



EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the final issue of the *Journal of Policy & Strategy* for 2025. This issue's Analysis section features five articles that substantively contribute to contemporary debates on significant defense issues. The first feature is a pair of articles, authored by Michaela Dodge and Keith B. Payne, and James Anderson and David Trachtenberg respectively, that examine Putin's invitation to extend the central limits of New START. The third article is Rodger Baker's analysis of China's power and potential geopolitical directions. The fourth article by Curtis McGiffin analyzes the role of technology as an instrument of state power. Fifth is Cody Stamm's discussion of the West's unfolding competition with Russia and China in the Arctic.

This issue's interview section features Ambassador Henry Cooper, former Director of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization. The subject of the interview, conducted by Michaela Dodge, is missile defense and the prospects and necessity of the Trump Administration's Golden Dome program.

The Proceedings section highlights National Institute for Public Policy's webinars held in July and August 2025. The July webinar, hosted by David J. Trachtenberg, included presentations by Keith Payne and Ilan Berman on the implications of the Middle East Conflict for deterrence and nonproliferation. The August webinar focused on National Institute's 2025 study entitled, *A New Strategic Review for a New Age: 2025*. The speakers, Keith Payne, Franklin Miller, Tom Scheber, Mark Schneider, and David Trachtenberg, provided commentary on U.S. nuclear policy and posture requirements in the looming threat environment.

The Literature Review section features David Trachtenberg's review of the National Institute for Deterrence Studies' publication, *Peace Through Strength: Renewing America's Nuclear Deterrent—A Proposed Nuclear Posture Review for 2026*. The second review, by Michaela Dodge, is of A. Wess Mitchell's recent book entitled *Great Power Diplomacy: The Skill of Statecraft from Attila the Hun to Kissinger*.

The Documentation section in this issue contains four recent primary documents. The first includes select excerpts from the recently released *National Security Strategy*. The section also includes select excerpts from the Senate Armed Services Committee's Hearing to Consider the Nomination of the Honorable Robert P. Kadlec to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biological Defense Policy and Programs. The third is Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's statement from his September 2025 visit to the White House. The final document includes select excerpts from the November 2025 U.S.-China Economic and Review Commission Report to Congress.

Finally, the issue's Archive section features Mark Schneider's February 2014 *Information Series*, No. 360, entitled "Confirmation of Russian Violation and Circumvention of the INF Treaty." This article provided an early public discussion of Russia's violations of the INF Treaty.

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

