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Thinking Forward

Mobilizing Compatriots: Russia's Strategy, Tactics and Influence in the Former Soviet Union

by Vera Zakem, Paul Saunders, and Daniel Antoun

Russia's approach and policies toward Russian compatriots have strategic and operational implications for U.S. policy.

https://www.cna.org/CNA_files/PDF/DOP-2015-U-011689-1Rev.pdf

FOREIGN FIGHTERS: An Updated Assessment of the Flow of Foreign Fighters Into Syria and Iraq

by The Soufan Group

The average rate of Western foreign fighters who return from Iraq and Syria to their home countries stands at around 20-30 percent, presenting a significant international security challenge.

http://soufangroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/TSG_ForeignFightersUpdate3.pdf

NATO Needs a Comprehensive Strategy for Russia

by Olga Oliker, Michael J. McNerney, and Lynn E. Davis

Although NATO is unequivocal and united in its opposition to Russian aggression in Ukraine, the February 2015 Munich Security Conference highlighted the continuing debate within the Alliance about what to do next. Rather than focusing solely on individual events, this perspective argues that NATO needs a comprehensive strategy for Russia.

<http://www.rand.org/pubs/perspectives/PE143.html>

about projectgray

Project Gray is an initiative to promote dialogue and discussions on gray zone challenges through events and publications bringing together academic scholars, research institutes and practitioners.

Upcoming

Georgetown Strategic Studies Program
January 21, 2016
Washington D.C.

Distinguished Lecture Series
Featuring Admiral (Retired) Eric T. Olsen
January 22, 2016
Fort Bragg, NC
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NDU Joint Special Operations Master of Arts Thesis Symposium
May 18-20, 2016
Fort Bragg, NC

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Hybrid Warfare and the Lower End of Conflict Spectrum

Man, Computer and Special Warfare by Patrick Duggan

This advances a conceptual framework to align technology, tools and tactics for a new contemporary cyber-enabled practice of special warfare.

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/man-computer-and-special-warfare>

Brave New War: A New Form of Conflict Emerged in 2015—from the Islamic State to the South China Sea by Peter Pomerantsev

Hybrid, non-linear war is without beginning or end; the borders of peace and war, serviceman and civilian have become utterly blurred — and everyone is both a target and a weapon.

<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2015/12/war-2015-china-russia-isis/422085/>

Hybrid War: Does it Even Exist? by Damien Van Puyvelde

Hybrid warfare has become a catch all term that grossly oversimplifies the complexity of the modern battlefield.

<http://www.nato.int/docu/Review/2015/Also-in-2015/hybrid-modern-future-warfare-russia-ukraine/EN/index.htm>

The Inauguration of 21st Century Political Warfare: A Strategy for Countering Russian Non-Linear Warfare Capabilities by Daniel Dewit

Europe's future as an integrated, peaceful and prosperous community rests on the ability of NATO and the United States to counter Russia's aggressive actions.

<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/the-inauguration-of-21st-century-political-warfare-a-strategy-for-countering-russian-non-li>

Event Update

Distinguished Lecture Series

The National Defense University's Joint Special Operations Master of Arts Program, in partnership with the U.S. Army Special Operations Center of Excellence, will host a distinguished lecture featuring Admiral (Retired) Eric T. Olson.

The former U.S. Special Operations Commander will discuss gray zone challenges to national defense. This lecture will focus on encouraging academic scholars, research institutes and practitioners to analyze policies and concepts supporting engagement in the gray zone.

The event will be held at the John F. Kennedy Auditorium, Kennedy Hall, Fort Bragg, North Carolina at 1:00 p.m. on January 22, 2016.

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