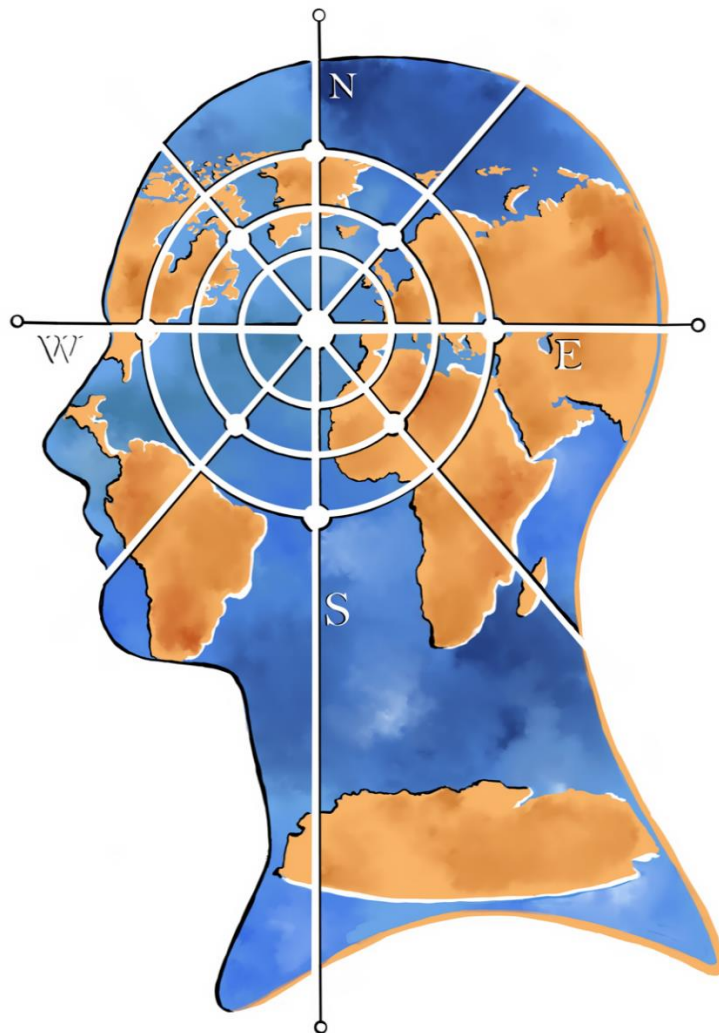


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Editor's Note

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Welcome to Volume 7, Number 2, of the *Journal of European and American Intelligence Studies (JEAIS)*. This edition brings together a diverse array of scholarship that addresses the dynamic and multifaceted nature of intelligence and security in our rapidly evolving world. The articles featured in this issue underscore the complexity of contemporary security challenges, examining them from historical, operational, and geopolitical perspectives. Together, they offer a rich tapestry of insights for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers alike.

Mohammed Khan's contribution revisits the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO), examining its historical role during the Cold War and exploring the potential for its reinvention to address contemporary regional security challenges. Khan highlights the shifting intelligence needs of Southeast Asian nations and delves into collaborative frameworks for intelligence sharing. Through case studies, the paper elucidates the opportunities and obstacles involved in reviving SEATO as a pillar of regional stability, offering a forward-looking perspective on its potential contributions in a transformed geopolitical landscape.

Marco Fais, who is a frequent contributor to *JEAIS*, investigates the underexplored but critical issue of sabotage targeting telecommunications infrastructure in the Sahel region. His paper presents compelling anecdotal and analytical evidence linking such sabotage to broader patterns of violent attacks. Fais's spatial and temporal analyses underline the pan-Sahelian nature of these acts and their implications for counterterrorism strategies. By advocating for closer cooperation among G5 Sahel nations, international organizations, and telecommunications providers, the paper provides a roadmap for mitigating this often-overlooked threat to regional security.

Federico Borgonovo, Giulia Porrino, and Silvano Rizieri Lucini offer a comparative analysis of the propaganda strategies employed by the Badri Force 313 in Afghanistan and PMC Wagner in the Russo-Ukrainian War. Their study introduces the concept of "Propaganda Mission Command", which integrates digital ecosystems with operational military tactics. This hybrid tool not only influences recruitment and funding but also shifts the balance in conflict zones through psyops and influence operations. The authors provide a thought-provoking discussion on the evolving intersection of propaganda and military strategy, challenging traditional views of state and non-state actors in hybrid warfare.

Glen Segell's analysis of the 7 October 2023 Hamas-led attack on Israel delves into the intelligence failures surrounding one of the most significant surprise attacks in recent history. By situating the event alongside Pearl Harbor, 9/11, and the Yom Kippur War, Segell examines whether the failure was rooted in inadequate intelligence gathering or flawed decision-making processes. His qualitative approach sheds light on the complexities of intelligence analysis and decision-making under crisis conditions, offering valuable lessons for preventing future failures.

Finally, Pranjal Ray addresses the implications of the growing strategic cooperation between China and Russia for transatlantic intelligence and security collaboration. In an era marked by rising multipolarity, Ray explores the evolving dynamics of intelligence-sharing between the United States and its European allies. The paper highlights the challenges posed by increased Russian and Chinese influence in Europe, emphasizing the need for updated and adaptive intelligence frameworks to safeguard the interests of democratic nations. Ray's work underscores the strategic importance of intelligence alliances in countering hegemonic threats and maintaining regional stability.

Taken in its totality, this issue reflects the breadth and depth of challenges facing the communities of intelligence experts today. From regional cooperation and hybrid warfare to the intricacies of modern propaganda and the geopolitics of great power competition, the articles featured here illuminate the critical role of intelligence thinkers and organizations in navigating an increasingly complex global security environment. We hope this edition inspires further discussion, research, and collaboration in addressing these pressing issues.

Thank you for joining us in this exploration of contemporary intelligence and security challenges. We look forward to continuing this important conversation in future volumes.

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