



## EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the third issue of Volume 4 of National Institute's online *Journal of Policy & Strategy*—a quarterly, peer-reviewed publication. In this issue's "Analysis" section, readers will find thoughtful articles by Mark Schneider, Michael Rühle, Kyle Balzer, and Masoud Kazemzadeh and Penny Watson. The topics include China's nuclear arsenal, Germany's views on extended deterrence, Iran's role in the Middle East conflict, and James Schlesinger's impact on the shift in U.S. nuclear policy toward tailored deterrence.

This issue also includes interviews with David Lonsdale, Senior Lecturer at the University of Hull in the United Kingdom and Bruno Tertrais, Deputy Director of the Foundation for Strategic Research in Paris. Dr. Lonsdale discusses the value of extended deterrence and its importance in the Anglo-American security relationship. He also comments on the impact of Russian and Chinese nuclear force developments on UK defense policy. Dr. Tertrais assesses the French role in NATO and addresses concerns over the credibility of the U.S. extended nuclear deterrent. He also discusses implications for the alliance of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the issue of NATO burdensharing, and the relevance of arms control.

This issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* also provides proceedings from National Institute's regular online symposia, or "webinars," moderated by David Trachtenberg. These proceedings are drawn from three different symposia held in May, June, and July 2024 that focused on: "Adapting U.S. Missile Defense Policy to Evolving Threats"; "The Impact of Arms Control on Extended Deterrence and Assurance"; and "Emergence of A New Quad: The Growing Entente Between China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran."

This issue's "Literature Review" includes a review of five books: Keith Payne reviews *Duty to Deter: American Nuclear Deterrence and the Just War Doctrine*, by Rebecah Heinrichs. Michaela Dodge contributes reviews of Ilan Berman's book, *Challenging Moscow's Message* and Matthew Kroenig's and Dan Negrea's book, *We Win, They Lose: Republican Foreign Policy & the New Cold War*. David Trachtenberg reviews *America's Cold Warrior: Paul Nitze and National Security from Roosevelt to Reagan*, by James Graham Wilson. And Matthew Costlow reviews Aaron Bateman's book, *Weapons in Space: Technology, Politics, and the Rise and Fall of the Strategic Defense Initiative*.

The "Documentation" section includes select excerpts from the June 26, 2024 Congressional Testimony of James E. Fanell, CAPT USN (Retired) before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Accountability Hearing on "Defending America from the Chinese Communist Party's Political Warfare, Part II"; portions of the Washington Summit Declaration issued by the Heads of State and Government participating in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Washington, D.C. on July 10, 2024; relevant passages from Sweden's National Security Strategy, published in July 2024; and select excerpts from the summary of the 2024 report of the *Commission on the National Defense Strategy*.

Finally, this issue's "From the Archive" section presents a 1977 report by B.A. Wellnitz on the fifth meeting of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory panel on tactical nuclear weapons. The proceedings of the panel meeting focus on the European view of nuclear deterrence, defense, and arms control, summarizing the thinking and logic of the late Professor Colin Gray on the subject, which remains insightful and relevant almost half a century later.

As always, the editors strive to make each issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* informative and useful to our readers and hope that you find great value in the contents of this issue.

