IN MEMORIAM

COLIN S. GRAY

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We honor the memory of author, scholar, and strategist Dr. Colin S. Gray, one of the original Strategic Studies Quarterly advisers. As a dual US-UK citizen, he served as a strategy and policy consultant in Washington, DC, and London. Dr. Gray earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Manchester in 1965 and a doctorate in international politics from Oxford in 1970. Among his published works are more than 30 books and 300 articles, including Airpower for Strategic Effect (2012), The Airpower Advantage in Future Warfare (2007), and Understanding Airpower (2009) with Air University Press.

Professor Gray taught at universities in Britain, Canada, and the United States; became assistant director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London); and worked with Herman Kahn at the Hudson Institute. In 1981 he founded the National Institute for Public Policy and then served on the President's General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament. In April 1987 he was presented the Superior Public Service Award by the US Department of the Navy. In 1997–98 he served on the Panel of Experts on the UK Strategic Defence Review. Dr. Gray was also a member of advisory panels for the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (strategic defense initiative and space weapons), the Department of the Army (tactical nuclear weapons), the Department of the Air Force (innovations), and the US Space Command (future of space forces).

Few scholars were ever more influential in the theory and practice of strategy, the dialogue about policy versus military force, or the value of history for educating policymakers. He will be sorely missed by Air University and Strategic Studies Quarterly.