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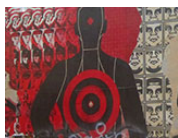
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### Resources

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 how home countries should cope with returning foreign fighters; the role Balkan fighters are playing in Syria, Ukraine and beyond; how Iran, Russia and the Taliban will shape the future of Afghanistan; the overarching trends of armed conflict from 1946 to 2016; and the benefits of economic sanctions as an instrument of foreign policy. Then, in our second **SW** series, we look at the relationship between mediation and violent conflicts; how Europe can avoid another crisis in Egypt; Mexico's worsening 'war without a name'; post-truth politics and the securitization of fake news; and why one might want to reject globalization, beyond the familiar reasons of inequality and xenophobia.



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#### [Economic Sanctions: Sharpening a Vital Foreign Policy Tool](#)

Why do economic sanctions remain a popular foreign policy tool even though analysts question their ability to create 'sustained impacts'? According to Jack Forrer, such restrictions are scalable and easily explained; you can design and implement them quickly; and they often yield immediate and tangible results. But what's really valuable about sanctions, Forrer concludes, is their potential dynamism and versatility, which are well suited for the fluidity of a globalized world.



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#### [Lessons from Guatemala's Commission against Impunity](#)

What can other countries learn from the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG)? According to Matthew Taylor, the biggest lesson is that such prosecutorial instruments are effective, particularly in environments marked by weak institutions and high levels of corruption. In Guatemala's case, Supreme Court justices have been removed from office, drug lords jailed, and extortion rings dismantled. The tricky bit, however, remains establishing the rule of law in widespread and lasting ways.



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#### [A Path to Free North Korea's Political Prisoners](#)

North Korea's opponents shouldn't rely on conventional strategies to undermine Kim Jong-un's regime, says Robert Park. Instead, they should offer conditional amnesty to those who attempt to remove him from power. In other words, South Korea and its allies should convince Pyongyang's elites that they will not be punished or ostracized if Kim falls, but only if they take verifiable steps to protect and then release the hundreds of thousands political prisoners who are currently under arrest.



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#### [Trends in Force Posture in Europe](#)

This paper unpacks the military force postures of France, Germany, Italy, Russia, the United Kingdom and United States, which together represent over 85% of the military expenditures of OSCE States. The categories used to conduct the analysis include 1) military expenditures; 2) personnel strengths; 3) the types and quantity of weapons available; 4) force readiness levels; 5) the types and scale of ongoing military

exercise programs; and 6) the number and scope of deployments abroad.



### Organizations and Resources Page Partners

#### European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

Our featured partner this week is the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), which performs research and stimulates debate on one overriding topic -- the development of a coherent, effective, and values-based European foreign policy. To fulfill this charter, the organization operates a pan-European Council, maintains a physical presence in the main EU member states, and pursues a targeted research and policy development program.

#### Video: Bridging the economic gap: How can we fix capitalism?

In **today's video**, Geraldine Buckingham, Koushik Chatterjee and Hu Shul focus on global capitalism's current rules of the game and how we might revise them, including those that govern regulatory frameworks, the theory of business structures, and the current model of shareholder value.

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