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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 four possible doomsday scenarios for Europe's post-2014 policy towards Russia; the expected 'race for Syria' after the demise of the Islamic State; how to enhance NATO-EU cooperation; the US Army's not-so-new Multi-Domain Battle concept; and the rapidly approaching endgame in Venezuela. Then, in our second **SW** series, we look at how an influential American journal analyzes US foreign policy; the nascent 'Europe of Security' concept; how to implement sustainable peace solutions in a volatile world; the dissimilar approaches George W Bush and Barack Obama took towards the Middle East; and the roles business and private diplomacy can play as catalysts for sustainable peace.



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[East-West-North-South: The Race for Syria after the Islamic State](#)

According to Udi Dekel, the race for territorial control in post-ISIS Syria now pits Iran, which has established a horizontal (east-west) axis, against America, which has created a vertical (north-south) one. Of particular concern is the war-torn country's southern region, where contacts are seemingly underway between Israel, Jordan and the United States in order to formulate a joint strategy that will prevent the spread of Iranian influence in the area.



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[The New 'Europe of Security': Elements for a European White Paper on Security and Defence](#)

With the Estonian Presidency set to lead the EU Council from July until December 2017, the primary focus will be on digitalization and "a safe and secure Europe." The latter issue has been a constant priority for Brussels since mid-2014. For it to gain traction, however, Annegret Bendiek believes the EU will have to pursue three overlapping ends – a security union, a defense union, and closer cooperation between NATO and the EU – and do it within the framework of a needed strategic White Paper.



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[How Brazil's Political and Economic Crisis Affects its Military Spending](#)

Brazil's military expenditures decreased by 7.2 percent in 2016. So, what's the complicated mix of economic and political troubles that led to the drop? Diego Lopes da Silva points to 1) a tumble in commodities exports, especially soybeans; 2) corruption and money laundering, as illustrated by the Petrobras scheme; 3) follow-on austerity measures, and more. To counteract these influences, da Silva wonders if it's time for the military to justify further investments in its sector by touting its ability to sell military equipment abroad.



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[What If... Conceivable Crises: Unpredictable in 2017, Unmanageable in 2020?](#)

This collection of essays focuses on eleven scenarios that may appear unlikely today, but which could come to pass in the near future. The primary aim of each text is to highlight the EU's current strengths and

weaknesses, specifically in its decision-making processes and crisis management structures. Some of the potential crises include 1) a repeat intervention by Russia in Ukraine; 2) the disintegration of Bosnia-Herzegovina; 3) the so-called Islamic State taking over an enfeebled African state, and more.



Organizations and Resources Page Partners

Lowy Institute for International Policy

Our featured partner this week is the Lowy Institute, which is an independent, nonpartisan and policy-centered think tank that researches and analyzes a variety of international and regional trends.

Video: International Law and New Wars

In [today's video](#), Christine Chinkin and Mary Kaldor discuss their new book, "International Law and New Wars," with added comments provided by Javier Solana. The problem, they contend, is that international law, which was largely constructed in the 19th and 20th centuries, continues to focus too much on traditional warfare. What's really needed in today's world of idiosyncratic 'new wars' is to match up international law with second generation notions of human security.

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