

### 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 US military's dubious budgeting practices, particularly in the case of overseas contingency operations; the credibility of India's missile deterrence, as perceived by China; the subsequent fallout from the P5+1's nuclear deal with Iran; the international community's response to the surge in armed conflict; and the outdated nature of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) programs. Then, in our second **SW** series, we look at the economic impact of violence in Latin America and the Caribbean, including what it can teach the EU; America's wobbly commitment to internationalism; Russia's ongoing 'gas games' in Europe; the latest breakdown of Cyprus' bi-communal negotiations; and what the US Military's next National Defense Strategy should emphasize.



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#### [Overseas Contingency Operations: The Pentagon's \\$80 Billion Loophole](#)

As Laicie Heeley sees it, the Trump administration's FY2017 supplemental defense budget request and Congress' subsequent approval was irresponsible. Indeed, the Overseas Contingency Operations account, which was originally designed to shield the costs of war from annual budget battles, now includes billions of dollars earmarked for base budget needs. The war account, in other words, has become a gapping and illegal loophole for ordinary military spending, as Heeley demonstrates here.



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#### [The Economic Impact of Violence in LAC: Implications for the EU](#)

Assessing the multidimensional costs of violence is difficult, says José Luengo-Cabrera. In response, the Institute for Economics and Peace

(IEP) has developed a complex model that measures both the overt and hidden expenses that are involved. So, what does the data tell us about Latin America and the Caribbean, where the costs of violence continue to outweigh the expenditures devoted to preventing or containing it? Further, what can the model and its results teach the EU? Here are Cabrera's responses.



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### [The Beginning\(s\) and End\(s\) of the International Order](#)

What is the political health of the world? According to Glenda Sluga, the prognosis is terminal – i.e., the international world order we know is ending. “But determining what order we are on the verge of losing could do with more diagnosis,” Sluga argues, “including tracking the symptoms of the disorder (and order) back to their beginnings.” In this blog, our author canvases the last 200 years in search of the point where the end possibly began, and thereby understand the history of the aims—or “ends”—of the international order itself.



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### [The Return of Marco Polo's World and the US Military Response](#)

In this sophisticated and thought-provoking essay, Robert Kaplan argues that as Europe disappears, Eurasia coheres. In other words, “The supercontinent is becoming one fluid, comprehensible unit of trade and conflict, as the Westphalian system of states weakens and older, imperial legacies . . . become paramount.” Every crisis from Central Europe to the ethnic-Han Chinese heartland is now interlinked. There is [only] one singular battlespace.”



### [Organizations and Resources Page Partners](#)

#### [Canadian Military Journal \(CMJ\)](#)

Our featured partner this week is the Canadian Military Journal, which is the official professional journal of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Department of National Defence. It covers a variety of topics in order to enhance the knowledge and skill sets of the country's security professionals.



### [Video: Are Africa's Liberation Movements Past their Prime?](#)

In [today's video](#), Liesl Louw-Vaudran looks at the African countries where leaders of liberation movements are still in power or where members of their family are in charge. In her analysis, Louw-Vaudran pays particular attention to the relationship between liberation-driven governments and their impact on democracy and development.

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