



Dear Colleagues,

It's my pleasure to send you the January 2022 edition of the ISP Brief, the monthly newsletter of the CSIS International Security Program.

This month in the program we have followed the [Russian military build-up around Ukraine](#), published work on [integrated arms control](#), looked at the revolution of [OSINT](#), analyzed [Chinese Private Security Companies \(PSCs\)](#), launched our [Satellite Dashboard](#), and much more.

In addition, we had insightful conversations with leaders from the [Navy](#), the [Space Force](#), and the [Army](#).

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.

Sincerely,



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UKRAINE-RUSSIA CRISIS SPOTLIGHT



BRIEF: Russia's Gamble in Ukraine

According to new CSIS analysis and satellite imagery from **Dr. Seth G. Jones**, **Joseph S. Bermudez Jr.**, and **Phillip G. Wasielewski**, Moscow has prepared a growing number of army, navy, and air force units for a possible invasion of Ukraine while also increasing irregular activities like cyber operations and subversion. If peace talks fail, escalation may include measures that are global in nature.

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Figure 2a: Russian Seizure of Ukraine up to the Dnepr River



BRIEF: Russia's Possible Invasion of Ukraine

If peace talks fail, the Russian military has several options to invade Ukraine through northern, central, and southern routes, raising critical questions for the United States and its NATO allies according to analysis by **Dr. Seth G. Jones** and **Philip G. Wasielewski**.

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UPCOMING EVENT: Ukraine in Crisis

On **Wednesday, February 2, 2022**, from **4:00 pm - 4:45 pm ET**, join **Dr. Seth G. Jones**, with opening remarks from **Dr. John J. Hamre**, for a conversation with **Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)** and **Senator Rob**

Portman (R-OH) on the steps that might be taken to support Ukraine and deter a Russian incursion.

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PODCAST: Russia's Next Move on Ukraine

Andrew Schwartz spoke with **Dr. Seth G. Jones** on the Truth of the Matter podcast about Russia's potential pathways to invading Ukraine and what the U.S. and NATO can do to discourage it.

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MEDIA: Dr. Seth G. Jones on CNN's Erin Burnett OutFront

Dr. Seth G. Jones joined CNN's **Erin Burnett OutFront** various times this month to discuss Russia's possible invasion of Ukraine.

Watch January 27 [here](#).

Watch January 21 [here](#).

Watch January 17 [here](#).



MEDIA: Dr. Eliot A. Cohen on CBS News

On January 25, **Dr. Eliot A. Cohen** joined CBS News to



MEDIA: Mark Cancian on NEWSY

On January 27, **Mark Cancian**

discuss how military action is just one of many tactics Moscow could use against Ukraine and its allies.

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discussed how Russian Iskander weaponry poses a dangerous threat in the Ukraine conflict.

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COMMENTARY: Putin's No Chess Master

On January 26, **Dr. Eliot A. Cohen** published an op-ed in The Atlantic, where he discusses how "some believe Putin has not only Ukraine, but the whole West, exactly where he wants it. A more balanced consideration is in order".

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COMMENTARY: Unanswered Questions in the Ukrainian Crisis

In an op-ed in The Hill, **Dr. Benjamin Jensen** discusses how the United States can play a role in the Ukrainian crisis, but the European NATO member states need to take the lead.

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FEATURED

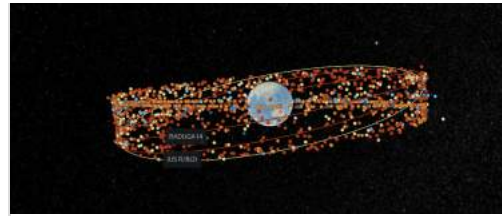




REPORT: Integrated Arms Control in an Era of Strategic Competition

Arms control remains an essential partner of deterrence and strategic stability. The competitive security environment, the rise of disruptive technologies, and limited resources call for recoupling arms control with deterrence to address integrated, cross-domain threats today. Learn more in the latest analysis from **Rebecca Hersman, Heather Williams, and Suzanne Claeys**.

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INTERACTIVE: Satellite Dashboard

The **Aerospace Security Project's Satellite Dashboard** has launched in collaboration with the **Secure World Foundation** and the **Department of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics at the University of Texas at Austin**. The Dashboard is a web-based tool that will collate and analyze space situational awareness (SSA) data on specific activities of interest and present it in an accessible format, while also providing a queuing function for further technical analysis.

[VIEW HERE](#)



REPORT: Move Over JARVIS, Meet OSCAR

Emily Harding found in her new report that with the help of AI/ML and unclassified cloud, the intelligence community can reap the benefits of an open-source intelligence revolution. A basic form of Iron Man's JARVIS, which this paper dubs "OSCAR," could assist in a wide range of duties, from operations to analysis to support.

Read Emily's op-ed discussing OSCAR in **The Cipher Brief** [here](#).

Watch **Open-Source, Cloud-Based, AI-Enabled Reporting for the Intelligence Community** [here](#).

Watch the report launch event, **Sparking a Revolution in Open Source Intelligence** [here](#).

Listen to Emily discuss the report on **The Truth of the Matter** podcast [here](#).

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BRIEF: A Stealth Industry: The Quiet Expansion of Chinese Private Security Companies

In his new brief, **Max Markusen** finds estimates suggesting as



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Strategy and Statecraft Fellowship

CSIS is launching the inaugural year of its Strategy and Statecraft Fellowship, an exclusive, world-class program of approximately

many as 20 to 40 Chinese private security companies (PSCs) operating abroad in some 40 countries. PSCs are a well-positioned tool for the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to project power abroad.

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15 leaders.

Applications due: 2/14/22
***Applicants should have 10 years of experience.**

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UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

The Future of the French Navy: A Conversation with Admiral Pierre Vandier

Featuring: Admiral Pierre Vandier
Hosted by: Dr. Seth G. Jones

Monday, January 31, 2022

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET

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Press Briefing: The Russian Threat to Ukraine

Featuring: Dr. Seth G. Jones, Rachel Ellehuus, Andrew Lohsen, and Nikos Tsafos

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. ET

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A Conversation with GEN Van Ovost, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command

Featuring: GEN Jacqueline Van Ovost
Hosted by: Dr. Seth G. Jones

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

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Book Launch: Spies, Lies, and Algorithms: The History and Future of American Intelligence

Featuring: Dr. Amy Zegart
Hosted by: Jake Harrington

Thursday, February 3, 2022

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ET

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Complex Air Defense: Countering the

Monday, February 7, 2022

Hypersonic Missile Threat

Featuring: Dr. Gillian Bussey, Dr. Mark Lewis, Ms. Kelley Saylor, Mr. Stan Stafira, Dr. Tom Karako, and Dr. Seth G. Jones

Hosted by: Mr. Steve Trimble

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. ET

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Experts Preview the FY 2023 Defense Budget Request

Featuring: Mackenzie Eaglen, Dr. Stacie Pettyjohn, Dr. Travis Sharp, and Thomas Spoehr
Hosted by: Todd Harrison and Seamus Daniels

Monday, February 7, 2022

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. ET

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CSIS-DAPA Conference 2021: U.S.-Korea Defense Cooperation in Biden Administration

Featuring: Minister Kang Eun Ho, Dr. Seth G. Jones, and Dr. Victor Cha

Thursday, February 10, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. ET

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EXECUTIVE EDUCATION: Inside DOD's FY 2023 Budget

Featuring: Mark Cancian, Dr. Eliot A. Cohen, The Honorable Robert F. Hale, and Todd Harrison

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 11, 2022

PUBLICATIONS

[Combating Misinformation through Media Literacy Education](#) by Amulya Panakam

[Asian American Representation is a National Security Imperative](#) by Aimee Yan

[Covid-19 Response Update: December 8-January 10](#) by Mark Cancian and Robert Maxwell

[Reshaping the Marine Reserves: Opportunities and perils](#) by Mark Cancian

[**The Forgotten War on Terror: How the United States Overmilitarized Counterterrorism in the Philippines**](#) by Razel Suansing

[**Leap of Faith: An Immigrant's Perspective on a Future Career in National Security**](#) by Sama Kubba

[**Afghanistan and the World: The National, Regional, and Global Impact**](#) by Dr. Anthony H. Cordesman

[**Here to Stay: Where the United States Stands in the International Competition for STEM Talent**](#) by Jack Corrigan and Remco Zwetsloot

[**The Middle East and North Africa in International Relations: The Changing Dynamics of Regional and National Security**](#) by Dr. Anthony H. Cordesman

[**NATO 2030: Towards A New Strategic Concept and Beyond: Chapter 11. NATO in Space**](#) by Kaitlyn Johnson

[**Covid-19 Response Update: January 11-18**](#) by Mark Cancian and Robert Maxwell

[**North Korean Missile Launches & Nuclear Tests: 1984-Present**](#) by Missile Defense Project

[**When Elephants Fight in Outer Space**](#) by Zhanna Malekos Smith

[**The ASAT Prisoner's Dilemma: Making the Case for U.S. Leadership**](#)

[**North Korea Test Fires Ballistic Missile**](#) by Shaan Shaikh

[**Non-Linear, Unpredictable, and Dangerous Crisis-Escalation in South Asia**](#) by Syed Ali Zia Jaffery

[**Bad Idea: Assuming Trade Depends on the Navy**](#) by Benjamin H. Friedman

[**Bad Idea: The Officer-Enlisted Divide**](#) by Nicholas Wood

[**Flip the Rank Pyramid: Majors as company commanders**](#) by Mark Cancian

[**A year after Jan. 6, DoD's vague extremism definition could set up new problems**](#) by Mark Cancian

[**China: The Civil-Military Challenge: \(Updated and Expanded\) Volume One of a Graphic Net Assessment**](#) by Dr. Anthony H. Cordesman and Grace Hwang

[**Spaceports of the World**](#) by Thomas G. Roberts

[**Iran Launches Simorgh Rocket**](#) by Shaan Shaikh

[**U.S. Troops Are Not Terrorists: Parsing The Violent Extremist Numbers**](#) by Mark Cancian

[**A Redline for Iran?**](#) by Eric Brewer and Nicholas L. Miller

[**Bad Idea: Turning A2/AD against**](#)

[and a Unilateral Moratorium on Kinetic-Energy Anti-Satellite](#)

[Testing](#) by Douglas Loverro, Brian G. Chow, Brandon W. Kelley, Brian Weeden, and Robert Cardillo

[China with “Archipelagic Defense”](#) by

Lyle Goldstein

ISP PODCASTS



The Power of Bipartisanship

Featuring: Liz Schraye and Suzanne Spaulding

Listen on [Apple](#) and [Spotify](#).

The 2022 Defense and Security Outlook

Featuring: Rose Butchart, Catrina Doxsee, Devi Nair, Makena Young, and Christine Brazeau

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The One with the Navy

Featuring: Joan Johnson, CAPT Ben Van Buskirk, Rose Butchart, and Kaitlyn Johnson

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The One with the Army

Featuring: Major General Richard Coffman, Brigadier General Glenn Dean, Dr. Kimberly Sablon, Colonel Danielle Ngo, and Kaitlyn Johnson

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PAST ONLINE EVENTS

Dancing Lights in Space: How to Manage The Risks of Satellite Close Approaches in Geostationary Orbit

Featuring: Audrey Schaffer, Brien Flewelling, Dan Oltrogge, Marc Becker, Doug Loverro, Brian Weeden, Alessandro Cacioni, Almudena Azcárate Ortega, Todd Harrison, Makena Young, and Kaitlyn Johnson

Discussing Two Years of the Space Force with General Raymond

Featuring: General John W. “Jay” Raymond and Dr. John J. Hamre
Hosted by: Todd Harrison



Read the transcript [here](#).

Maritime Security Dialogue: FIFTH Fleet Mission and Operations Update

Featuring: Vice Admiral Brad Cooper and Dr. Seth G. Jones
Hosted by: Vice Admiral Peter H. Daly, USN (Ret.)



Read the transcript [here](#).

Emerging Technologies & Long-Range Strike: A Conversation with LTG Neil Thurgood

Featuring: Lieutenant General L. Neil Thurgood

Hosted by: Dr. Tom Karako



Read the transcript [here](#).

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

On January 14, 2022, **Dr. Seth G. Jones** told the [New York Times](#), the Russian retaliation against Ukrainian insurgents is likely to be "swift, direct and very brutal...It's likely to get bloody."



As we approached the one-year anniversary of January 6th, **Suzanne Spaulding** discussed how the event has divided the U.S. politically.

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Makena Young joined a Breaking Defense panel, where she discussed what the greatest threat to the U.S. is in space.

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"This is kind of what we've been preparing for since we watched the 2014 conflict and we said, 'Oh, we've got to do something different,'" said **Dr. Tom Karako** to [Foreign Policy](#) about Russia's missile activity. "It's waking up to the fact that air superiority is not a birthright."

"We can certainly anticipate [Russian military action in Ukraine] will be

accompanied by disinformation operations of all kinds and cyber incidents...It's part of their toolbox," said **Suzanne Spaulding** to [The Washington Post](#) on the fears of a cyberattack against Ukraine by Russia.



On January 15, **Ian Williams** discussed North Korea's recent missile activity.

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Dr. Tom Karako discussed long-range strike and air defense in the Indo-Pacific with AUSA's Dan Roper on the Army Matters podcast.

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Kaitlyn Johnson discussed the new Space Priorities Framework on Government Matters.

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Suzanne Spaulding joined the Supreme Court Historical Society as part of their Civics and American Democracy Series, where she discussed civics as a national security imperative.

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On January 4, **Todd Harrison** discussed geographic combatant commands on the Daily Scoop Podcast with **Francis Rose**.

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Dr. Eliot Cohen and **Eric Edelman** hosted **Anne Applebaum** on the Shield of the Republic podcast, where they discussed the state of American democracy and "why the bad guys are winning."

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We welcome your ideas at ISPOutreach@csis.org.

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