



EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the third issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* in 2025. This issue's Analysis section includes a Special Feature that offers three articles adapted from a comprehensive July 2025 study entitled, *A New Strategic Review for a New Age: 2025*. The first article in this Special Feature is by Thomas Scheber. It examines the U.S. nuclear infrastructure, including identifying what progress has been made, and what yet needs to be done, for the infrastructure to perform its designated mission. The second article in this Special Feature is by Keith Payne. It presents the reasons why the United States needs to expand the mission and capabilities of today's rudimentary strategic missile defense system, and addresses criticisms of the initiative to do so. The third article in this Special Feature is by David Trachtenberg. It provides a review of arms control history and explains why, as a rule, U.S. arms control goals are beyond reach when the other parties to an agreement are actively hostile to the United States. The fourth article in this issue is by Paul Amato. It examines the U.S. transition from a "two war" standard of adequacy for U.S. forces to a "one war" standard and explains why this standard is inadequate for U.S. nuclear strategy. The fifth article is a graduate student contribution. It is by Sarah Faris and examines the history of nuclear deterrence "tailoring," from its conception to its bipartisan adoption as U.S. policy, and explains why "tailoring" has become a recognized requirement for U.S. deterrence policy. The final article in this issue's Analysis section is by Safdar Hussain a Visiting Fellow at the University of Reading, UK. It provides an analysis of China's Belt and Road Initiative from a societal framework.

This issue's Interviews section features interviews by Michaela Dodge with Kenton White, Lecturer, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Reading, UK, and David Lonsdale, Senior Lecturer in War Studies and Director Postgraduate Taught Programmes, Hull University, UK.

This issue's Proceedings section highlights speakers' presentations from National Institute for Public Policy's webinars held in April and June 2025. The April webinar focused on a recent National Institute study by Matthew Costlow entitled, *Opportunistic and Coordinated Aggression: the New Pacing Threats?* It includes remarks by David J. Trachtenberg (moderator), Matthew Costlow, and Christopher Ford. The June webinar was held in honor of the late Dr. John S. Foster Jr. Several of Dr. Foster's colleagues provided a discussion that highlighted his unparalleled personal characteristics and professional stature in the U.S. defense community. Remarks presented here were made by Keith B. Payne (moderator), Bryan Gabbard, Mim John, Tom Ramos, and Tom Scheber.

The Literature Review section offers assessments of two recent books: Paul Robinson's *Russia's World Order: How Civilizationism Explains the Conflict with the West*, reviewed by David Trachtenberg; and, Matthew Fuhrmann's *Influence Without Arms: The New Logic of Nuclear Deterrence*, reviewed by Michaela Dodge.

The Documentation section in this issue contains three significant sources. The first is a "Statement by PM Benjamin Netanyahu." The second is the "Introduction" and "Overview" from the U.K Ministry of Defence's *Strategic Defence Review, 2025*. The third is from the 119th Session, U.S. Congress, *An Act, January 3, 2025, Sec. 20008, Enhancement of Resources for Nuclear Forces*.

Finally, this issue's Archive section includes two documents. The first is the Executive Summary from, George Miller, Paul S. Brown, Carol Alonso, "Report to Congress on Stockpile Reliability, Weapon Remanufacturing, and the Role of Nuclear Testing," Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, October 1987. The second is Chapter 7 from Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's, *Annual Report to the President and the Congress* (Washington, D.C.: Department of Defense, 2002).

As always, we hope you, the readers, will enjoy and find useful this issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy*.

