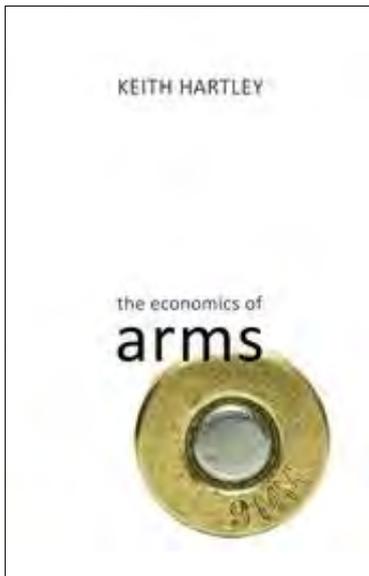


Economics of Arms



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It is estimated that today some 2.7% of world GDP (\$1.5 trillion) is spent on arms. In 2014 Lockheed Martin, the US defence contractor, had revenues of \$45 billion the equivalent of the GDP of Tunisia. This book explores the business behind these breathtaking figures and explains how the arms industry makes its money.

The book begins by defining the industry, explaining why the sector is important, outlining its prime contractors and key supply chains. Its cost categories (from R&D to maintenance), the role of technical innovation, and the sector's dependence on the monopsony buying power of Government, are all examined. The structure-conduct and performance model is used to show the workings of the arms market and its various entry and exit conditions, and the sector's performance is analysed through various indicators including exports, development time scales, cost overruns and profitability. The complex choice problems of domestic procurement are considered alongside sales to foreign governments and the opportunities that may present for bribery and corruption.

The Military-Industrial-Political-Complex (MIPC) is unpacked and the behaviour of its major agents national defence agencies, the armed forces, producer groups, political agents (voters, political parties and budget-maximising bureaucracies) is scrutinised, both in times of conflict (expansion) and peace (contraction). The book concludes by considering future trends, such as whether arms industries are better under state or private ownership, and how they can meet the challenge of new threats in different forms. The discussion throughout is anchored to case studies from all parts of the world, including Brazil, Korea, Japan, Russia as well as UK, US and Europe.

As an authoritative non-technical introduction to the economics of arms industries, it is suitable for students of business studies, politics, international relations, political economy, strategic and defence studies as well as for courses on microeconomics and industrial economics. As a masterly summation from one of the world's leading defence economists, it will also be required reading for staff in defence ministries, procurement agencies, the armed forces and strategic studies think-tanks throughout the world.

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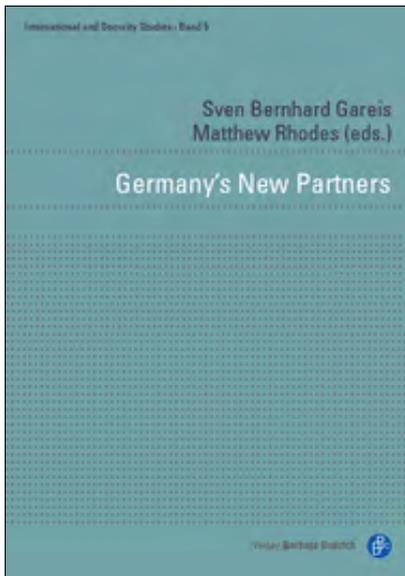


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This essay first discusses the two main problems that led to the break in the partnership between Russia and the West, namely the organization of international order in a multipolar world and the integration and security dilemma in Europe. It then goes on to address German policy, which plays a key role in this conflict.

The essay concludes by presenting five proposals that could be suitable for achieving a new normality beyond managing the antagonism.

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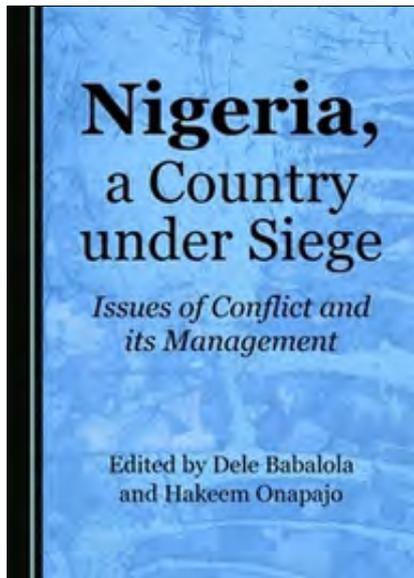
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The book will be of particular interest and use to conflict researchers, students, practitioners and government officials.

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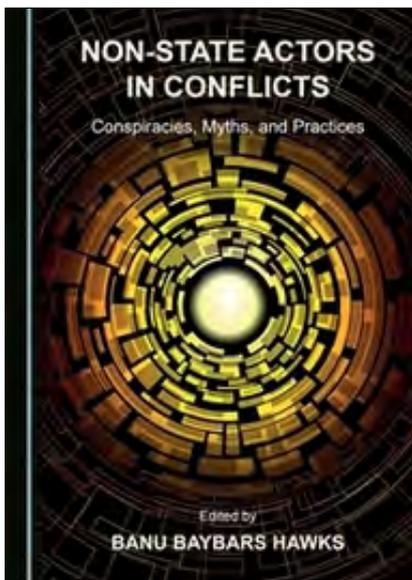
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The volume also covers the topic of conspiracy theories and conspiracies formed in relation to the functions and existence of these actors.

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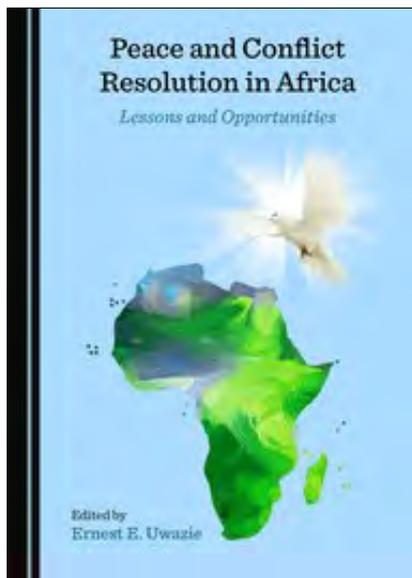
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The publication includes both historical and contemporary or recurring conflicts in Africa, especially on issues of ethno-religious conflicts, corruption, land, and leadership. The chapters include case studies and some theoretical perspectives on the persistent search for the right size and scope of visioning and programming on peace and conflict resolution in Africa.

Understandably, this collection of ideas, thoughts and proposals will resonate with the field of Peace and Conflict Studies as well as benefit from critical reviews and advancement of future research. Arguably, Africa is “rising” in the 21st century, with declining violent conflicts and an increase in stable democracies and economies, however there are significant challenges of extremism, climate change, poor governance, ineffective leadership, widening wealth gaps, and weak institutions of moderation. The essays also document areas of progress in legitimizing democracy and conceptualizing social justice, and suggests the need for building the next generation of peace leaders in Africa.

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This second issue of the book series *Visual Politics of War* focuses on the implications and uncertainties associated with the 'visual politics' of the current media hostile environment. Over the years, academics, journalists and individuals have produced a body of work connected directly, if in complex and varied ways, to contemporary ideological beliefs.

This volume draws together various scholars from different parts of the world examining facets of the new visualization of wars and crisis in a range of innovative ways. All the contributors here pose questions concerned with the significance of visual political works today, and ask how images and personas have developed and been appropriated by others with their own distinct political agendas.

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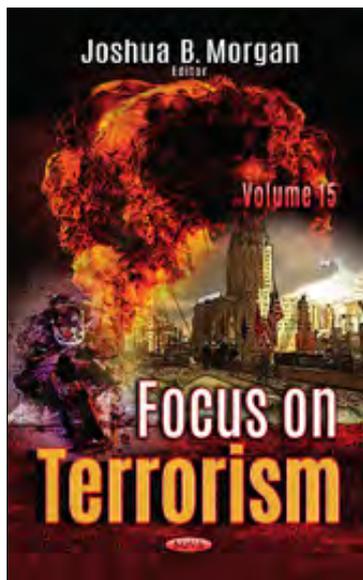
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Terrorism, sadly, seems here to stay and to stay with a vengeance. It turns out that the United States was not prepared for it and now must play catch-up. In doing so, even agreement on how to define terrorism is in doubt and what to do about it seems beyond comprehension at the moment. This volume presents a broad cross section of analyses of weaknesses and actions in the ongoing battle against terrorism.

Chapter One attempts to answer the question of whether terrorist networks are migrating not only towards an urban environment, but to a megacity environment.

Chapter Two focuses on qualitative research regarding the cyber threat that has continually beleaguered this nation by malevolent actors over the last decade and how these nefarious individuals, non-state actors, or nation states can implement the instruments of national power through the application of a new model named the York Intelligence Red Team Model (YIRTM) using sources guided by the Federal Secondary Data Case Study Triangulation Model to arrive at results.

Chapter Three examines how public relations research could both help other related disciplines and benefit from other disciplines by comparing terrorism-related communication research from two different approaches: persuasion and public relations.

Chapter Four centres on the belief that by the introduction of fear, jihadist terrorism affects the social trust of western societies.

Chapter Five develops the thesis that terrorism placed the western axiom of hospitality in jeopardy, adopting the process of securitization as the main axis of dialogue between workers and capital owners.

Chapter Six argues that an elaboration over the role of the passport as a regulatory mechanism promotes fresh interdisciplinary observations on the nature of global capitalism via the new mobilities paradigm.

Chapter Seven explores how the rise of international terror has changed not only the tourist industry but also the film industry. Chapter Eight investigates media representations of Jews and Arabs in the 1930s and 2010s, concluding that many of the issues that were prominent in the lead up to World War II are also prominent during the War on Terror.

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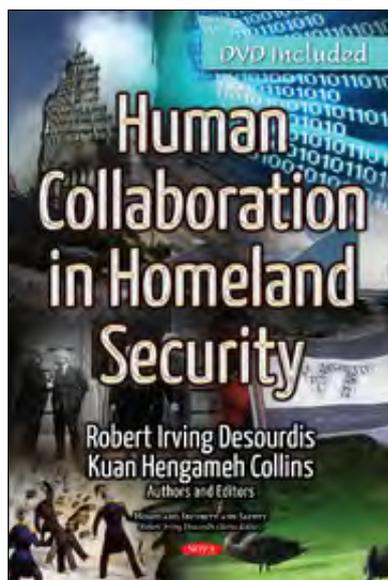


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Why are the same planning failures that led to the loss of 2,400 Americans at Pearl Harbor apparent in the 9-11 attacks, Hurricane Katrina response, Virginia Tech shootings, and the Deepwater Horizon Disaster? Why are we surprised when cyber-attacks disrupt our IT systems, internal spies publish our protected information, mentally ill or volatile individuals attack police and innocent people, and trusted state or federal employees turn out to be untrustworthy and release critical secrets to enemies or the world? These are all attributable to failures in the ability of people to work together, or collaborate, for our protection. The failure is not that of the first responders or warfighters, to whom this book is dedicated. On the contrary, these heroes must show superior initiative and risk self-sacrifice while the stove-piped-organisation system planners and vendors with no skin in the game risk nothing. These leaders, planners, scientists, engineers, managers, administrators, salespeople and others are wholly responsible for the technological innovation, processes and products used, but these people are almost never on-scene when an incident occurs.

Part I of our book explains to both the general reader and homeland security experts alike, what individual and organisational factors are needed to establish a collaborative environment. These factors include organisational trust, knowledge management, organisational structure, organisational culture, and leadership. These collaboration factors provide the basis for Part II, where we look at the important contributions of actual homeland security practitioners. These practitioners describe the role of human collaboration in making peace, bombing the Third Reich (by a member of the Greatest Generation), disaster management, public safety communications interoperability, electric power restoration, medical support for mass sheltering, government healthcare, cybersecurity, science diplomacy, technology innovation, government acquisition, systems engineering, and intellectual property litigation. Finally, in Part III, we describe a methodology for comprehensive collaboration planning (CCP) to optimise planning for day-to-day or rare “grey swan” or unexpected “black swan” events.

In the end, we show that achieving these five collaboration factors ultimately requires direct interaction between the people involved in any homeland security endeavour, and not the technology they envision, develop, buy, sell, deploy, operate and sustain. It does not matter what you buy if the people who use it – or with whom they must collaborate in a crisis as well as day-to-day unexpected events - do not have their act together. The bottom line is that how well people do together in any homeland security (or other) domain depends exclusively on the success of human-to-human interoperability and interaction. This interaction is governed by long-known and waning (in an e-world) rules of civility, such as George Washington documented and practiced some time ago.

With Forewords by renowned historian Edwin Bearss, experienced homeland security practitioner Ken Born, and mental health professional Anthony Rogers, the emphasis of this book (“it’s the people, not the stuff”) demonstrates the success of our homeland security - and everything else, including the technology utilised ? is solely dependent on how well the people work together.

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The invasion of Iraq in 2003, and the Coalition Government's failure to win parliamentary approval for armed intervention in Syria in 2013, mark a period of increased scrutiny of the process by which the UK engages in armed conflict. For much of the media and civil society there now exists a constitutional convention which mandates that the Government consults Parliament before commencing hostilities. This is celebrated as representing a redistribution of power from the executive towards a more legitimate, democratic institution.

This book offers a critical inquiry into Parliament's role in the war prerogative since the beginning of the twentieth century, evaluating whether the UK's decisions to engage in conflict meet the recognised standards of good-governance: accountability, transparency and participation.

The analysis reveals a number of persistent problems in the decision-making process, including Parliament's lack of access to relevant information, government 'legalisation' of parliamentary debates which frustrates broader discussions of political legitimacy, and the skewing of debates via the partial public disclosure of information based upon secret intelligence.

The book offers solutions to these problems to reinvigorate parliamentary discourse and address government withholding of classified information. It is essential reading for anyone interested in war powers, the relationship between international law and domestic politics, and the role of the Westminster Parliament in questions of national security.

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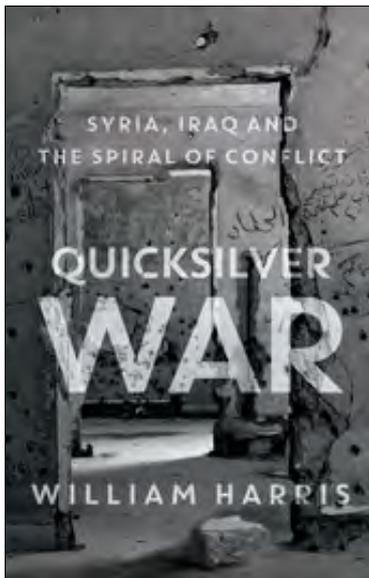


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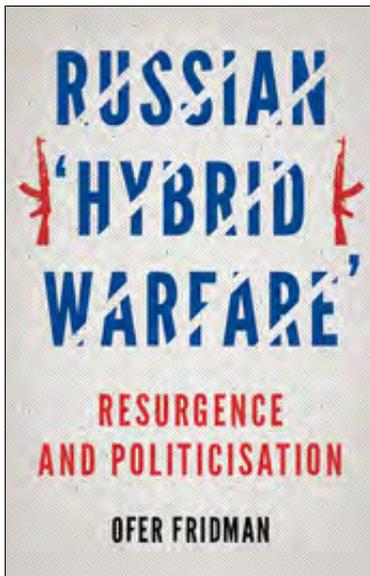


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Russian 'Hybrid Warfare'

Resurgence and Politicisation



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Fridman contends that today's 'obsession' with 'Hybrid Warfare' is more to do with politics than conceptual novelty, having been devised in the 1960s.

During the last decade, 'Hybrid Warfare' has become a novel yet controversial term in academic, political and professional military lexicons, intended to suggest some sort of mix between different military and non-military means and methods of confrontation. Enthusiastic discussion of the notion has been undermined by conceptual vagueness and political manipulation, particularly since the onset of the Ukrainian Crisis in early 2014, as ideas about Hybrid Warfare engulf Russia and the West, especially in the media.

Western defence and political specialists analysing Russian responses to the crisis have been quick to confirm that Hybrid Warfare is the Kremlin's main strategy in the twenty-first century. But many respected Russian strategists and political observers contend that it is the West that has been waging Hybrid War, *Gibridnaya Voyna*, since the end of the Cold War.

In this highly topical book, Ofer Fridman offers a clear delineation of the conceptual debates about Hybrid Warfare. What leads Russian experts to say that the West is conducting a *Gibridnaya Voyna* against Russia, and what do they mean by it? Why do Western observers claim that the Kremlin engages in Hybrid Warfare? And, beyond terminology, is this something genuinely new?

About Author/s:

Ofer Fridman is a visiting research fellow at the Department of War Studies, King's College London and a sessional lecturer at the University of Reading.

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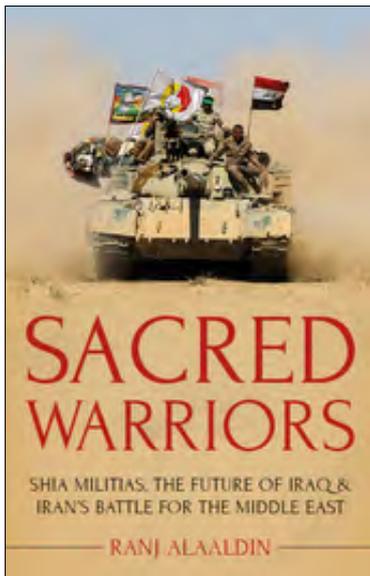
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Sacred Warriors

Shia Militias, the Future of Iraq, and Iran's Battle for the Middle East



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A timely analysis of today's Shia jihadists, their Iranian patrons and their shared ambitions to supplant Sunni power in Iraq, Syria and beyond.

The fall of Iraq's Baath regime was swiftly followed by the proliferation of terrorist groups, militant organisations and an ongoing sectarian conflict that continues to engulf the region. However the Shia militias involved remain poorly understood. Referred to variously as Iranian proxies, Iraqi nationalists, state-builders and terrorists, they have emerged from the ruins of post-2003 Iraq to acquire considerable power.

These militias are multifarious in nature — they overlap and interact with the state and social actors, including Iranian proxies but also groups vehemently opposed to Iran's interference in Iraq's affairs. And the challenge of engaging them is compounded by war in Syria, where such groups have shifted the balance of power in the regime's favour, under Iranian supervision. Indeed, Iran has exploited instability across the region to establish, empower, and entrench its proxy organisations as it attempts to shape the future of the region.

Shia militias will shape the future of Iraq (and the region) but to what extent will they do so, and can they be stopped? *Sacred Warriors* draws on the author's decade-long research on Iraq's Shia community and fieldwork in Baghdad, Najaf and Karbala to inform the debate on their ascendancy, Iraq's future and Iran's battle for the Middle East.

About Author/s:

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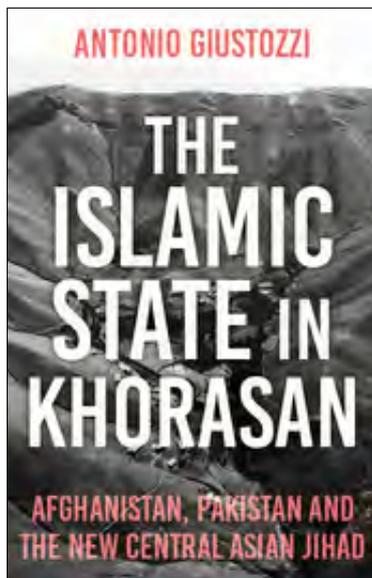
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The Islamic State in Khorasan

Afghanistan, Pakistan and the New Central Asian Jihad



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Analyses how Islamic State hopes to establish a new bulwark in Central Asia and Pakistan, supplanting Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan.

So-called Islamic State began to appear in what it calls Khorasan (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Central Asia, Iran and India) in 2014. Reports of its presence were at first dismissed as propaganda, but during 2015 it became clear that IS had a serious presence in Afghanistan and Pakistan at least.

This book, by one of the leading experts on Islamist insurgency in the region, explores the nature of IS in Khorasan, its aim and strategies, and its evolution in an environment already populated by many jihadist organisations. Based on first-hand research and numerous interviews with members of IS in Khorasan, as well as with other participants and observers, the book addresses highly contentious issues such as funding, IS's relationship with the region's authorities, and its interactions with other insurgent groups. Giustozzi argues that the central leadership of IS invested significant financial resources in establishing its own branch in Khorasan, and as such it is more than a local movement which adopted the IS brand for its own aims. Though the central leadership has been struggling in implementing its project, it is now turning towards a more realistic approach.

This is the first book on a new frontier in Islamic State's international jihad.

Drawing on incredible field research, and full of unique insight, this book explains how the Islamic State unexpectedly took root in Afghanistan and Pakistan. It reveals in detail the complex and mostly troubled relations between IS-K and the Taliban in both countries. This is yet another "must-read" study by Giustozzi, the great chronicler of the ongoing Afghan conflict. Professor Theo Farrell, author of Unwinnable: Britain's War in Afghanistan, 2001-2014

About Author/s:

Antonio Giustozzi has a PhD from the London School of Economics and is currently Visiting Professor at King's College, London and fellow at the Royal United Services Institute. He has written or edited ten books, among which are *Koran, Kalashnikov and Laptop: The Neo-Taliban Insurgency, 2002-7* and *The Army of Afghanistan: A Political History of A Fragile Institution*.

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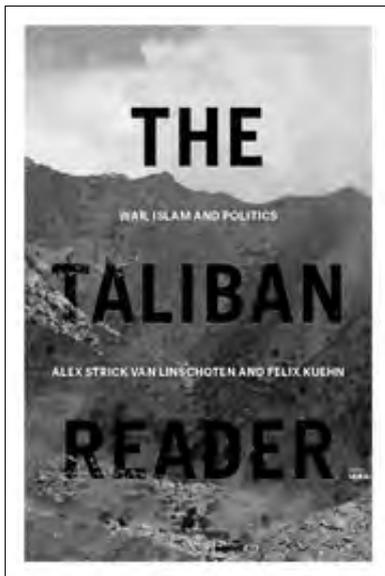
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A comprehensive sourcebook for scholars and students of Islamist political movements.

Who are the Taliban? Are they a militant movement? Are they religious scholars? The fact that these and other questions are still raised is testimony to the way the movement has been studied, often at arm's length and with scant use of primary sources.

The Taliban Reader forges a new path, bringing together an extensive range of largely unseen sources in a guide to the Afghan Islamist movement from a unique insider perspective. Ideal for students, journalists and scholars alike, this book is the result of an unprecedented, decade-long effort to encourage the emergence of participant-centred accounts of Afghan history.

This ground-breaking collection, ranging from news articles and opinion pieces to online publications and poems transcribed by hand in the field, sets the stage for a recalibration of how we understand and study the Afghan Taliban. It challenges researchers to forge new norms in the documentation of conflict and provides insight into the future trajectory of political Islamism in South Asia and the Middle East.

An absolutely brilliant and lasting contribution to the study of Afghanistan and the Taliban. Strick van Linschoten and Kuehn's editorial comments systematically pull the themes of the primary sources into a coherent whole. I highly recommend this authoritative and rare compilation. Thomas H. Johnson, Research Professor of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey

A very useful and indeed unique collection of Taliban statements, extracts and commentaries, several of which have never before been in the public domain. The editors have rendered an invaluable service in contributing to our understanding of the Taliban. Antonio Giustozzi, Visiting Professor, King's College London and author of The Army of Afghanistan: A Political History of a Fragile Institution

A stunning documentary trail of the Taliban movement – this compilation of voices from the Taliban is a truly unique contribution. Astri Suhrke, Senior Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen and author of When More is Less: The International Project in Afghanistan

About Author/s:

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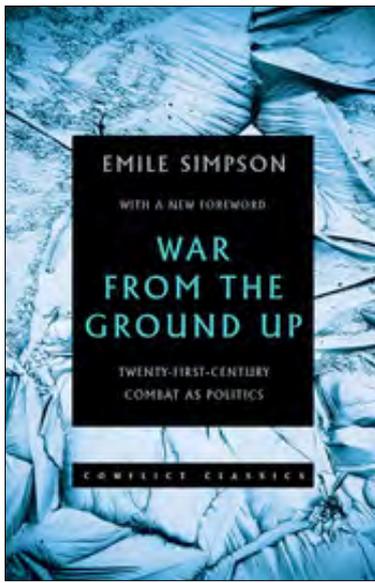
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War From the Ground Up

Twenty-First-Century Combat as Politics



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SHORTLISTED FOR BRITISH ARMY BOOK OF THE YEAR

As a British infantry officer in the Royal Gurkha Rifles Emile Simpson completed three tours of Southern Afghanistan. Drawing on that experience, and on a range of revealing case studies ranging from Nepal to Borneo, *War From The Ground Up* offers a distinctive perspective on contemporary armed conflict: while most accounts of war look down at the battlefield from an academic perspective, or across it as a personal narrative, the author looks up from the battlefield to consider the concepts that put him there, and how they played out on the ground.

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.

War From The Ground Up draws on personal experience from the frontline, situated in relation to historical context and strategic thought, to offer a re-evaluation of the concept of war in contemporary conflict.

Deserves to be seen as a coda to Clausewitz's On War. **Michael Howard, Times Literary Supplement**

War From the Ground Up should be read by all aspiring military commanders and their Whitehall masters. **The Guardian**

Best book of the year by a considerable margin. ... Its paradigm-shifting arguments have implications that extend far beyond the battlefield. **Niall Ferguson, Bloomberg News Book of the Year**

Should be compulsory reading at every level in the military. ... Simpson's style is so muscular and aphoristic that he can concentrate complex arguments into memorable sentences that will have a life of their own. ... War From the Ground Up deserves to be seen as a coda to Clausewitz's On War. **Sir Michael Howard, Times Literary Supplement**

Filled with provocative and innovative observations about the blurring of military and political realms in kaleidoscopic environments, this book is the most perceptive account of contemporary conflict I have seen. It deserves to be widely read by military practitioners and their political leaders. **Conrad Crane, lead author of FM 3-24, Counterinsurgency and Director of the US Army Military History Institute**

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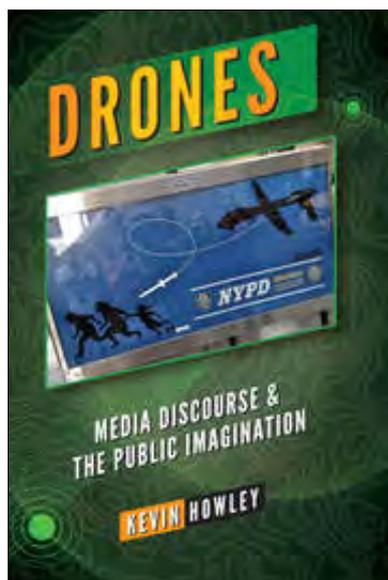


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Drones: Media Discourse and the Public Imagination starts with a basic premise: technology shapes and is shaped by the stories we tell about it. Stories about drones — at once anxious and hopeful, fearful and awe-inspired — are emblematic of the profound ambivalence that frequently accompanies the introduction of new technologies.

Through critical analysis of a variety of cultural forms — from newspaper headlines, nightly newscasts, and documentary films, to advertising, entertainment media, and graphic arts — this book demonstrates the prevalence of drones in global battlefields and domestic airspace, public discourse, and the popular imagination.

Written in a lively, engaging, and accessible style, Kevin Howley argues that media discourse plays a decisive role in shaping these new technologies, understanding their application in various spheres of human activity, and integrating them into everyday life. In doing so, Howley highlights the relationship between discursive and material practice in the social construction of technology.

Drones: Media Discourse and the Public Imagination is a timely publication that will contribute significant and even urgent perspectives to the burgeoning literature on drones. Locating itself at the intersection where scholarship from media, communication, and technology studies enter into a productive interdisciplinary conversation, it is indispensable for its critical attention to a broad field of cultural expressions, demonstrating how media discourse not only shapes our understanding and application of drone technology, but also its very production. **Oyvind Vagnes, Department of Information Science & Media Studies, University of Bergen**

Kevin Howley has put together an impressive chronicle of what the media talks about when it talks about drones. This book will no doubt serve as a key resource for anybody hoping to better understand the complex and shifting dynamics of prevailing public sentiment about U.S. military drone use. **Arthur Holland Michel, Co-Director of the Center for the Study of the Drone, Bard College**

About Author/s:

Kevin Howley is Professor of Media Studies at DePauw University. His work has appeared in the *Journal of Radio Studies*, *Journalism: Theory, Practice and Criticism*, *Social Movement Studies*, and *Television and New Media*. He is author of *Community Media: People, Places, and Communication Technologies* (2005), and editor of *Understanding Community Media* (2010) and *Media Interventions* (2013).

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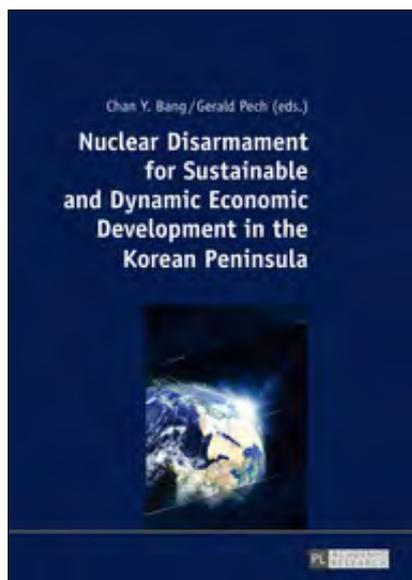


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*Nuclear Disarmament for Sustainable and Dynamic Economic
Development in the Korean Peninsula*

Prospects for a Peaceful Settlement



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The anthology discusses the formula of a «grand bargain» to denuclearize the Korean peninsula.

Scholars from the US, South Korea, China, Russia and the former UK ambassador Everard review recent historical developments and political objectives and constraints of the DPRK regime. They also analyse the geopolitical situation in Northeast Asia from the perspective of China, Russia and South Korea.

The book offers a multifaceted analysis of a pressing policy issue. The proposal is to offer security guarantees and substantial financial support for opening North Korea's economy and taking verifiable steps towards denuclearization. Sanctions would be a last resort in case North Korea fails to denuclearize.

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