



EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to Issue 3, Volume 3 of National Institute's online *Journal of Policy & Strategy*—a quarterly, peer-reviewed publication. In this issue, under the heading “Analysis,” readers will find enlightening articles by Jacob Blank, Michaela Dodge, Kathleen Ellis, Gary Geipel, and Keith Payne. These articles focus on diverse topics, including extended deterrence, the reignited debate about U.S. nuclear threats for deterrence, strategic culture and missile defense, China's worldview, and Washington's “post-truth” culture. This issue also includes an informative and thoughtful interview with the J8 Director at U.S. Strategic Command, Robert Taylor. It focuses on a wide range of topics including, China's rise, challenges related to the opacity of China's strategic build up, risks related to Russia's nuclear coercion, growing uncertainties in the strategic environment, and the importance of nuclear weapon modernization.

This issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* also provides proceedings from National Institute's monthly online symposia, “webinars” moderated by David Trachtenberg. These proceedings are drawn from three different symposia that collectively focused on: the 2022 Missile Defense Review, Lessons Learned from Russia's Invasion of Ukraine, and, The “Grand Illusion” of Disarmament. This issue's “Literature Review” feature includes three helpful book reviews: David Trachtenberg's review of Jim Popkin's *Code Name Blue Wren: The True Story of America's Most Dangerous Female Spy*; Michaela Dodge's review of *Putin's Wars: From Chechnya to Ukraine* by Mark Galeotti; and, Matthew Costlow's review of *China's Emergency as a Second Nuclear Peer: Implications for U.S. Nuclear Deterrence Strategy* from the Center for Global Security Research (CGSR) Study Group.

The “Documentation” in this issue includes excerpts from the House and Senate versions of the FY 2024 National Defense Authorization Act, and the 2010 prepared statements by Amb. Robert Joseph and Dr. Keith Payne regarding the New START Treaty before the Senate Foreign Relations and Senate Armed Services Committees, respectively.

Finally, this issue's “From the Archive” feature is a 1983 essay by Herman Kahn on arms control and active defense. This essay, now four decades old, illustrates the continuity of fundamental issues in the U.S. strategic policy and arms control debates.

We continue to strive to make each issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* worthwhile and hope readers will find every article and feature in this issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* valuable.

