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From the Editor in Chief

Our Winter issue opens with *In Focus*, featuring a special commentary by former US Foreign Service officer, Todd Greentree. In “What Went Wrong in Afghanistan?,” Greentree argues America’s intervention in Afghanistan failed because the US government went in “too big.” A better model, he suggests, is small-footprint counterinsurgency as practiced during the final decade of the Cold War.

This issue’s first full forum, *Deterring Aggression in Asia*, offers two contributions concerning strategic issues in Asia. In “Broken Nest: Deterring China from Invading Taiwan,” Jared M. McKinney and Peter Harris contend America’s deterrence objectives vis-à-vis a Chinese invasion of Taiwan can be achieved through a tailored force package that looks beyond fighting over Taiwan. In “Sino-Indian Border Disputes in an Era of Strategic Expansions,” Roman Muzalevsky draws attention to recent border incidents between India and China and offers steps US policymakers can pursue to reduce tensions in the region.

Our second forum, *Rethinking US Strategic Concepts*, offers two articles addressing shortcomings in the way the US military is thinking about future warfare. Frank Hoffman’s “Defeat Mechanisms in Modern Warfare” revisits the prominent role of attrition in US strategic concepts, including the US Army’s multi-domain operations concept. In “The Air Littoral: Another Look,” Maximilian K. Bremer and Kelly A. Grieco maintain a paradigm shift is needed in US military thinking to make full use of “verticality” in the air and land domains.

The third forum of the Winter issue, *In Tribute*, consists of a single essay, “The Grand Strategic Thought of Colin S. Gray,” by Lukas Milevski, a student of the renowned scholar and strategist Colin Gray. Milevski discusses key themes, continuities, conceptual relationships, and potential discontinuities from Gray’s decades of grand strategic thought.

In the final section of this issue is a review essay. Mitchell G. Klingenberg’s “Sherman and His Historians: An End to the Outsized Destroyer Myth?” reveals how the historical emphasis on Sherman’s Civil War campaigns has obscured his postbellum career as the eighteenth Commanding General of the US Army. This emphasis also overlooks critical lessons Sherman derived from the war and sought to carry into the future. ~AJE

