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## From the Editor in Chief

Welcome to the Spring 2022 issue of *Parameters*. This issue consists of an *In Focus* commentary, four article forums, and our inaugural *SRAD Director's Corner*. In our *In Focus* essay, "Civil-Military Relations: Guidelines in Politically Charged Societies," Patrick Paterson examines eight essential principles of military subordination to elected civilian officials, each of which purports to preserve a healthy balance in Western civil-military relations.

In honor of Women's History Month, this issue's first forum, *Highlighting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*, provides two contributions by women authors addressing issues of concern to women in the US military. The first contribution, "Interrupting Bias in Army Talent Management," by Danielle Holt and Susan Davis, explains how systemic bias impacts the Army's ability to assess talent; it concludes with recommendations for reducing bias in the Army's assignment, promotion, and selection processes. The second contribution, "Rethinking Female Urinary Devices for the US Army," by Andrea Peters, et al., examines a study conducted of female urinary devices employed during the annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition at the United States Military Academy to redress the lack of education on, and use of, such devices; it then offers ways to improve women's urogynecological health and well-being during military deployments.

This issue's second forum, *Understanding a Changing China*, features two articles. The first article, "China's Global Monopoly on Rare-Earth Elements," by Gustavo Ferreira and Jamie Critelli, offers a novel economic analysis of American dependence on China for rare earth elements; it also discusses how Western nations might exploit this dependence to break China's global monopoly. The second article, "Chinese and Western Ways of War and Their Ethics," by C. Anthony Pfaff, argues China's rich tradition of wartime ethics allows Western military leaders to understand Chinese strategic behavior better and thereby to avoid misunderstandings.

Our third forum, *Confronting Complex Security Dilemmas*, offers essays on two disparate security challenges: water scarcity and information warfare. In "Water Wars of the Future: Myth or Reality?" Gerald Krieger assesses security challenges in the Nile River Basin and proposes areas for future US investment and cooperation. In "Information Warfare: Lessons in Inoculation to Disinformation," Meghan Fitzpatrick, Ritu Gill, and Jennifer Giles explore the modern history of disinformation campaigns and propose ways to enhance the education of US servicemembers to defend against such campaigns.

Our final forum, *Educating Military Officers*, consists of two articles aimed at furthering the education of military professionals. The first article, “A Failure to Innovate: The Second Nagorno-Karabakh War,” by Zhirayr Amirkhanyan analyzes the major problems faced by Armenia in its recent war against Azerbaijan. The second article, “Developing Strategic Lieutenants in the Canadian Army,” by James McKay, H. Christian Breede, Ali Dizboni, and Pierre Jolicoeur assesses junior officer education at Canada’s military colleges.

As mentioned above, this issue also features our inaugural “SRAD Corner” in which the director of the Strategic Research and Analysis Division of the US Army War College’s Strategic Studies Institute, Colonel George Shatzer, reviews books of possible interest to contemporary military strategists, especially those serving in US Army and Joint positions. In this issue, he analyzes two books concerning China’s challenge to American security: Rush Doshi’s *The Long Game: China’s Grand Strategy to Displace American Order* and Elbridge A. Colby’s, *The Strategy of Denial: American Defense in an Age of Great Power Conflict*. ~AJE