to identify which failures ought to be avoidable in future.

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