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## Editorial Welcome

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This issue of GSIS touches on a number of these debates. In *Academic Intelligence Programs in the United States: Exploring the Training and Tradecraft Debate*, Michael Landon-Murray and Stephen Coulthart explore the value of academic intelligence programs to the intelligence enterprise in the United States, and examine what aspects of training and tradecraft can be appropriate for such programs. In *Anonymous Versus ISIS: The Role of Non-state Actors in Self-defense*, Andrew Colarik and Rhys Ball explore the role of non-state actors in cyberspace, and seek to apply Just War principles to the realm of self-defense in cyberspace. Chris Dolan and Alynna Lyon's article, *Calculation of Goodwill: Humanitarianism, Strategic Interests, and the U.S. Response to Typhoon Yolanda*, examines the various rationales behind the American response to Typhoon Yolanda, and offers insights into how the United States gets involved in humanitarian responses to natural disasters. In *An Assessment of Lone Wolves Using Explosive-Laden Consumer Drones in the United States*, Matthew Hughes and James Hess examine the potential impact of the advent of commercially available drones on lone wolf terrorism in the United States. Finally, in their article, *Is China Playing a Contradictory Role in Africa? Security Implications of its Arms Sales and Peacekeeping*, Earl Conteh-Morgan and Patti Weeks assess the contradictory nature of China's peacekeeping efforts and arms sales on the African continent.

Publishing an academic journal is a collaborative process. The editorial team would like to extend its gratitude to the authors, to our peer reviewers for their feedback and commitment, and the members of the editorial board for their support and input.

On behalf of the editorial team,

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