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Global Security and Intelligence Studies aims to publish high-quality and original research on contemporary security and intelligence issues. The journal is committed to methodological pluralism, and seeks to help bridge the gap between scholars and practitioners engaged in security and intelligence issues by publishing rigorous original research, book reviews, and occasional think pieces that are relevant to both communities. We will, on occasion, also seek to publish special issues on timely intelligence and security topics, and welcome proposals that fit with the scope and aims of the journal. The journal actively encourages both former and current intelligence and security practitioners to participate in important scholarly and policy debates, and invites them to contribute their research to the journal. We believe, moreover, that the open-access format of the journal is instrumental in our efforts to achieve these goals, as it significantly broadens the readership base of the journal, and allows those who do not have official institutional affiliations to stay informed about, and contribute to these debates. As a result, we hope that the journal will become a vibrant forum for informed, reasoned, and relevant debate on the most important intelligence and security issues of our time.

We believe that the articles that appear in this inaugural issue firmly achieve all of the goals set out above. In *The Future of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles*, Lt. Col. Mike Fowler engages the current debate about the future adoption of such systems by modern military organizations. Contrary to much of the conventional wisdom on this topic, Lt. Col. Fowler argues that the adoption of UAV's may not be as universal as many scholars and analysts predict. In *Business as Usual: The Egyptian-U.S. Intelligence Relationship*, Michele Black and Osamah Alhenaki focus their attention on the intelligence relationship between the United States and Egypt, and assess the impact of the Arab Spring, and subsequent events in Egypt on the nature of this relationship. In doing so, they trace the historical relationship between the US intelligence community, and its Egyptian counterparts, to offer valuable insights into the potential evolution of this relationship. James Hess and Curt Friedel's study, entitled *Applying a Critical Thinking Framework to Improve Intelligence Analysis*, assesses the effectiveness of the application of a new analytical framework in improving intelligence analysis. The study uses insights derived from historical case studies *and* observations from West Point cadets who were taught the use of this analytical framework. Finally, David Kriebel's article on *Anthropological theory and Intelligence* offers a wide-ranging discussion of anthropological theories and their utility for intelligence analysis.

Starting a new journal is a long and intensive process. The editorial team would like to thank Paul Rich and Daniel Gutierrez-Sandoval of the Policy Studies Organization (PSO) for their support and assistance during the process, and to extend its gratitude to our peer reviewers and to the editorial board for its support and input.

On behalf of the editorial team,

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