

ASEAN

Assessing ASEAN'S Relevance Have the Right Questions Been Asked?/ Cheong Kee Cheok and Yong Chen Chen

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When ASEAN celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, it was asked if an organization founded on principles appropriate for the 1960s remains relevant today. This paper argues that an assessment should, instead, be based on what its members want it to do, expressed through policy announcements and documents like the ASEAN Charter. Overall, while ASEAN may not live up to the expectations of its critics, its achievements in some areas do suggest its continued relevance even under vastly changed circumstances, both domestic and external.

CHINA

Introduction: The 'Singapore model' and China's Neo-Authoritarian Dream/ Stephan Ortmann and Mark R. Thompson

The China Quarterly: December 2018, No.236, pp.930-945 (17)

This special section deals with China's longstanding fascination with Singapore's development experience that has preoccupied post-Maoist leaders from Deng Xiaoping to Xi Jinping despite the obvious differences between the tiny Southeast Asian city-state and the most populous country on earth. In particular, there is great Chinese interest in Singapore's success in combining effective governance and efficient state capitalism with stable one-party dominant rule.

CHINA

On the fungibility of economic power: China's economic rise and the East Asian security order/ Robert S. Ross

European Journal of International Relations: Vol. 25, Issue. 1, March 2019, pp. 303-327 (26)

The key analytical issue for international politics and for an understanding of the sources of power is whether economic power is fungible in international security affairs, whether it can independently determine the strategic alignments of small states. This is also the key question in assessing the implications of China's economic rise for the East Asian security order.

CLIMATE CHANGE

As the stakes rise, climate action loses momentum/ Joshua Busby

Current History: Vol 118, No.804, January 2019, pp.36 - 38 (20)

This article reviews what has happened since 2015 Paris Agreement for negotiations on climate action, that resulted a bottom-up approach that allowed countries to set their own targets.

DEMOCRACY**Out of the Barracks: The Role of the Military in Democratic Revolutions/ Marcos Degaut**

Armed Forces & Society: Vol. 45, No. 1, January 2019, pp.78-100 (3)

Why some democratic revolutions succeed while others fail? Too little attention, however, has been paid to analyzing the role of the military. By discussing the different types of interactions played by the military in five cases of successful democratic revolutions this study finds out that the key factor in determining their outcome is the army's response and that the military backing is a necessary condition for a democratic revolution to succeed.

INTERNATIONAL LAW**The hidden power of the new economic sanctions/ Joy Gordon**

Current History: Vol 118, No.804, January 2019, pp. 3 - 10 (20)

In the past twenty years, the development of targeted 'smart' sanctions has been widely viewed as resolving the core tension in the use of economic sanctions. But how they have worked in practice is very different.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**The infrastructural power of the military: The geoeconomic role of the US Army Corps of Engineers in the Arabian Peninsula/ Laleh Khalili**

European Journal of International Relations: Vol. 24, Issue. 4, December 2018, pp.911-933 (26)

In analysing the role of the US in the global expansion of capitalist relations, most critical accounts see the US military's invasion and conquest of various states as paving the way for the arrival of US businesses and capitalist relations. However, beyond this somewhat simplified image, and even in peacetime, the US military has been a major geoeconomic actor that has wielded its infrastructural power via its US Army Corps of Engineers' overseas activities.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**Framing, resonance and war: Foregrounds and backgrounds of cultural congruence/ Markus Kornprobst**

European Journal of International Relations: Vol. 25, Issue. 1, March 2019, pp.61-85 (26)

This article addresses the communicative processes through which leaders succeed or fail to generate public support for going to war.

Ritualised securitisation: The European Union's failed response to Hamas's success/ Catherine Charrett

European Journal of International Relations: Vol. 25, Issue. 1, March 2019, pp.156-178 (26)

Why and how do political leaders and bureaucrats miss opportunities or make mistakes? This article explores the pressures to conform and to perform that direct securitising decisions and practices. It begins with the assertion that the European Union missed an opportunity to engage with Hamas after the movement's participation and success in transparent and democratically legitimated elections, and instead promoted a politics of increased securitisation.

LEADERSHIP**Wider Officer Competence: The Importance of Politics and Practical Wisdom/ Carsten F. Roennfeldt**

Armed Forces & Society: Vol. 45, No. 1, January 2019, pp.59-77 (3)

Drawing from the dialogue between Huntington and Janowitz, as well as Aristotle's notion of practical wisdom, this article proposes a wider understanding of officer competence consisting of four distinct conceptual categories. This article suggests strategies to develop sociopolitical competencies that officers need to be able to achieve a diversity of national political goals.

MARITIME SECURITY

Fusing minds: Singapore adopts multinational approach towards defeating threats at sea Ridzwan Rahmat

IHS Jane's Navy International: Vol.124, Issue 03, April 2019, p.30-33 (124)

The Asia-Pacific region is home to several overlapping maritime territorial claims and has often witnessed tensions between naval services, but these difficulties are being put aside by the multinational bevy of naval officers at Singapore's Information Fusion Centre.

MEDICINE

2019 Canadian guidelines for physical activity throughout pregnancy

British Journal of Sports Medicine (The Journal Of Sport And Exercise Medicine) : Vol 53, Issue 2, January 2019 (16)

This issue of BJSM features the 2019 Canadian guidelines for physical activity throughout pregnancy that can reassure women and their care providers that exercise throughout gestation is a safe and healthy activity and also a critical therapy to ensure a better pregnancy outcome. This issue also expands the knowledge of benefits and risks in those pregnancies where women want to exercise, train or compete at the intense level.

MISSILES

Capability crossover: Multi-purpose cruise missiles/ Dr Lee Willet

Armada International : February/March 2019, Issue 01, pp.14-17 (2)

As Western navies seek to counterbalance increasing competition at sea while retaining the ability to convey influence ashore, naval cruise missiles are being developed to deliver both land-attack and anti-ship capability.

MYANMAR

Myanmar economic outlook - growth faces risks as reputation weakens

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.1 : Vol.30, Issue 5, May 2019, pp.8-9 (49)

Myanmar's economy faces rising downside risks such as undermine investment due to its deteriorating international reputation and rising instability. In turn, Myanmar faces near-term risks from a slowdown in regional growth linked to China's cyclical slowdown and trade tensions.

Producing intransigence: (Mis) understanding the United Wa state army in Myanmar/ Andrew Ong

Contemporary Southeast Asia : Vol. 40, No. 3, December 2018, pp.222-246 (19)

This article examines the casting of the United Wa State Army (UWSA) as an intransigent and dangerous actor in the Myanmar peace process. It analyses how media narratives express two simultaneous yet contrastive qualities of the Wa Region and the UWSA: rigidity and fluidity.

RISK COMMUNICATION

Risk communication and risk perception: lessons from the 2011 floods in Brisbane, Australia/ Mark Kammerbauer and John Minnery

Disasters: Vol.43, Number 1, January 2019, pp.110-134 (23)

Risk communication and risk perception are critical factors in disaster management. Governments at all levels play a part in communicating risk, whereas the perception of risk entails active roles by community participants, including potential and actual victims of disasters. The article concludes with some recommendations to avoid the misinterpretation of warning information in relation to environmental cues and in promoting adequate responses.

TERRORISM

Militant Islam in Southeast Asia: new insights into Jihad in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines/ Kirsten E. Schulze and Julie Chernov Hwang

Contemporary Southeast Asia : Vol. 41, No. 1, April 2019,(19)

The five articles in this special issue of Contemporary Southeast Asia contribute to this debate on how to evaluate the transnational elements in Militant Islam in Southeast Asia by highlighting the importance of the local context for understanding the outbreak of violence and terrorism, support for and recruitment into militancy, and strategic behaviour by jihadi groups.

Weapons of mass participation: Social media, violence entrepreneurs, and the politics of crowdfunding for war/ Nicole Sunday Grove

European Journal of International Relations: Vol. 25, Issue. 1, March 2019, pp.86-107 (26)

Since 2012, North American and European civilians have regularly engaged in combat operations against the Islamic State in the globalized and decentralized battlefields of Iraq and Syria. This article focuses on two aspects of this phenomenon “ violence entrepreneurs and how online donations are distributed to these entrepreneurs for their self-crafted missions.

Assessing the violent targeting of faith-based organizations/ Dr. Joshua Sinai

The Journal of Counter Terrorism & Homeland Security International : Vol.24, No 3, 2018, pp.20-25(29)

Faith-based organizations have recently become major targets for conducting mass killings by three types of attackers: ideologically driven terrorists, psychologically driven active shooters, as well as, on occasion, workplace violence-related attackers.

TRAINING

Fighting bloodless battles

Armada International : February/March 2019, Issue 01, pp.18-21 (2)

The challenge of finding the right way to adapt synthetic training to achieve the right results in real life is one that the US Army has grasped. The saying 'sweating today will save blood tomorrow' should be the mantra of every military leader. Synthetic training could provide how war fighters and even supporting entities will rehearse and execute future missions.

UNMANNED SYSTEMS

Drone affairs

Flight International: 16-22 April 2019, pp.25-34 (65)

While the military continues eagerly to explore novel ways of exploiting UAV Technology, civil aviation's love-hate relationship with remotely piloted aircraft is developing cautiously. This special report on unmanned systems covers articles on airport safety, coastguard duty, loitering munitions and nanoscouts.

WEAPON TECHNOLOGY

The Challenges of Emerging Technologies/ Michael T. Klare

Arms Control Today: Vol.48, No.10, December 2018, pp.10-16 (5)

In every other generation, it seems, humans develop new technologies that alter the nature of warfare and pose fresh challenges for those seeking to reduce the frequency, destructiveness, and sheer misery of violent conflict. This article discusses Artificial Intelligence, Autonomous Weapons Systems and Hypersonic Weapons being used as tomorrow weapons.

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