

AFGHANISTAN

French military adaption in the Afghan war : looking inward or outward/ Olivier Schmitt

The Journal of Strategic Studies : Vol 40, No. 4, June 2017, pp. 577-599 (98)

This article explores the horizontal mechanism through the comparative study of French and German military adaptation in Afghanistan.

AIR SYSTEMS

Unmanned future/ Francis Tusa

Asian Defence Technology : Vol.24, May/June 2017, pp.16-18 (130)

Navies are looking at use of UAVs in wider patrol/surveillance

ASEAN

ASEAN connectivity : challenge for an integrated ASEAN community/ Phidel Vineles

RSIS Commentary : 11 January 2017, No 010

It is crucial for the success of the ASEAN community to strengthen and build its intra-regional connectivity

ASEAN as the regional conductor : understanding ASEAN's role in Asia Pacific order/ Robert Yates

The Pacific Review : Vol.30, No.4, July 2017, pp. 443-461 (103)

This paper discusses the debate regarding ASEAN's contribution to regional order and explores how alternatives approaches have understood ASEAN's role.

From ambiguity to contestation : discourse(s) of non-traditional security in the ASEAN community/ Stephanie Martel

The Pacific Review : Vol.30, No.4, July 2017, pp. 549-565 (103)

This paper reveals a more fundamental lack of consensus as to the main source of regional insecurity, the primary security referent in NTS and the ultimate objective to be achieved through NTS cooperation

ASIA PACIFIC

Will the U.S rebalance to the Asia Pacific region continue?/ George Galdorsi

Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter : June 2017, Vol.43, No.5, pp.52-55 (9)

One of the most significant and closely watched geopolitical trends of the last decade has been the United States widely announced rebalance to the Asia Pacific region. The fundamental goal underpinning the shift was to devote more effort to influencing the development of the Asia Pacific's 'norms and rules'

Alternative realities : explaining security in the Asia Pacific/ Mark Beeson

Review of International Studies: Vol 43 Issue 3, July 2017, pp.516-533 (45)

The key dynamic in the Asia pacific at presents is the rise of China and the response of the United States. To look at the contemporary Asia Pacific region which is the principal focus of this article.

Asia - Pacific rebalance at pivot point/ Lee Willett

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 20, 17 May 2017, p.28-31 (122)

The Trump administration develops its defence strategy the continuing shifts in global political plate tectonics

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

Can we make the global network of navies work/ George Galdorsi

Proceedings US Naval Institute : May 2017, pp.49-53 (86)

The article highlights on the integration of the political, economic and cultural activities of geographically separated peoples at the core of today's accelerated global integration.

CHINA

As China ascends PACOM chief wants more lethal weapons submarines/ Daniel Wasserbly

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 18, 03 May 2017, p. 11 (122)

The US military in the Asia Pacific region needs longer range weapons and more submarines.

Washington's perceptions and misperceptions of Beijing's anti access-denial (A2-AD) strategy : implications for military escalation control and strategic stability/ James Johnson

The Pacific Review : Vol.30, No.3, May 2017, pp. 271-288 (103)

This article identified two key factors that have complicated the challenge for defence analysts in their assessments of Chinese A2-AD reinforcing the propensity for capacity-based methodologies, exacerbating strategic ambiguities and given misperceptions and cognitive biases space to grow.

Trump's missing Asia strategy/ Tim Huxley

Survival : Vol.59, No.3, June-July 2017, pp.81-89 (106)

The article highlights on the Trump administration Asia strategy that will measure its allies and partners Washington's capacity, competence, and resolve to retain its position of leadership in the region. The prospect that Trump raised during the campaign of a reduced strategic role for the United States had triggered unease in many Asia Pacific capitals.

A great leap forward/ Jon Grevatt

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 19, 10 May 2017, pp.22-27 (122)

The article reports on China is ramping up efforts to develop the industrial capabilities that can provide people's liberation army with the edge it requires over regional rivals.

China's strategic access to Gwadar road : pivotal position in belt and road/ Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy

RSIS Commentary : 06 January 2017, No 005

The vital role of ports to both security and development has enabled Pakistan and China to blur the distinction between economic and military purposes.

China tests new missile system in Bohai sea/ Gabriel Domingues

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 20, 17 May 2017, p.15 (122)

China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) rocket force has successfully test fired a new missile in the Bohai Sea.

Exporting security : China, United States and innovator's dilemma/ Robert C Rubel

Naval War College Review : Vol 70 No 2, Spring 2017, pp.11-28 (F22)

China's emergence as an economic and military power has absorbed considerable energy on the part of U.S policy and strategy makers and pundits. This article offers a diagnosis of the nature of the competition that is emerging.

China in a global context over half a century/ Peter Harris

New Zealand International Review: Vol 42 No 3, May/June 2017, pp.5-9 (82)

This article reviews of China's place in the world by looking at its response to changes in the international order following the demise of the Soviet Union.

China's diplomatic initiatives in the Middle East : the quest for a great power role in the region/ Yoram Evron

International Relations: Vol.31 No.2, 2 June 2017, pp.125-144 (33)

China strives to be part of major processes in the Middle East and attempts to advance its value and interests. It tries to achieve without intensive investment of political economic and military resources.

China syndrome/ Greg Waldron

Flight International: 13-19 June 2017, pp:92-93 (65)

China has had notable success exporting military aircraft when measured in volume.

US report targets Chinese airpower/ Greg Waldron

Flight International: 20-26 June 2017, p.21 (65)

New Chinese bombers will have additional capabilities with full spectrum upgrades over the current fleet and will employ many fifth generation technologies in their design.

CYBER DEFENCE**Ways to implement cyber defence in CSDP activities/ Jan Peter Giesecke**

Impetus : Issue 23, Spring/Summer 2017, pp.16-17

CSDP activities assured information and functioning and uncontested communication and information systems and therefore deeply rely on the availability of free and secure to the internet.

DARPA launches CASE for inherent cyber defence/ Gerrard Cowan

IHS Jane's International Defence Review: June 2017, Vol.50, pp.24-25 (120)

The cyber assured systems engineering (CASE) project will look at how cyber security techniques can be applied in a broad scalable fashion by making cyber-resiliency a non functional property at the system level.

CYBERSPACE**Fight in cyberspace : the state strikes back/ Eugene EG Tan**

RSIS Commentary : 10 January 2017, No 009

Ensuring that the state is secure from cyber threats is increasingly becoming the priority of states all over the world.

CYBER WARFARE**The digital front line/ Zachary Fryer Biggs**

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 18, 03 May 2017, Pp. 22-27 (122)

The article reports as cyber warfare evolves and becomes a threat with increasingly local ramifications the US armed forces led principally by the US army are formulating the strategy and tactics to deal with it.

The millenials war : dilemmas of network dependency in today's military/ Matthew Crosston

Defense & Security Analysis : Vol.33, Issue. 2, 2017, pp.94-105 (94)

This article highlights on how the United States military has become so dependent that its chief doctrine integrates networked technology into nearly every specialty with particularly intense focus on network centric warfare.

Preemptive offensive cyberwarfare/ David Gewirtz

The Journal of Counterterrorism and Homeland Security International : Vol 23, No 1, Spring 2017, pp.8-10 (29)

This article highlights three keys benefits to using cyber weapons offensively.

DISASTER**Trust but verify : social media models for disaster management/ Amisha M Mehta**

Disasters: Vol.41 No.3, July 2017, pp.549-565 (23)

This paper analyses the ways in which trust is produced, guarded, or verified on social media during disasters as a means to inform emergency management processes and policy.

INDONESIA**Role conflict and the limits of state identity: the case of Indonesia in democracy promotion/ Moch Faisal Karim**

The Pacific Review : Vol.30, No.3, May 2017, pp. 385-404 (103)

This paper analyses why Indonesia projects democracy as a state identity by taking the role of democracy promoter.

Trouble in paradise : contesting security Bali/ Matt McDonald

Security Dialogue : Vol.48, No.3, June 2017, pp. 241-258 (47)

The article examines security agents and employs a framework of security contestation to make sense of the manner in which they engage with and redefine the provision of security Bali.

Frigates heading for new roles/ Stefan Nitschke

Military Technology: Vol XLI, Issue 2 2017, pp. 104-107 (38)

MT discusses how frigates are acknowledged to be a vital enabler for naval forces. Current naval procurement programmes highlight the need for multi-purpose, multi-role surface combatants with a high level of modularity and long endurance for the 2020s.

ISIS**Crowdsourcing local attacks : ISIS expands its radical reach/ Syed Huzaifah Bin Othman Alkaff**

RSIS Commentary : 20 February 2017, No 032

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) has taken to crowdsourcing local attacks to make up for its losses in the Middle East.

JAPAN**Unfinished 'beyond-the threat theory'-Japan's 'basic defense force concept' revisited/ Yasuaki Chijiwa**

NIDS Security Reports : No 17, December 2016, pp.83-101

The introduction process of the concept has been described on many occasions. The NDPO set forth basic directions for a future defense force such as Japan's basic security policies and the significance and role of Japan's defense force as well as the specific organization of the self-defense forces (SDF) based on such policies and role and the deployment target for major equipment.

Defence for and from Japan/ Robert Czulda

Military Technology: Vol XLI, Issue 6 2017, pp. 68-71 (38)

Spotlight on Japan. Japan has increased defence spending and initiated efforts to export locally produced equipment to other countries mainly in South East Asia.

Japan maritime self-defence force review/ Dzirhan Mahadzir

Military Technology: Vol XLI, Issue 6 2017, pp. 96-98 (38)

Mt investigate how the Japan Maritime self defence force (JMSDF) faces the problem of dealing with three major conventional threats right on its doorstep.

KOREA**The association between perceived unmet medical need and mental health among the Republic of Korea armed forces/ Tae Kyung Kim**

Journal of Royal Army Medical Corps: Vol.163 Iss.3, June 2017, pp.184-192 (37)

The study indicates that unmet medical need is significantly associated with soldiers mental health decline and suicide ideation, highlighting the importance of providing military personnel with timely affordable and sufficient medical care.

MALAYSIA**Malaysian defence industry review/ Dzirhan Mahadzir**

Military Technology: Vol XLI, Issue 3 2017, pp. 38-42 (38)

Malaysia's defence industry largely continues to be limited to orders only from the Malaysian armed forces and to meeting their MRO needs. This is an overarching review of the Malaysian defence industry.

MYANMAR**Images show Myanmar air force JF-17/FC-1 fighter conducting flight tests in China/ Gabriel Dominguez**

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 25, 21 June 2017, p.19 (122)

Myanmar had signed a contract for 16 such aircraft at a unit cost of USD 16 million.

NAVIGATION**Hostile control of ships via false GPS signals : demonstration and detection/ Jahshan Bhatti**

Navigation : Vol 64 No 1, Spring 2017, pp.51-66 (43)

The aim of this work is to explore civil maritime transportation's vulnerability to deceptive GPS signals and to develop a detection technique that is compatible with sensors commonly available on modern ships.

NORTH KOREA

North Korea remains most immediate threat to US in Indo Asia Pacific region/ Gabriel Dominguez

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 18, 03 May 2017, p. 8 (122)

North Korea remains the most immediate threat to US security in Asia,

Analysis : assessing the North Korean special forces threat/ Reuben F Johnson

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 19, 10 May 2017, p. 9 (122)

The article examines United States and its allies against North Korea is what role the isolated stalinist regime's special forces might play.

Aegis is key to deterring North Korea/ Norman Friedman
Proceedings US Naval Institute : May 2017, pp.162 -163 (86)

The discussion of possible defense against a North Korean attack seems to have omitted altogether a more successful U.S ballistic missile defense system.

After the era of the Kims?/ Yossef Bondansky

Defense and Foreign Affairs Strategic Policy: 4, 2017, pp.10-13 (22)

Kim Jong-Un besieged by the US continues to threaten all out nuclear war against any who threaten North Korea.

North Korea fires new missile to 2,000 km altitude/ Gabriel Dominguez

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 21, 24 May 2017, p.8 (122)

North Korea's ongoing testing of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles highlights the Kim regime's intent on proving that it is fast developing the capability required to strike the US mainland with nuclear weapons.

Japan mulls introducing Aegis Ashore BMD system to counter North Korean threats/ Kosuke Takashashi

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 21, 24 May 2017, p.16 (122)

Aegis Ashore is the first operational land-based version of the Aegis combat system.

PAKISTAN

Challenging the state : Pakistani militants from deadly alliance/ James M Dorsey

RSIS Commentary : 21 February 2017, No 033

The alliance's declared aim is to challenge the state at a time that Pakistanis under external pressure to clean-up its counterterrorism act.

Women terrorism nexus in Pakistan/ Sara Mahmood

RSIS Commentary : 21 April 2017, No 074

The women terrorism nexus within Pakistan remains a reality that should no longer be ignored by state and security officials. These women are deployed in various specialised capacities, necessitating a need to move from androcentric to gender neutral counter-terrorism policies.

PHILIPPINES

What's behind Duterte's south China Sea move?

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.2 : Vol.28, Issue 6, June 2017, pp.6-8 (49)

Philippine president ordered troops to occupy uninhabited Philippine claimed islands in the South China Sea.

SINGAPORE

Militarizing civilians in Singapore : preparing for crisis within a calibrated nationalism/ Alan Chong

The Pacific Review : Vol.30, No.3, May 2017, pp.365-384 (103)

The argument of militarized civilians defining themselves through preparing for crisis will be established through five sections.

Ties with Vietnam to benefit from greater cooperation

Asia Monitor South East Asia Vol.2 : Vol.28, Issue 6, June 2017, pp.11-12 (49)

Singapore prime minister official visit led to the decision to further advance the existing strategic partnership agreement and the signing of collaboration agreements

Social media and 'fake news' : impact on social cohesion in Singapore/ Stephanie Neubronner

RSIS Commentary : 14 March 2017, No 043

The Singapore government has stepped up efforts to educate Singaporeans of the potential threats in cyberspace.

Full spectrum force : Singapore army kits up for wider challenges/ Kelvin Wong

HS Jane's International Defence Review: June 2017, Vol.50, pp.38-42 (120)

The Singapore army's modernisation efforts received a significant boost 2004 and the service has since operationalised range of indigenously developed and imported platforms and technologies.

SOUTH CHINA SEA***South China Sea disputes : nearing a solution - or is it?/ P K Ghosh***

RSIS Commentary : 04 January 2017, No 003

One of the most sensitive potential international flashpoints in the world the turbulent South China Sea.

Outflank China : in the South China Sea/ Brett Wessley

Proceedings US Naval Institute : June 2017, pp.32-37 (86)

The aim is to surround more territory than one's opponent. Keeping China from winning in the South China Sea will require understanding and attacking Beijing's strategy.

SOUTH KOREA***War over framing : base politics in South Korea/ Claudia J Kim***

The Pacific Review : Vol.30, No.3, May 2017, pp. 309-327 (103)

This paper views framing as a source of political opportunities both exogenous and endogenous

TERRORISM***Can knowledge of Islam explain lack of support for terrorism? evidence from Pakistan/ C Christine Fair***

Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol.40, No 4,5,6, April, May, June 2017, pp. 339-355 (114)

This research persons who are knowledgeable of Islam may be more capable of critically evaluating the claims of militant recruiters and ideologues and thus be more resistant to their appeals than those who are not knowledgeable.

What ISIS really wants revisited : religion matters in jihadist violence but how? Simon Cottee

Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol.40, No 4,5,6, April, May, June 2017, pp. 439-454 (114)

The article is divided into three parts. The first part summarizes Wood's argument and the criticisms mounted against it, The second part argues that skinner's core insight that ideals or principles are both constraining and enabling, the third part explores the highly charged question of whether Islamic scripture is especially susceptible to demagogic manipulation by innovating jihadist ideologists.

Does the international trafficking of culture heritage really fuel military conflicts/ Pierre Losson

Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol.40, No 4,5,6, April, May, June 2017, pp. 484-495 (114)

This article focuses on internal armed conflicts - conflicts that involve fighting between agents a state and organized non state groups who seek either to take control of a government take power in a region or use violence to change government policies.

Militant web watch

Jane's Intelligence Review: June 2017, Vol.29, Issue 6, pp.16-19 (123)

This article examines online activity by militant groups during April-May as activists and supporters reacted to international events.

Culturalism and the rise of the Islamic state : faith, sectarianism and violence/ Tim Jacoby

Third World Quarterly : Vol.38, No.7, 2017, pp.1655-1673 (101)

This paper looks at the ways in which culturalist discourse have influenced understanding and representation of the rise of the so-called Islamic state.

A comparative study of US and Iranian counter ISIS strategies/ Dina Esfandiary

Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Vol.40, No 4,5,6, April, May, June 2017, pp. 455-469 (114)

The United States and Iran are two key players in the fight of against ISIS. They both have considerable influence and core interests in the region.

THAILAND

Thailand buys S26T submarine from China/ Jon Grevatt

IHS Jane's Defence Weekly: Vol.54 Issue 20, 17 May 2017, p.14 (122)

The Royal Thai Navy signed a contract with the China shipbuilding and offshore international company. China has also pledged to provide support for Thailand in its efforts to enhance domestic naval shipbuilding capabilities.

VIETNAM

Small state diplomacy : Cambodia's foreign policy towards Vietnam/ Thearith Leng

The Pacific Review : Vol.30, No.3, May 2017, pp. 328-347 (103)

This article will shed light on how hedging is manifest in contemporary Cambodia's foreign policy behavior towards its former occupier Vietnam.

US paramilitary programs in comparative perspective : CIA the US army special forces and the question of organizational form/ Jon Strandquist

Defense & Security Analysis : Vol.33, Issue. 2, 2017, pp.79-93 (94)

This article questions that assumption by investigating the organizational forms underlying agencies paramilitary programs in four empirical cases drawn from South Vietnam and post 9/11 Afghanistan.

Vietnam's omnidirectional military diplomacy : focusing on the South China Sea/ Tomotaka Shoji

NIDS Security Reports : No 17 December 2016, pp.41-61

This paper examines Vietnam's security policy with a focus on its omnidirectional military diplomacy. Vietnam pursues stability not only of bilateral relations but also of the strategic environment of the region as a whole by engaging in confidence building among relevant military organizations for the security of Vietnam.

Was FARC militarily defeated/ Carlos Alberto Ospina Ovalle

Small Wars & Insurgencies : Vol.28, No.3, June 2017, pp.524-545 (97)

The article will analyze each one of the questions to arrive at a conclusion based on the weighting and the analysis of each with the strategy considered scientifically and as an intermediate step between politics and war.

Tillerson cuts teeth on the Korean peninsula/ Stuart McMillan

New Zealand International Review: Vol 42 No 3, May/June 2017, pp.2-4 (82)

Comments on the recent visit to South Korea by the new US secretary of state.

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