



Highlights This Month

In Hot Water: Arctic Fisheries as a Proxy for Geopolitical Tensions

Journal Article, *RUSI*
Grace Evans and Andreas Østhagen | 11 July 2023

In the first article of a three-part series looking into the intersections between climate change and security challenges, Evans and Østhagen discuss the impact of a warming Arctic. In particular, they focus on the geopolitical competition between Russia, China and the West, examining both the strategic concerns and the issues around access to maritime resources, most notably fishing.

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The European Union's Quest to become a Global Maritime Security Provider

Journal Article, *Naval War College Review*
Tim Fish Christian Bueger and Timothy Edmunds | Volume 76, Spring 2023

The European Union seeks to become global actor in maritime security, but there are multiple challenges that influence its strategic process. This article examines whether there is a coherent EU approach to maritime strategy, and how the EU can help to address a growing number of global maritime issues.

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Threat Global Security Briefing Podcasts: How Can Ukraine's Security be Guaranteed?

Podcast, *RUSI*
Dr Neil Melvin | 28 June 2023

In this podcast episode, Dr Neil Melvin talks to Andriy Zagorodnyuk, Defence Minister of Ukraine from 2019 to 2020 and currently the Chairman of the Centre for Defence Strategies in Kyiv, about the future of Ukraine, and the support that it needs. In particular, it focuses on the future relationship between NATO and Ukraine, and the pressure faced by NATO in the build-up to the July 2023 summit in Vilnius.

[Listen to the Episode Here ...](#)

Critical Maritime Infrastructure: What's The Trouble?

Article, *Marine Policy*

Christian Bueger and Tobias Liebetrau | Volume 155, September 2023

Since the September 2022 attacks on the Nord Stream natural gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea, the protection of critical maritime infrastructures has grown in importance and become a political priority. This article examines why the protection of infrastructure at sea is so difficult, by exploring the wide spectrums of both the types of maritime infrastructures, and the potential threats to them.

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Goodfellows

Podcast, *Hoover Institute*

John Cochrane, Niall Ferguson, and H.R. McMaster

Goodfellows is a fortnightly podcast that looks into recent global events and examines the economic and strategic impact that they may have in the future. It features historian Niall Ferguson, economist John Cochrane and former US National Security Advisor, Lieutenant General H.R. McMaster, all discussing the social, economic, and geostrategic ramifications of incidents around the world. Recent episodes have analysed the Wagner Group rebellion, the future impact of AI on geopolitics and examined a future 'new cold war' that the West could have with China.

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Military Conscription in the Arab World: The (Re)emergence of a Trend

Article, *The Italian Institute for International Political Studies*

The Italian Institute for International Political Studies | 5 June 2023

In recent years, many countries across the Arab world have either reinstated compulsory military service or introduced it for the first time. Half a century ago, the Gulf Arab monarchies were particularly hesitant to let their militaries become major national institutions whose status could one day rival that of the royal families. Today, they rather appear to perceive their armed forces as a means to (re)construct a national identity. The security situation in the region – and questions about the continued commitment of the US to regional security – also plays a role. *The Italian Institute for International Political Studies* has written a fascinating series of articles analysing conscription in the Middle East from different angles, and providing a few case studies, such as Tunisia, Morocco, Iraq and the Gulf monarchies.

[Read the Article Here ...](#)

Preparing NATO for Climate-Related Security Challenges

Article, *Chatham House*

Anum Farhan, Signe Kossmann and Armida van Rij | 4 July 2023

The impacts of climate change and extreme weather events have the potential to threaten capabilities across all of NATO's domains and impact its ability to deter and defend. This fascinating article argues that to meet these challenges, NATO should adapt by strengthening its political and institutional structures, its mechanisms for anticipating climate risks and its operational resilience. In doing so, it can also improve operational effectiveness and gain military advantage.

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The Titan Submersible Cataclysm: What We Know So Far

Video, *Youtube*

Megaprojects | 25 June 2023

Many of you will be aware of OceanGate's *Titan* sub, which imploded around 90 minutes into its descent to the Titanic in June, killing five individuals, including OceanGate CEO Stockton Rush. The internet has concentrated on issues such as the use of Logitech game controller to steer the submarine. However, this doesn't completely explain what went wrong. There are some fascinating analyses of what is required for repeated diving at extreme depths and why OceanGate's vessel did not meet those standards. This video by Megaprojects sets out the problems the *Titan* encountered in significant detail, but in an accessible way.

[Watch the Video Here ...](#)

Events and Notices

The Black Sea in the Russo-Ukraine War

Dr Beatrice Heuser and Anders
Nielsen
12 September 2023
13:00 - 14:00 GMT
MS Teams

The RNSSC are very happy to host Beatrice, Senior Associate Fellow at RUSI and Chair in International Relations at the University of Glasgow, and Anders, Military Analyst at the Royal Danish Defence College, for the **September Lunchtime Lecture**.

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