



Highlights This Month

NATO and the North Sea: Securing the Green Energy Transition

Journal Article, *RUSI*

Christian Bueger and Andrew Neal | 27 June 2023

“It is crucial to recognise that North Sea security encompasses more than just guarding against external threats such as Russia”. With the region’s importance set to be amplified by the green transition, Christian Bueger and Andrew Neal’s excellent commentary stresses that North Sea states and stakeholders must develop new ideas and strategies to ensure its future security.

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

The Catch: The Cartel of the Sea

Podcast, *Foreign Policy*

Ruxandra Guidi | 11 April 2023

In this podcast, host Ruxandra Guidi looks at the conditions in the upper Gulf of California that have allowed Mexican cartels to embed themselves into nearly all aspects of the fishing industry. She investigates the weak response from the Mexican government in rooting out the cartels and tries to learn what, if anything, can be done about all this. This episode also features conversations with Vanda Felbab-Brown, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, and Carlos Tirado, a local fishers leader who runs a large artisanal shrimp fishing operation and is an advocate for sustainable fishing.

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Taiwan's Navy Caught Between Two Strategies to Counter Chinese Threat

Journal Article, *USNI*

Tim Fish | 14 June 2023

Written by former RNSSC Richmond fellow, Tim Fish, this fascinating article details the danger Taiwan is facing from China and its struggle to create a force structure to handle different strategic requirements.

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A Viet Nam Reappraisal: The Personal History of One Man's View and How It Evolved

Article, *Foreign Affairs*

Clark M. Clifford | July 1969

Written in 1969, this timely article evokes recent events in Afghanistan, Iraq, the limits of power, the dangers of escalation mid-war and the absolute criticality of dynamic assessments and the frankness of questions.

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

China and Russia Block New Protected Areas in the Antarctic Ocean

Journal Article, *The Maritime Executive*

Brian Gicheru Kinyua | 25 June 2023

This article looks at recent developments and their implications regarding fishing in the Arctic Ocean. Russia and China have blocked plans to protect large areas of ocean waters around Antarctica from fishing. These plans are supported by the European Union, the USA and 23 other nations. As such, members of the multilateral body responsible for Antarctic marine conservation failed to agree on new measures to protect the Southern Ocean from overfishing.

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Satellite Surveillance: The New Orbital Arms Race

Podcast, *The Red Line*

The Red Line | 17 April 2023

This *Red Line* podcast episode provides a useful introduction as to what global powers such as Russia, China and the USA are doing in space. Drawing on experts such as Tim Marshall, Keith Masback and George Nacouzi, the episode offers an accessible and entertaining introduction to who is doing what in space.

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Six Questions Every DOD AI and Autonomy Program Manager Needs to Be Prepared to Answer

Article, *CSIS*

Gregory C. Allen | 15 May 2023

Artificial Intelligence is anticipated to be the great disruptor of the 21st century. Writing for *CSIS*, Gregory C. Allen looks at 6 fundamental questions and offers comprehensive answers, that anyone working in the intersection between AI and defence needs to know. Allen's analysis looks at everything from the intended purpose of AI and the required infrastructure and talent that is required, to how AI integration will ultimately impact budgets, both in the short and long term. This commentary provides a useful introduction for anyone hoping to comprehend how AI will be impact the defence security sector in the near future.

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

Independent Thinking: Securing NATO's northern flank

Podcast, *Chatham House*

Bronwen Maddox | 23 June 2023

This podcast discusses how Europe's security is being reshaped by events in Ukraine, what London and the JEF states are looking to achieve by operating more closely in the north, and the balance of forces between NATO and Russia in the Baltic now Finland is a NATO member. Moreover, the episode looks ahead to the NATO summit in Vilnius next month. With Finland now an alliance member, but Sweden still outside, are alliance politics (with Turkey and Hungary) leaving NATO's northern flank vulnerable?

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Battleground: Ukraine

Podcast, *Battleground*

Saul David and Patrick Bishop | 27 June 2023

An insightful podcast series that examines all aspects of the Russo-Ukrainian conflict. From the Wagner mutiny to insight into the senior Russian military leadership and the significance of T-14 Armata tanks, Saul and Patrick weave their trademark blend of social and military history into this series.

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Events and Notices

Rethinking Ends, Ways and Means

Benjamin Bilski
4 July 2023
13:00 - 14:00 GMT
MS Teams

The RNSSC are very happy to host Benjamin, Head of Strategy Design, Policy Profession Unit in Whitehall, for the **July Lunchtime Lecture**. August's lecturer is programmed to be James Smith (timing and subject to be confirmed).

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