

NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE FOUNDATION



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Charting Ahead

About Us

The NATO Defense College Foundation was established in Rome in 2011. It grew out from a common intuition of the President Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo and the NATO Defense College top decision makers who understood the value of a non-profit NGO that could work beyond usual and institutional outreach, training, communication and scientific research activities

The Foundation is a unique combination of scientific freedom, private agility and institutional linkage. It builds upon the top level connections and operational experience in the Trans-Atlantic outreach towards the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Southern Mediterranean and West Asia

Our scientific research consists of several activities: Strategic Trends, Food for Thought, Papers, International Conferences, High-level Seminars, Advisory Panels, High-level Training and Webinars

Our Aim

The Washington Treaty states in the preamble (1949) “to promote the culture of stability and well-being in the North Atlantic area and in NATO partner nations ...”


This heritage shapes our aim to meet the highest standards in contributing to the public debate and future deliberations on strategic, security and geopolitical issues



How

We foster dialogue through education, research and outreach to tackle the challenges that we are confronting

#EMPOWER

A photograph of a hand holding a piece of white chalk, writing the phrase 'KEY KNOWLEDGE EMPOWERS YOU' on a black chalkboard. The word 'KEY' is written vertically on the left, with each letter (K, E, Y) enclosed in a white square box. To the right of these boxes, the words 'KNOWLEDGE', 'EMPOWERS', and 'YOU' are written in three horizontal lines. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the chalk tip touching the end of the word 'EMPOWERS'.

KEY KNOWLEDGE
EMPOWERS
YOU

Leadership

Lord Robertson of Port Ellen
Honorary President



Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo
President



Alessandro Politi
Director



The European Perspective



The EU is a unique and essential partner for NATO. The two organisations share a majority of members, and all members of both organisations share common values (NATO Strategic Concept 2010)

The EU and NATO are already working together on strategic and security issues

The Foundation has a solid expertise on European hi-tech, defence and hard/soft security matters

What We Did (2018-2020)

Conferences

- Africa in Action.
- NATO versus the new global threats.
- Afghanistan and Central Asia: Advocating Resolute Support.
- Targeting the dematerialised Caliphate.
- Balkan perspectives
- NATO at 70. Refocusing for change?
- Arab Geopolitics after the Caliphate.
How to exit the fragmentation trap.
- Confronting Criminal/Terrorist Threats. The reshaping of non-state actors.
- Space Strategies 2020. The critical dimension of space: new technologies, new threats (Webinar)
- Arab Geopolitics 2020. The Middle East: what kind of future?

Publications

- The Western Balkans at a Crossroads.
- Arab Geopolitics.
- Africa in Action.
- NATO versus the new global threats.
- Afghanistan and Central Asia: Advocating Resolute Support.
- Targeting the dematerialised Caliphate.
- **Shaping Security Horizons Strategic Trends (2012-19), only in e-book format.**
- Arab Geopolitics after the Caliphate.
How to exit the fragmentation trap.
- Confronting Criminal/Terrorist Threats. The reshaping of non-state actors.
- Forthcoming: Game Changers 2020 Dossier

Book Presentations

- (editor.) Francesco Semprini, *Emergenza Libia*, Rubbettino, Roma, 2016.
- James Pardew, *Peacemakers*, The University of Kentucky Press, Limestone, Kentucky, 2018.
- (ed.) M. Bressan, *I Balcani Occidentali al Bivio*, Ministero della Difesa, Roma, 2018.
- Paul Coyer, *L'Etica del Nazionalismo*, Edizioni Mondo Nuovo, Roma, 2019.



Pol-Mil Game

- **North Atlantic Council Simulation** – Simulating realistically a crisis near the Kaliningrad exclave with a first art. 4 consultation and then a preparation for a possible art. 5
- First ever in Italy, with previous training of a selected group of IR students



MORE IN THE MED

NGO-IGO Collaboration

- **OSCE**. Informal Working Group on Structured Dialogue. Panel debate on hybrid threats.
- Collaboration on the **Atlantic Council** report “More in the Med”.
- School on Terrorism (Spring/Autumn) (in collaboration with **SIOI** – The Italian Society for International Organization).
- The Middle East after Coronavirus (Joint webinar with **EGIC** – EU-Gulf Information Centre).
- Talk About Crude – Fluctuating Oil and Covid19 (Joint webinar with **EGIC**).
- Space Strategies 2020 - The critical dimension of space: new technologies, new threats (Joint High-Level Webinar with the **NATO Defense College**).
- Geopolitics, Peace, & COVID-19 joint webinar with **Institute for Economics and Peace**



Books

- Alessandro Minuto Rizzo, *The Road to Kabul*, AREL, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2015.
- (ed.) M. Bressan, A. Politi, D. Savignoni, S.B. Beccari, *Eurasia e Jibesimo*, Carocci Editore, Roma, 2016.
- Alessandro Minuto Rizzo, *NATO and the Middle East*, New Academia Publishing, Washington DC, 2018.
- Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo, Matteo Bressan, *Italia NATO 1949-2019*, Ministero della Difesa, Roma, 2019.

Some Numbers

STRATEGIC
TRENDS

More
than 600

BOOKS

18

PAPERS

26

FOOD FOR
THOUGHT

40

STRATEGIC
BALKANS
PRESS REVIEW

33

ARAB
DISPATCH

42

POL-MIL
GAME

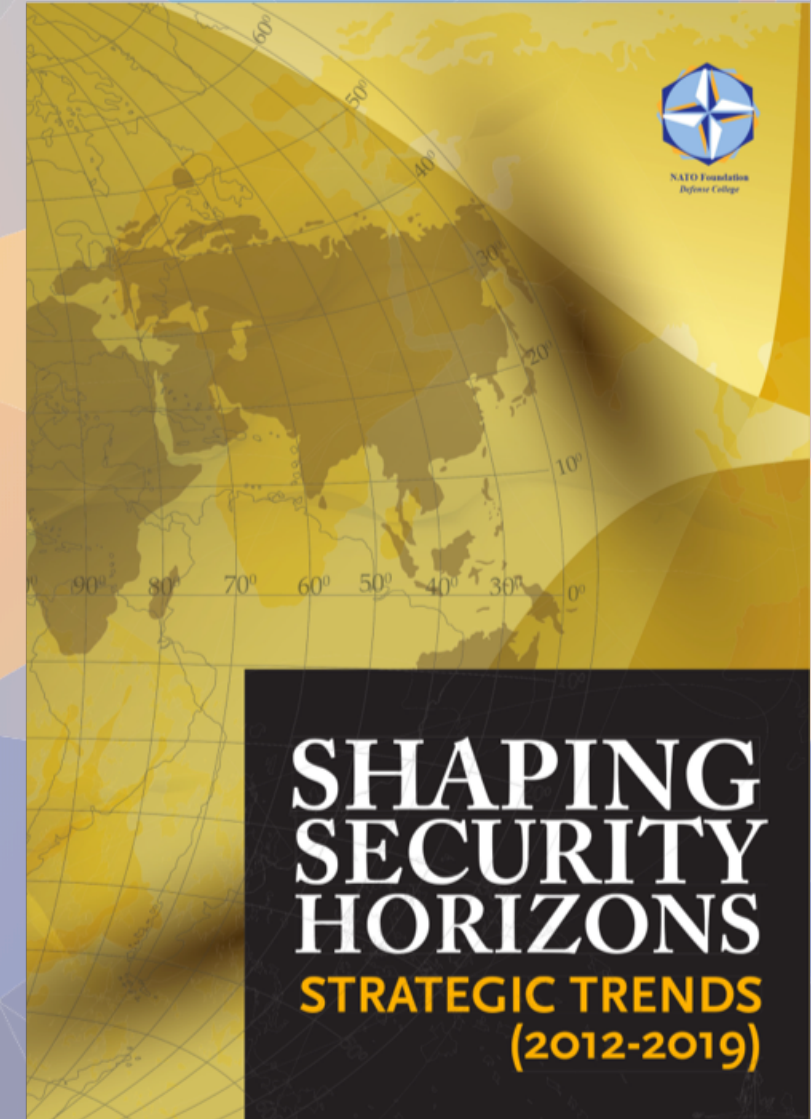
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Strategic Trends

Strategic Trends are provided by area specialists, anticipating future developments on:

- Africa
- Balkans
- Central Asia
- China
- Eastern Europe
- Eastern Mediterranean
- Emerging Challenges (terrorism, organised crime, maritime security, cybersecurity, defence industry, lawfare)
- Gulf
- Levant
- Indo-Pacific
- Maghreb
- Russia & Caucasus



The Added Value



The Foundation builds upon the top level connections and operational experience in Trans- Atlantic outreach towards the Middle East, Southern Mediterranean and West Asia

Our aim is to anticipate trends in foreign policy, defence and security

We are outstanding among several think tanks due to our international connections

Value for Money

The Foundation is money wise

We do not spend into frilly offices

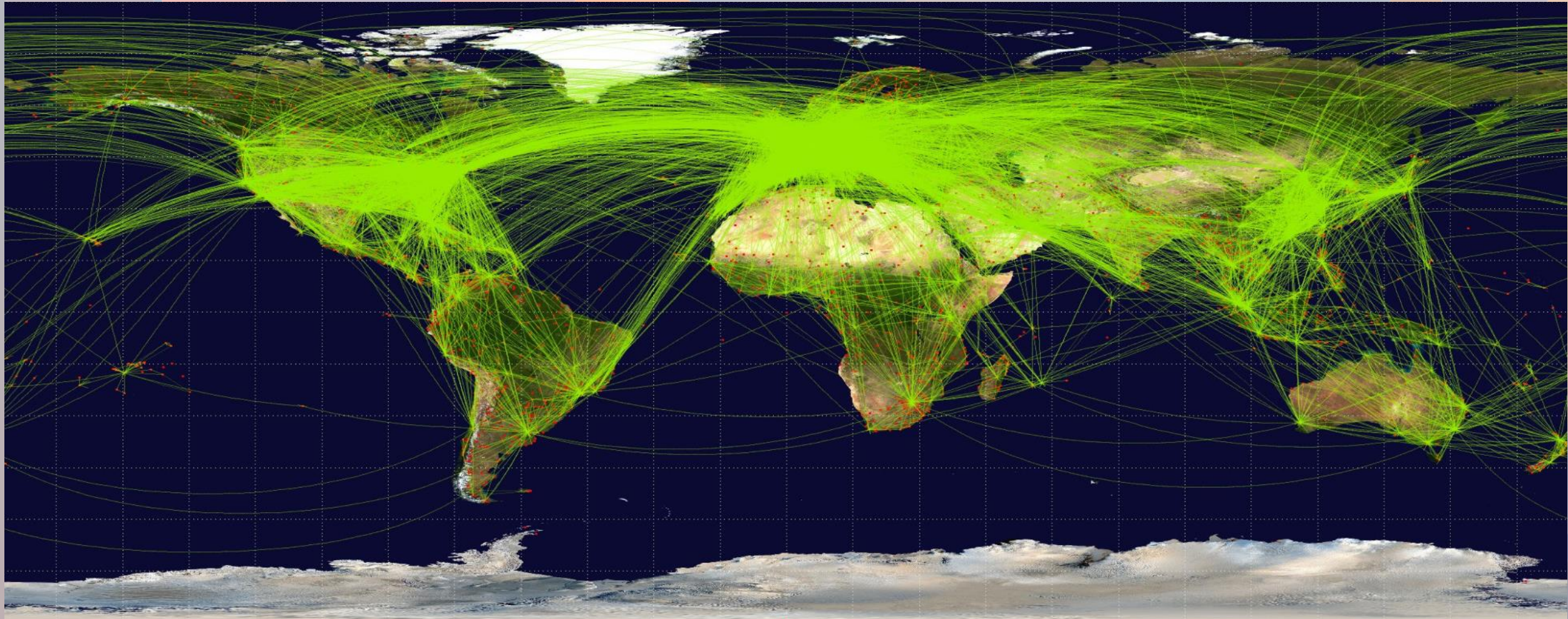
We started as a fully networked virtual office start-up the Israeli way and we evolved into co-working

The virtual office experience helped us to switch smoothly to smart work during the pandemic



Global Politics, One Step Ahead

We deal with the diversity and complexity in the globalised world



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