

NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE FOUNDATION



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Charting Ahead

About Us

The NATO Defense College Foundation was established as a private NGO 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. In 2021 the Military Committee recognised in a guidance the Foundation and its role

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 activities consist in: events (International Conferences, High-level Seminars, Advisory Panels); research (Strategic Trends, Food for Thought, Papers, Thematic volumes); and 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 'KNOWLEDGE EMPOWERS YOU' on a dark chalkboard. The words are written in a bold, slightly irregular, hand-drawn style. The first letter of each word is highlighted in red: 'K' for KNOWLEDGE, 'E' for EMPOWERS, and 'Y' for YOU. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the chalk tip just finishing the letter 'S' in 'EMPOWERS'.

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 (2022-2023)

Conferences

- **Energy Strategies 2021** and its volume
- **NATO 2021:** Rebuilding the Consensus for a New Era and its volume
- **Arab Geopolitics 2021:** How and with whom? and its volume
- **Arab Geopolitics 2021:** Tunisia Focus, restricted
- **Game Changers 2022:** New Strategic Issues
- **NATO 2022:** A relevant Alliance in a changing world
- **Arab Geopolitics 2022:** A region between conflict and normalisation
- **Balkan and Black Sea Perspectives 2022:** Supporting the transition
- **Energy Strategies 2023:** Diversification and integration in the Mediterranean
- **NATO 2023:** Balancing priorities after the Vilnius Summit

Publications

- NATO 2022
- Arab Geopolitics 2022
- Game Changers 2022
- New Strategic Balkans Monthly Journal, 2022
- Balkan and Black Sea Perspectives 2022
- Energy Strategies 2023

Book Presentations

- Paul Coyer, *L'Etica del Nazionalismo*, Edizioni Mondo Nuovo, Roma, 2019.

Pol-Mil. Game / Courses

- **North Atlantic Council Simulation**
– Simulating realistically a crisis near the Kaliningrad exclave in Belarus with a first art. 4 consultation and then a preparation for a possible art. 5 contingency (April 2018)
- First ever in Italy, with previous training of a selected group of IR students
- **Short Web Course.** “Il mondo dopo l’Ucraina”, 1st-2nd of July 2022

NGO-IGO Collaboration

- **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**
- **Mediterraneo un bacino di crisi**, joint webinar with ECFR, Univ. of Rome Sapienza (17.06.2020)
- **NATO Policy Advisory Group**, NATO-GCC relations, Bahrein 2023

Books

- 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

800

EVENTS

37

BOOKS

41

PAPERS

50

FOOD FOR
THOUGHT

75

STRATEGIC
BALKAN
JOURNAL

73

ARAB
DISPATCH
PRESS
REVIEW

80

POL-MIL
GAME

1



The Strategic Balkans Monthly Journal



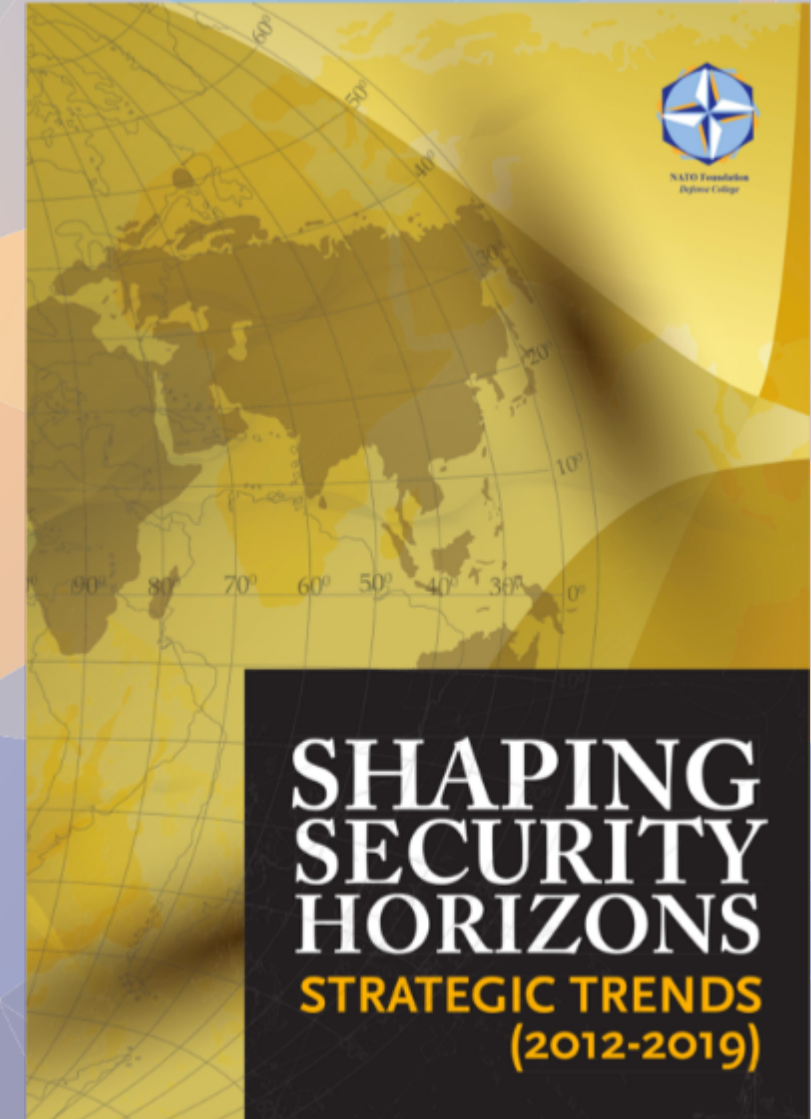
The Monthly Journal is a unique insight into a crucial region, where the next enlargements will happen.

It gives a unique pulse of how the Euro-Atlantic community follows and views the Balkans in their political and strategic developments

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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