



EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the Fall 2021 issue of National Institute's new *Journal of Policy & Strategy*—a quarterly, online, and peer-reviewed journal. In this inaugural issue, readers will find features that will appear regularly in future issues. For example, under the initial heading “Analysis,” recent Defense Department officials Robert Soofer and Matthew Costlow provide an important examination of the Department of Defense's 2020 *Report on the Nuclear Employment Strategy of the United States*. This DoD report itself correspondingly appears under the heading “Documentation,” a section in which the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* will regularly present key official government reports, speeches and Congressional testimony. Also included in this inaugural issue is an extensive and thoughtful commentary by General Larry Welch (USAF, ret.), former Air Force Chief of Staff and Commander of the Strategic Air Command. Interviews of important contributors to national security, conducted by David Trachtenberg, will be another regular feature of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy*. Also included in this issue are the proceedings from three online symposia (webinars) hosted by National Institute in 2021. In these three online symposia multiple speakers address three separate issues respectively: “The Meaning of ‘Strategic Stability’ and What to Expect from a U.S.-Russian Strategic Stability Dialogue”; “The ‘Action-Reaction’ Arms Race Narrative vs. Historical Realities”; and, “Prospects for U.S. Nuclear Modernization.” The penultimate section in this premier issue is a “Literature Review”—another feature that will appear regularly in this journal. It includes expert reviews of prominent books and published studies focusing on international security. Finally, a feature entitled “From the Archive” will regularly present a classic article, study or testimony from the 1960s-1980s. Selected for inclusion in this feature will be past works that provide analysis or commentary of enduring great value. The “From the Archive” selection in this issue is a prescient 1982 article on arms control by the late Colin S. Gray. The editors would again like to welcome readers to this premier issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy*. Our goal is to ensure that this and every future issue is in the public interest and well worth the read.

