



EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the first Issue of Volume 4 of National Institute's *Journal of Policy & Strategy*—a quarterly online peer-reviewed publication. In this first issue of 2024, the “Analysis” section features four essays. First, Dr. Mark Schneider explains the difficulty of estimating the size and composition of Russia's nuclear arsenal from open sources alone. Second, Mr. Michael Rühle examines NATO's history through the lens of one of its important early intellectual supporters, Norman Angell. Third, Dr. John Mark Mattox explores the definition and intersections of morality, ethics, and national power. Fourth, Dr. Stephen Blank explains why the United States should support Israel and Ukraine in their respective conflicts—both for similar reasons.

The “Interviews” section features questions and answers with Hon. Franklin Miller, Principal at the Scowcroft Group and Member of the bipartisan and Congressionally-mandated 2023 Strategic Posture Commission, and Dr. Nadia Schadow, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute and former Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategy. The following “Proceedings” section contains participant remarks from two National Institute webinars, one titled “The Size and Characteristics of the Russian Nuclear Stockpile” from September 2023, and the other, “The Rejection of Intentional Population Targeting for ‘Tripolar’ Deterrence,” from November 2023. They contain fascinating insights on two particularly relevant topics of discussion currently.

The “Literature Review” section highlights three recently published works in the field: *US National Security: Policymakers, Processes, and Politics, Sixth Edition*, by John Allen Williams, Stephen J. Cimbala, Sam C. Sarkesian; *How Russia Loses: Hubris and Miscalculation in Putin's Kremlin*, by Thomas Kent; and, *Indo-Pacific Missile Arsenals: Avoiding Spirals and Mitigating Escalation Risks*, by Ankit Panda. These works were reviewed by Hon. David J. Trachtenberg, Dr. Michaela Dodge, and Mr. Matthew R. Costlow respectively.

The “Documentation” section, in its first feature, contains excerpts from the *Fiscal Year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act Conference Report*. The second document is the written testimony of Rear Admiral Douglas L. Williams, Acting Director of the Missile Defense Agency, titled *Demand for Theater Missile Defense Assets*. Finally, the third document is a discussion paper from the Estonian Ministry of Defence, titled, *Setting Transatlantic Defence up for Success: A Military Strategy for Ukraine's Victory and Russia's Defeat*.

The concluding section of this issue, “From the Archive,” begins with select excerpts from the highly-influential *Report of the President's Commission on Strategic Forces*, otherwise known as the Scowcroft Commission report, which has just celebrated its 40th anniversary since its publication. The second document features select excerpts from Dr. Keith Payne's 1982 book *Nuclear Deterrence in U.S.-Soviet Relations*, which highlights two quotes from the recently-passed statesman Dr. Henry Kissinger.

