

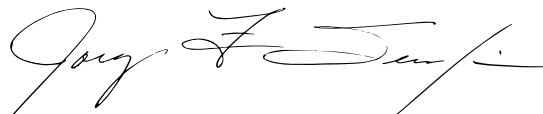
EDITORIAL

In this edition, our first article focuses on “China’s Use of Soft Power in Support of its Strategic Engagement in Latin America,” from authors Evan Ellis, Kelly Piazza, Maj Adam Greer, and Brig Gen (Ret) Daniel Uribe, USAF, which argues for the US to continue to develop and adopt a strategic concept to counter China’s soft power initiatives and coercive behaviors in the region. Our second article, from Lt Col Fidel Castro Herrera, Peruvian Air Force, discusses how “Mao’s Leadership Footprint is Still Alive and Thriving in China” and how it influences current Chinese leaders and strategists.

Next, in his article “Colombia as a Case Study for U.S. Foreign Policy,” which we originally published online earlier this year, Maj Dan Sickles, USAF, proposes that the US should designate Colombia as a “Major non-NATO Ally,” a status that only 17 other countries have worldwide—a major shift in US Policy for Colombia.

In her article, “Military Strategy for Agile Combat Support in the United States Air Force,” Captain Stephannie Hernández Ruberté, USAF, discusses the need for continued funding and training of agile combat support for the USAF and our allies. We follow with an article from Col Breno Diogenes Gonçalves, “Brazilian Air Force, Airpower Rhapsody: Final Act?,” in which he debates the nuances of the eventual end of airpower as it’s been traditionally thought as.

Finally, we conclude with an article from Alberto Carracedo, “Consumption and Defense: Contribution to a Deep Insight of National Defense,” in which he discusses how a nation’s national defense and economic power are intrinsically interconnected.



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