

### Resources



Dear Patron: The Resources portion of the CSS website is the successor to the International Relations and Security Network (ISN). As in the case of its predecessor, the fundamental purpose of the Resources section is outreach -- i.e., it features the publications and analyses of CSS experts, external partners and like-minded institutions in order to promote further dialogue on important international relations and security-related issues.

### This Week's Two Security Watch Series

This week, our first **Security Watch (SW)** series focuses on the further professionalization of international police forces; the evolution of war and conflict in Africa; the potential role of women in NATO Special Operations Forces; the military dimensions of state power in the Great Lakes region of Africa; and Europe's indirect impact on military security in East Asia. Then, in our second **SW** series, we look at the ability of investment treaties to undermine human rights; NATO's precarious solidarity; the levels of public support terrorism receives in Muslim majority countries; the prospects of an independent Iraqi Kurdistan; and the unfolding famine in Northeast Nigeria.



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#### **Women: A NATO Special Operations Forces Force Multiplier**

Should women have the "right" to serve in combat units? According to Marius Kristiansen, that's not the right question to ask. The appropriate one is as follows: Will a "mixed distribution of gender" across a military organization enhance its effectiveness or not? Kristiansen's answer is 'it depends' -- i.e., you have to factor in a specialty area's context, culture and cohesion. If you do that, then women do have a role to play in NATO Special Operations Forces.



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#### **Support for Terrorism in Muslim Majority Countries and Implications for Immigration Policies in the West**

According to the polling data collected by Russell Berman and Arno Tausch, 1) 8.3% of Muslims worldwide support the so-called Islamic State; 2) 18% of Syrian refugees sympathize with the group, while 30% of them want to establish a theocratic state in their war-torn country; and 3) 52% of all Arabs agree that US meddling in their region justifies terrorist responses. These percentages, Berman and Tausch are quick to note, tell a more complex and differentiated tale than one might first suspect, but they also raise legitimate questions about the hostility being directed towards certain Western immigration policies.



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### **Policy Response to Low Fertility in China: Too Little, Too Late?**

Demography may not be destiny, but it certainly matters. Starting in the early 1990s, observes Wang Feng, fertility rates declined to below-replacement levels in China. They have since declined further and now hover around 1.5 children per woman. If similar rates persist, China's population will 1) decline by as many as 600 million people by the end of the 21st century, and 2) be one of the fastest aging cohorts in the world. Given these trajectories, sweeping domestic dislocations are indeed on the horizon.



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### **Sri Lanka's Transition to Nowhere**

Things aren't going well in Sri Lanka, observes this ICG report. Public confidence has been severely damaged by the government's failure to improve the economy, eliminate corruption, restore the rule of law, and craft a new and more equitable constitution. After reviewing...



### **Organizations and Resources Page Partners**

#### **Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD Centre)**

Our featured partner this week is the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (the HD Centre), which is a private diplomacy-oriented organization that's founded on the principles of 'humanity, impartiality and independence'. Its specific mission is to help prevent, mitigate, and resolve armed conflict through dialogue and mediation.



### **Video: Easternization**

As global wealth and influence flow from west to east, Asia's growth is increasingly being tied to global integration. However, in the US this process of easternization is often portrayed as a threat to American jobs and security. In [today's video](#), Gideon Rachman considers whether there's an alternative to this zero sum assessment of US-Asia relations.

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