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This issue of *The Journal of Military and Strategic Studies* presents a diverse set of articles. The commentary, by Dr. Sandro Gaycken of the University of Stuttgart investigates the issue of cyber deterrence, by examining Matthew Sklerov's idea that states have a right and obligation to prevent non-state actors, acting from within their states, from committing armed attacks to the best of their abilities. I

Peter F. Johnston, a Strategic Analyst working for Defence Research and Development Canada's Centre for Operational Research and Analysis in Ottawa, looks at global concerns about future energy supplies combined with decreasing Arctic ice coverage in recent years. He examines the energy potential of the Arctic and concludes with an assessment of future prospects for energy extraction in the region.

Thomas Skypek, a defense policy analyst in Washington, D.C., explores the history and utility of net assessment as a specific framework for thinking about strategic military competitions.

Dr. Bohdan Harasymiw, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Calgary and a Research Scholar, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta, investigates the idea of a "New Cold War" as a characterization of the relationship between Russia and the United States since the advent to power of Vladimir Putin in the year 2000. He finds that realists, traditionalists, revisionists, post-revisionists, and world-systems theorists have offered numerous perspectives, none of which adequately explains the relationship between the superpower United States and its erstwhile rival.

In the 2010 Ross Ellis Memorial Lecture in Military and Strategic Studies, *After Afghanistan: Sustaining Support for Canadian Hard Power*, Colin Robertson, Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs and Senior Research Fellow at the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute, assesses the

challenges faced by the Canadian military, and what is required to sustain support for a strong, muscular Canadian Armed Forces.

Finally, Dr. Adewale Banjo of the University of Zululand, South Africa, examines the phenomenon of armoury disasters in Africa, with specific reference to the Lagos and Maputo explosions in 2007.

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