

Pashtun Identity and Geopolitics in Southwest Asia

Pakistan and Afghanistan since 9/11



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Pashtun Identity and Geopolitics in Southwest Asia brings together Pakistan and Afghanistan as two inseparable entities by investigating areas such as the evolution and persistence of the Taliban, quest for Pashtun identity, the ambivalent status of the tribal region and the state of civic clusters on both sides.

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Readership: Policymakers, journalists, security experts, foreign and defence establishments both in South Asia and the West, postgraduate students, area specialists from academia and think tanks in the mentioned regions as well as in China, Japan and Australia.

About Author/s:

Iftikhar H. Malik is Professor of History at Bath Spa University and a historian of South Asia, Political Islam, and Muslim Diaspora communities.

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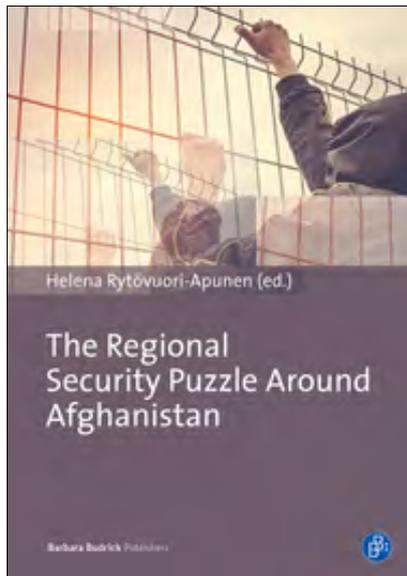
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As Western military presence wanes in Afghanistan a transformed security environment challenges borders and stability in Central Asia. In this region former Soviet republics seek to consolidate their position by extending their control over politically problematic borderlands, setting up borders in areas where livelihood connections and transborder communities belie such bounding, and by seeking to maximize the independence of their foreign policies in relation to the integration processes led by Russia.

This collection examines how the geopolitical tensions relating to the reorganization of external military presence and the opportunities to gain resources from the region-wide economic cooperation initiated with “new Silk Roads” ideas interact with regional states’ policies and actions. It explains how state borders are challenged by the practices of both non-state agencies and groups of people as well as the policies of extra-regional powers to pursue spaces for defense, resources and influence.

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About Editor/s:

Dr. Helena Rytövuori-Apunen, Doctor of Social Sciences, University Research Fellow, Adjunct Professor, Tampere Research Institute TAPRI, University of Tampere, Finland.

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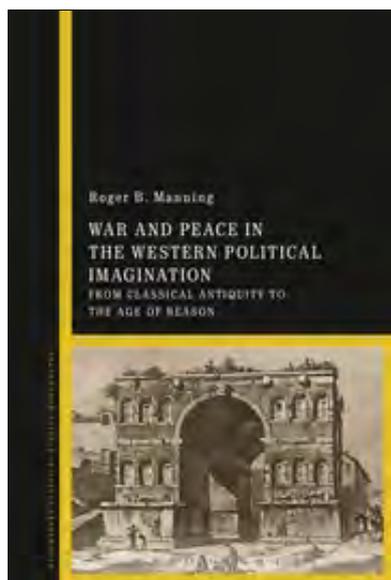
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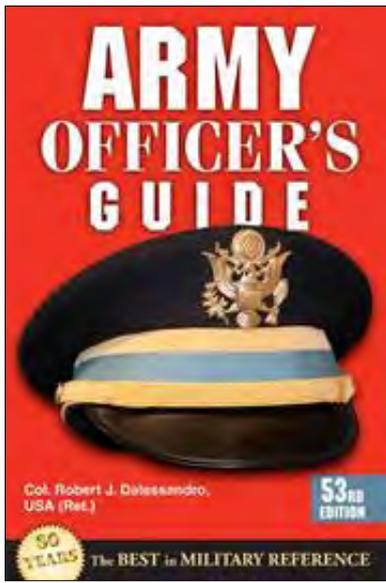
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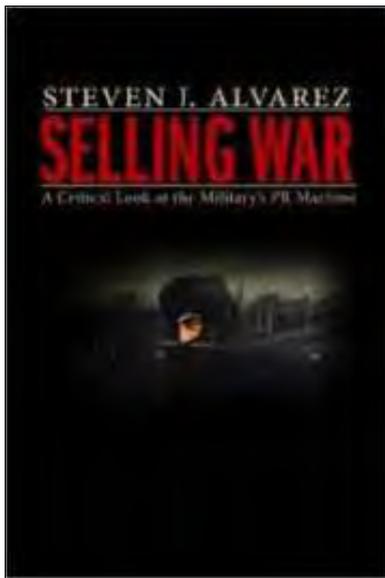
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Steven J. Alvarez retired as a major from the U.S. Army Reserve after serving twenty-four years in the officer and enlisted ranks, on active duty as well as in the National Guard and Reserve. A recipient of the Bronze Star and the Combat Action Badge, during his military career he served as a commander of an Army public affairs detachment as well as the public affairs officer for several general officers and presidential appointees, including David Petraeus. In the private sector Alvarez works as a freelance writer and public relations professional.

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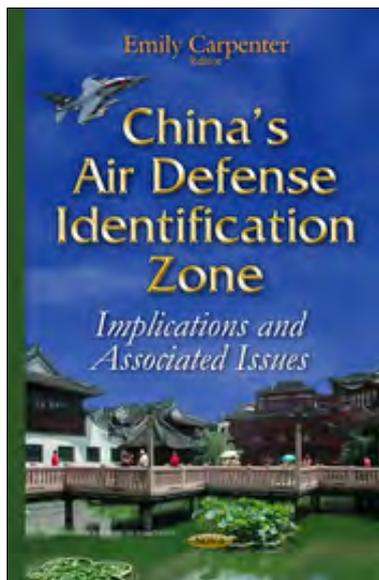


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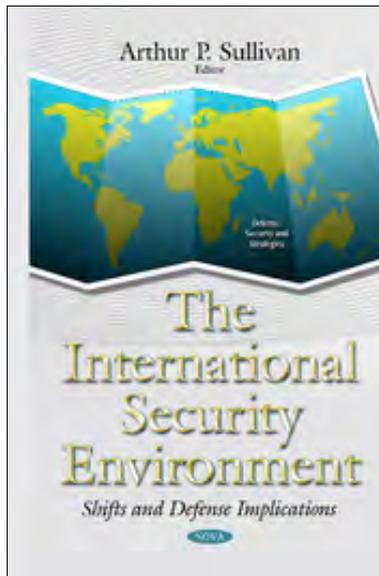


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- priorities for 21st century defence
- the 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review and defense strategy.

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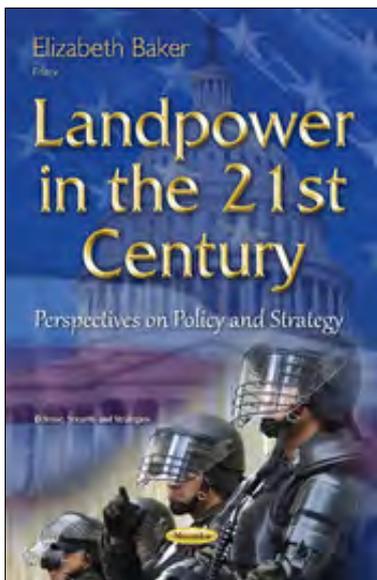


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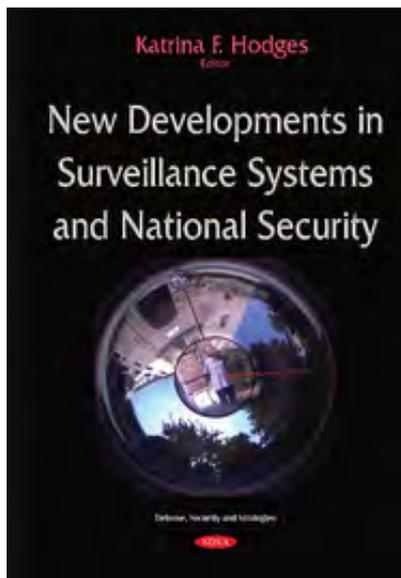
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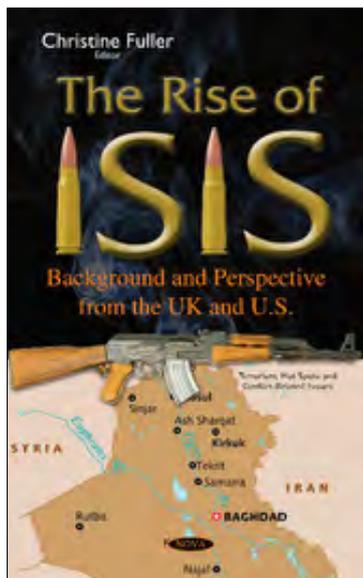


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The Islamic State (IS, aka the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, ISIL/ISIS) is a transnational Sunni Islamist insurgent and terrorist group that has expanded its control over areas of parts of Iraq and Syria since 2013, threatening the wider region. There is debate over the degree to which the Islamic State organization might represent a direct terrorist threat to the U.S. homeland or to U.S. facilities and personnel in the region.

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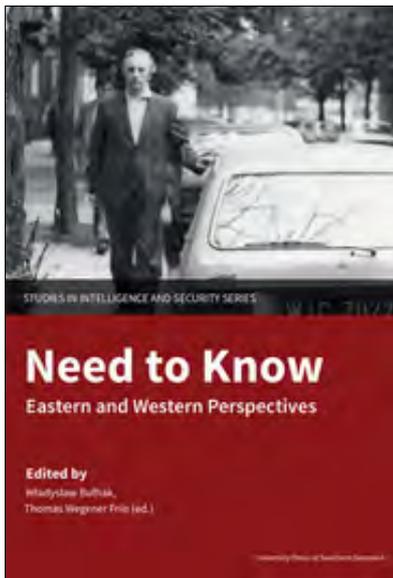
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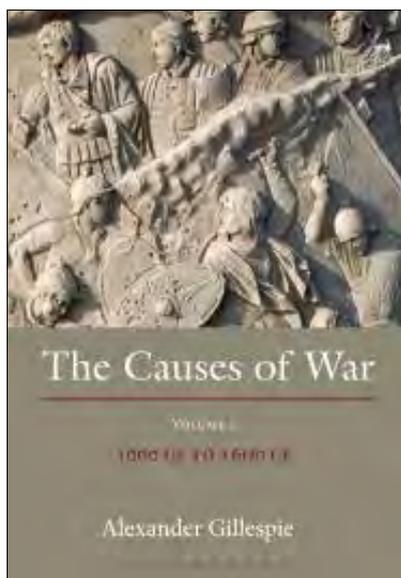
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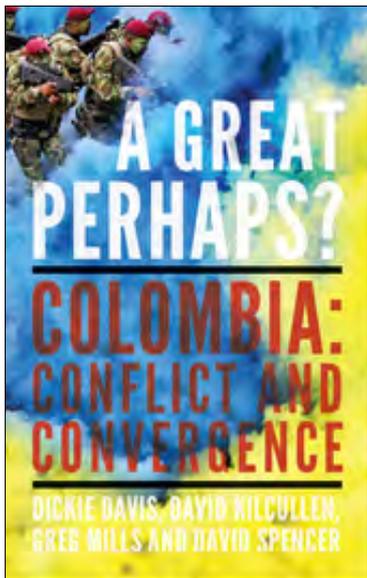
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A Great Perhaps?

Colombia: Conflict and Convergence



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No country has managed as rapid and positive a turnaround in governance and security conditions this century as Colombia. In 1999, FARC and ELN rebels were literally at the gates of Bogotá, and Colombia was a country synonymous with the antics of Pablo Escobar, known primarily for rapacious corruption, weak government, drug smuggling and criminality. Fifteen years later the guerrillas, seriously weakened, have been persuaded to attend peace talks in Havana, and the Colombian economy had been a top performer in Latin America.

To date, however, there has been no comprehensive examination of the different elements employed by the government to combat the guerrillas, win local and international political and military support, extend government authority to the 75 per cent of the countryside where it was seldom felt, and turn the Colombian economy around. How the Colombians did all of this is the subject of this book by four international specialists with untrammelled policy and practical expertise in counterinsurgency campaigns in Colombia and elsewhere, bringing a unique comparative perspective.

Based on field-work in Colombia's regions, the study provides a history of the conflict, compares it to other historical and contemporary case-studies, examines the war from the perspectives of the government and the guerrillas, delves into the development of special Colombian capabilities (notably in intelligence and the use of airpower and special forces), and explains the economic dimension in terms both of historical exclusion and ongoing attempts at growth and inclusion. Finally, it concludes with an assessment of the country's prospects: can the combination of improved security, a flourishing economy and the peace process offer an opportunity to finally translate Colombia from, in Gabriel Garcia Marquez's words, 'a great perhaps' into something more permanent?

This book not only explains the steps the Colombian government has taken in its search for peace and prosperity, but highlights the areas where international co-operation can extend this model and its success. ... I recommend it to all engaged in what I see as the responsibility of my generation: ending conflict, ensuring stability and promoting development. **Olusegun Obasanjo, former president of the Federal Republic of Nigeria**

A Great Perhaps? explains the drivers behind the success of Colombia's recent transformation: better governance and improved security. By illustrating the importance of local ownership of both the problem and the solution, and the role to be played by foreign partners, this volume is a handbook for those countries intent on dealing with problems of insecurity and violence. **General Richard Myers (rtd), former chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff**

Colombia's dramatic improvement reminds one of the time, commitment and understanding required to fight insurgencies successfully — all things so many failed to understand properly in the case of Iraq and Afghanistan. A Great Perhaps? highlights how such a turnaround has been achieved. It represents a serious contribution to the study of complex insurgencies and deserves to be widely read. **Lord David Richards of Herstmonceux, former UK Chief of Defence Staff**

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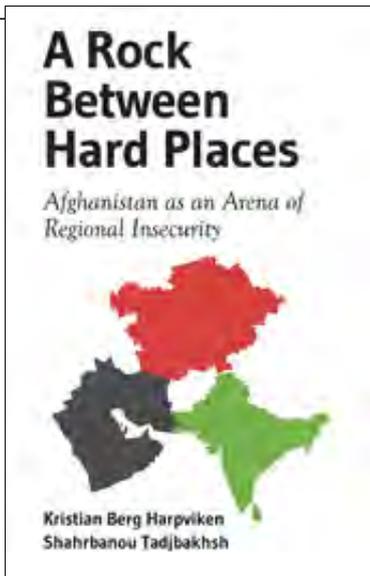


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Based on a careful reading of the recent political and economic history of the region, and of Great Power rivalry beyond it, the authors explain why efforts to build a comprehensive Afghanistan-centric regional security order have failed, and suggest what might be done to reset inter-state relations.

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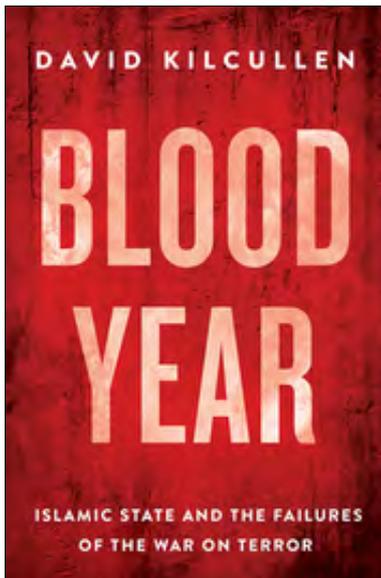
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Blood Year

Islamic State and the Failures of the War on Terror



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Winner of the 2015 Walkley Award for long-form feature writing.

Blood Year is an unsparingly honest, self-critical analysis of the collapse of western counterterrorism strategy, by one of its original architects. As a soldier, counterterrorism official, and Chief Strategist in the US State Department's Bureau of Counterterrorism, David Kilcullen was one of the key designers of US and allied counterterrorism policy. His insights helped to shape the strategy, known as 'Disaggregation', which crippled Al-Qaeda and prevented a follow-up to the 9/11 attacks. He served in Iraq at the height of the conflict there, and found himself in harm's way in Southeast Asia, Libya, Somalia, Pakistan and Afghanistan. So Kilcullen's frank assessment — that the strategy he helped design has failed, that it has not made us safer, and has contributed to new threats, including ISIS — makes this short book mandatory reading for anyone interested in how terrorism is confronted. The most startling part of his analysis is that there may be worse dangers than ISIS incubating in various parts of the world.

Kilcullen's prescription for change, for a thorough reimagining of the threat, and for an open public debate on how to deal with it, will be a massive challenge. But if western democracies are to avoid more years of blood, it will be essential.

David Kilcullen is one of the world's leading theorists of counterinsurgency; his comprehensive experience in the field, in Iraq and elsewhere, makes him uniquely qualified to analyse the emergence of ISIS. Blood Year combines elements of memoir, reportage, and trenchant analysis to provide a highly accessible, vividly written account that is a model of both clarity and rigour. Peter Bergen, author of United States of Jihad, Manhunt, and The Longest War

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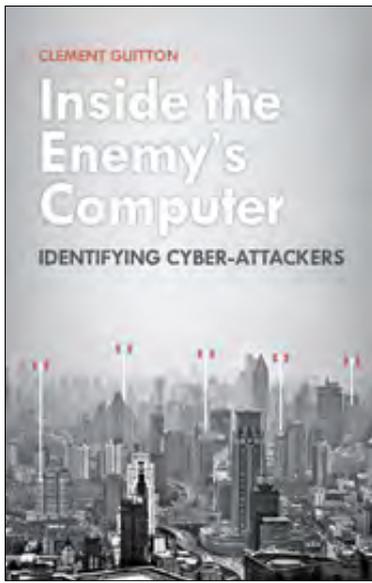
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Identifying Cyber-Attackers



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Attribution – tracing those responsible for a cyber attack – is of primary importance when classifying it as a criminal act, an act of war, or an act of terrorism. Three assumptions dominate current thinking: attribution is a technical problem; it is unsolvable; and it is unique. Approaching attribution as a problem forces us to consider it either as solved or unsolved. Yet attribution is far more nuanced, and is best approached as a process in constant flux, driven by judicial and political pressures.

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The constraints, which reflect common aspects of many other political issues, constitute the structure of the book: the need for judgement calls, the role of private companies, the standards of evidence, the role of time, and the plausible deniability of attacks.

About Author/s:

Clement Guitton is an analyst with the Swiss Ministry of Defence.

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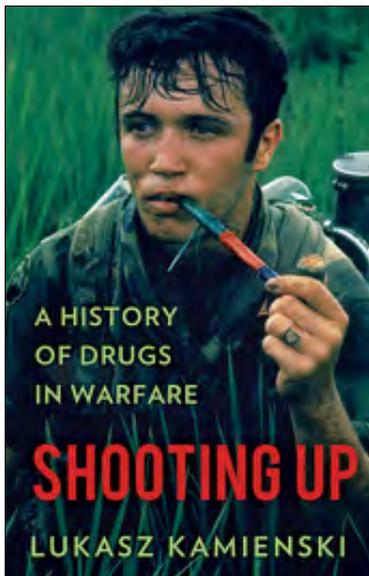
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Shooting Up

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Shooting Up is a peculiar history of the ‘highs’ of war. It explores the ways in which the military has made the most of various kinds of intoxicants from antiquity to the 21st century. The book examines drugs issued to soldiers by armed forces not only for medicinal purposes but — most crucially — to boost performance, raise courage, and alleviate stress and fear. It also looks at psychoactive substances ‘self-prescribed’ by combatants, taken for self-medication and recreation. Finally, the book covers intoxicants used as a tool of war, either as a feasible non-lethal psychochemical weapon or as a means of subversion. By discussing the risks of the practice of intoxication for fighting power, military discipline and veterans’ lives, it vividly demonstrates that the military use of drugs brings mixed blessings and curses.

From hallucinogenic mushrooms to ecstasy; from Homeric warriors to the present-day, *Shooting Up* tells the largely untold story of how drugs have sustained warriors through the centuries and will fuel future war in strange and remarkable ways.

This in-depth analysis of the “highs” of war tells a largely untold story — of the role drugs played over the centuries in supporting troops on the battlefield, and the role they will play in future in driving the course of war. Kamienski’s book will undoubtedly come to be regarded as a classic text. Christopher Coker, Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics

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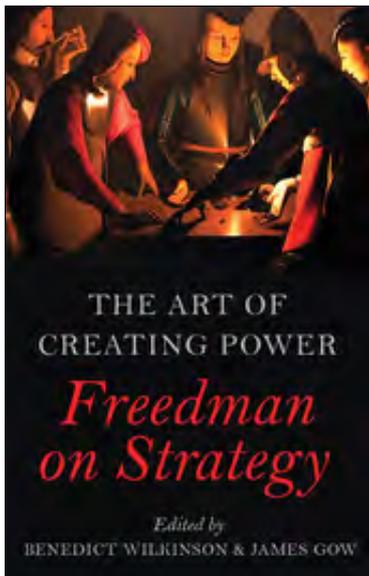
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Freedman on Strategy



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The Art of Creating Power explores the intellectual thought and wider impact — on military affairs, politics and the universities — of Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, one of the world's leading authorities on strategy, conflict and international politics. In this volume, senior scholars of international relations and military history trace the long trajectory of Freedman's career, examining his scholarly contribution to a whole host of areas from nuclear strategy to US foreign policy via terrorism, the Falklands and Iraq.

Individually, these essays provide fascinating and innovative insights into strategy, contemporary defence and foreign policy, and conflict. Taken together, however, they are greater than the sum of their parts as they both reflect and explore the theoretical approach adopted and taught by Freedman — one that has made him one of the great intellectual figures in the canon of international politics, strategy and war.

Throughout his professional life, Freedman explored many of the uncertainties that plague our highly unstable world. But as conflicts continue to erupt across the globe, it seems we may be entering an even more precarious and uncertain era. There could hardly be a better time than today to gain a deeper understanding of Freedman's strategic insights.

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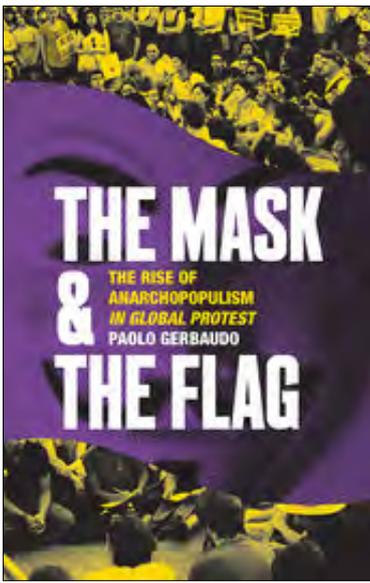
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The Mask and the Flag

The Rise of Anarchopopulism in Global Protest



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From Tahrir Square, to the *indignados* of Southern Europe, Occupy Wall Street, the Gezi protest in Turkey and Brazil's June Movement, contemporary protest bears the mark of anarcho-populism, a hybrid political culture in which the Guy Fawkes mask of anarchism is overlaid by the national flag of democratic populism. Emboldened by popular calls to mobilise citizens against economic and political oligarchies, these movements have broadened participatory practices previously confined to neo-anarchist countercultures. They have built assemblies, protest camps, and used social media as platforms for mass mobilisation, often winning widespread support.

Gerbaudo argues that the populist turn has allowed protestors to break out of the activist ghetto and to tackle the fragmentation of identity politics. Paradoxically, an obsession with flat and acephalous organisational models has made them incapable of integrating those they first mobilised in mass protest, ultimately condemning them to defeat by state repression and internal exhaustion. Despite its evanescence, this protest wave has propagated an inclusive spirit of popular solidarity and led to the foundation of new initiatives and organisations which will shape politics for years to come.

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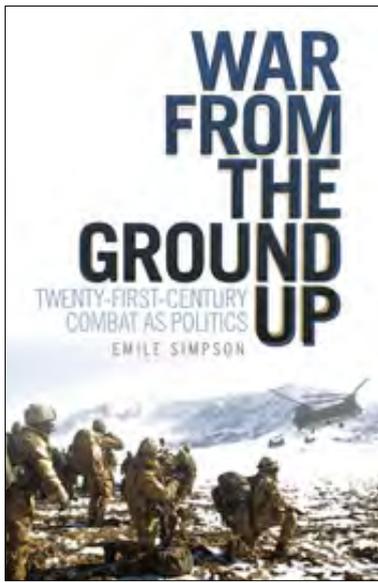
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Simpson argues that in the Afghan conflict, and in contemporary conflicts more generally, liberal powers and their armed forces have blurred the line between military and political activity. More broadly, they have challenged the distinction between war and peace. He contends that this loss of clarity is more a response to the conditions of combat in the early twenty-first century, particularly that of globalisation, than a deliberate choice. The issue is thus not whether the West should engage in such practices, but how to manage, gain advantage from, and mitigate the risks of this evolution in warfare.

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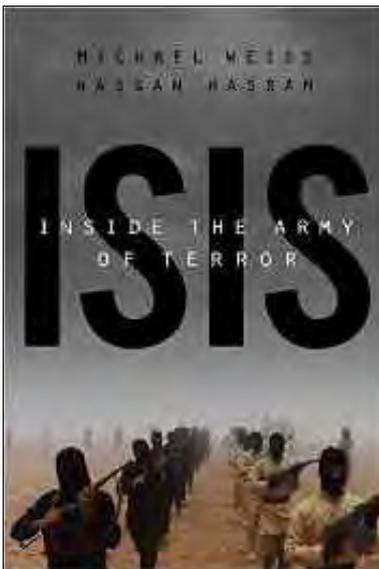
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