


EDITORIAL

In this edition, our first article, by 1st Lt Bruno Garcia Franciscone and BG Pedro Arthur Linhares Lima from the Brazilian Air Force, on “Strengthening Brazilian Air Power by Mitigating Phantom Air Traffic Congestion,” presents the findings of a case study demonstrating how inefficiencies in the flow of air traffic can be avoided with establishment of proper separation techniques, training, and implementation of decision support tools.

We follow with an article, by Col Jesus E. Saez, Peruvian Air Force, providing an in-depth picture of the “Interaction of a General Staff in the Operational Planning Process.” Our fourth article, “The Chinese Dream and America’s Role,” by Lt Col Ryan S. Frost, USAF, discusses how, despite a global economic downturn, President Xi Jinping continued to lead the PRC’s emergence from modest international standing a short twenty years ago to a position of unprecedented global power today, which has set the stage favorably in Latin America and the Caribbean for Xi’s soft power projection, as part of his multi-decade effort to establish a new world order in the PRC’s favor. We continue with an article from Capt Thomas Urbanek, USAF, “US Nuclear Deterrence: Global Threats and Emerging Entities,” on the need for the US to improve its deterrence posture without having to add to its existing nuclear warhead stockpile. We conclude with an article from Lt Col Héctor Ríos, Honduran Air Force, on the “The Legacy of a Flight Instructor.”

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