Dear Colleagues,

It's my pleasure to send you the November 2021 edition of the ISP Brief, the monthly newsletter of the CSIS International Security Program. The ISP Brief features CSIS reports and analysis written by our scholars and includes externally published articles, media highlights such as video interviews and podcasts, and links to recent and upcoming virtual events.

I welcome your feedback on this newsletter and its contents at ispoutreach@csis.org. I also invite you to follow us on Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook for the very latest on ISP's work.

Yours sincerely,

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Europe's High-End Military Challenges: The Future of European Capabilities and Missions

In a joint report from CSIS’s International Security Program and Europe, Russia, and Eurasia Program, Dr. Seth G. Jones, Rachel Ellehuus, and Colin Wall examine the evolution of European military capabilities over the next decade and the types of missions states will be able (and unable) to perform by 2030.

READ HERE

On November 18, the CSIS International Security Program and the U.S. Naval Institute hosted a Maritime Security Dialogue event with Rear Admiral Tom Druggan, and Dr. Tom Karako. The pair discussed the history of Aegis' development, its current and near-term capabilities, and next steps for its continued evolution.

WATCH HERE

U.S. Military Forces in FY 2022: Navy

There is bipartisan support to expand the Navy, but limited budgets and early retirements—“divesting to invest”—make achieving that goal difficult. The Biden administration’s emerging fleet plan incorporates smaller ships and large numbers of unmanned systems, as proposed by many strategists, but high costs, production limitations, and congressional opposition may prevent full implementation.

Mark Cancian analyzes the U.S. Navy further as a part of his U.S. Military Forces in FY 2022 series.
Moscow’s Continuing Ukrainian Buildup

Russia is continuing a slow but steady military buildup near its border with Ukraine. As new CSIS satellite imagery analysis shows, there has recently been a 17 percent increase in the number of military structures used for storage and billeting troops outside the Russian town of Yelnya, home of the 144th Guards Motorized Rifle Division. Read more in the latest High Resolution Spotlight by Dr. Seth G. Jones, Lieutenant Colonel Michelle Macander, and Joseph S. Bermudez, Jr.
Battle Networks and the Future Force

Part 2: Operational Challenges and Acquisition Opportunities

Todd Harrison draws on lessons from previous attempts to improve battle network integration and explores how the Department of Defense can properly scope the problem and organize itself to effectively and efficiently acquire the systems needed to realize its vision for JADC2 in his new brief.

U.S. Military Forces in FY 2021: Marine Corps

The Marine Corps continues a major restructuring to develop capabilities for great power conflict in the Pacific after two decades of conducting counterinsurgency operations ashore. The budget cuts units and personnel to pay for these new capabilities. The restructuring remains controversial.

Mark Cancian analyzes the U.S. Marine Corps further as a part of his U.S. Military Forces in FY 2022 series.
ISP SPOTLIGHT

CSIS Project on Nuclear Issues Microsite Revamp

The CSIS Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) revamped their microsite this month. The site is completely redone so you can keep up with all of their events, analysis, and opportunities.

Explore the microsite here.

More from our PONI scholars this month below:

Influence and Escalation: Implications of Russian and Chinese Influence Operations for Crisis Management by Rebecca Hersman, Eric Brewer, Lindsey Sheppard, and Maxwell Simon

A Nuclear Iran Is Not Inevitable: Why the World Cannot Give Up on Diplomacy by Eric Brewer
JOB ALERT: Director and Fellow/Senior Fellow - Smart Women, Smart Power Initiative and International Security Program

We are hiring for an individual to lead, manage, and direct the work of the Smart Women, Smart Power Initiative (SWSP), as well as serve as a fellow/senior fellow in the International Security Program (ISP). Apply now at the link below.

CSIS and DINSN Announce the 2021 U.S. National Security & Foreign Affairs Leadership List

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), in partnership with the Diversity in National Security Network (DINSN), is pleased to announce the 2021 U.S. National Security & Foreign Affairs Leadership List.

Find out who the 50 selected leaders are here.
PUBLICATIONS

Inside the Data-Driven Operation that Moved Afghan Refugees from Dulles to Safe Havens by Colonel Matthew Strohmeyer, Grace Hwang, Lieutenant Colonel Michelle Macander, and Erol Yayboke

Eyes Everywhere: Intelligence and Strategic Decisionmaking in the Gray Zone by Ian Williams

Haitian Migration: Food Insecurity, Fragility, and a Better Way Forward by Jamie Lutz and Erol Yayboke

China: The Growing Military Challenge: Volume Two of a Graphic Net Assessment by Dr. Anthony H. Cordesman and Grace Hwang

More DEI Equals Smarter Diplomacy by Abigail Golden-Vazquez

Covid-19 Response Update: October 14-19 by Robert Maxwell and Mark Cancian

Dr. Cynthia R. Cook Joins CSIS as Senior Fellow and Director of the Defense-Industrial Initiatives Group by CSIS


China: The Civil-Military Challenge: Volume One of a Graphic Net Assessment by Dr. Anthony H. Cordesman and Grace Hwang

The White House Report on Climate Migration, Explained by Erol Yayboke, Catherine Nzuki, and Sierra Ballard

Booster Rocket Failure Cuts U.S. Hypersonic Test Short by Masao Dahlgren

India Tests Agni-V Ballistic Missile by Masao Dahlgren

Russia Conducts Air and Missile Defense Drill by Masao Dahlgren

Fight Financing the Fight – History and Assessment of DoD Budget Execution Processes by The Honorable Robert F. Hale

MULTIMEDIA
Erol Yayboke discussed COP26 on an episode of Alhurra.

Suzanne Spaulding joined an episode of MSNBC Meet the Press Daily with Chuck Todd, where she discussed Covid-19 vaccine misinformation.

Todd Harrison discussed how the Pentagon should execute its leading modernization priority — The Joint All Domain Command and Control system (JADC2) on the DefAero Report Daily Podcast.

Dr. Tom Karako joined AEI's What the Hell is Going On? podcast, where he explained China's recent hypersonic missile test, the science behind it, and what it means for U.S. national security.

Colonel Danielle Ngo is featured in the Atlantic Council's tribute to veterans of Afghanistan.

On a recent episode of Government Matters, Mark Cancian discussed the impact of deep military force structure cuts.

Dr. Seth G. Jones joined an episode of the Shield of the Republic with Dr. Eliot Cohen and Eric Edelman to discuss his new book, Three Dangerous Men. Listen here.

Dr. Tom Karako spoke at the 5th Annual Air Missile Defence Technology Conference.

On The Daily Scoop Podcast with Francis Rose, Todd Harrison said creating a joint program executive office or a lead combatant command may be key to the success of JADC2.

Todd Harrison joined Trey Yingst on the Fox News Rundown Podcast to discuss Russia's recently fired direct-ascent anti-satellite missile.
Dr. Tom Karako joined the DefAero Report Daily Podcast, where he discussed the future of the U.S. Navy’s Aegis ballistic missile defense system.

ISP PODCASTS

The Rules-Based Order & Global Stability

*Featuring: Major Asha Castleberry-Hernandez*

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Reimagining America with LtCol (ret.) Amy McGrath

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Can't Buy Me Software

*Featuring: Enrique Oti, Courtney Barno, and Lindsey Sheppard*

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When D.C. Met Silicon Valley

*Featuring: Lauren Bedula, Amélie Koran, and Emily Harding*

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UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS
Empowering NATO’s Technological Edge

Featuring: John-Mikal Størdal

Hosted by: Rachel Ellehuus

Executive Education: The Defense Enterprise Today: Strategy, Structure, and Future Prospects

Featuring: Todd Harrison, Dr. Seth G. Jones, Mark F. Cancian, and Gregory Sanders

Sparking a Revolution in Open Source Intelligence

Featuring: Robert Cardillo, Sean P. Roche, and Lauren Zabierek

Hosted by: Emily Harding

Going Green While Building Peace: How Can Technology Drive Climate, Conservation, and Peacebuilding Goals?

Featuring: Sahar Tabaja, Anjali Nayar, Peter Beaumont, and Dr. Alexander Ramsbotham
PONI 2021 Hybrid Winter Conference

Featuring: Beth Sanner, April Arnold, Halley Posner, Dan Zhukov, Elizabeth Threlkeld, Jesse Lubove, Benjamin Silverstein, Lt Diana Myers, Maj(P) Lorin Veigas, Nicholas Blanchette, Reid Pauly, Kate Kohn, Artur Honich, Gabriel Kelvin, Jacob Sebastian, Kyle Sallee, Rebecca Hersman, and Eric Brewer

PAST ONLINE EVENTS

Book Event: Major General Arnold L. Punaro's "The Ever-Shrinking Fighting Force"

Featuring: Major General Arnold L. Punaro (USMC, Ret.), Retired Congressman William "Mac" Thornberry, Jen Stewart, Sam Nunn, and Dr. John J. Hamre

Hosted by: Mark F. Cancian

Understanding the Intersection between Commercial Space and National Security ISR Needs
MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

“In the near-term, [Al Qaeda is] probably not a significant threat. But as time goes by, I think that threat is likely to increase,” said Dr. Seth G. Jones to PBS Frontline, “How much [the Taliban are] able to limit Al Qaeda activity will be a question mark.”

On November 16, Mark Cancian discussed contracting waste in an interview with Bloomberg, “Most major programs have competition at the beginning. Once a prime contractor is selected, however, future contracts are sole-source. The F-35 fighter program had a competition at the front end, but once Lockheed Martin won the contract, there was no more competition on the project. Because of the high cost of these programs, continuing competition is not viable.”

"I think that this is absolutely presenting an opportunity for anti-migrant politicians to further harden borders and further make it hard for people who are trying to move," Erol Yayboke told Newsweek regarding the crisis in Belarus. "For better for worse, these types of crises tend to influence the outcomes of elections across the European Union."

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