

Dear Reader,

For the past two weeks, we have been publishing on the continued effects of the war in Ukraine.

Allyson Edwards wrote about how [Russia's information operations and national mythmaking](#) will negatively impact the prospects for peace in Ukraine. Alice Hickson's Terrain Analysis "[Addressing the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis](#)" looks at the varied international responses to the mass flows of refugees from Ukraine. James Rushton showed "[What Heavy Weapons the West Has \(and Hasn't\) Sent Ukraine](#)" in a Net Assessment. Senior Analyst and Head of the Power Vacuums program, Caroline Rose sat down with the Contours podcast, "[Crisis Mode: How the U.S. and Europe Are Addressing Ukraine's War.](#)"

On [Gendering Geopolitics](#), Emily Prey and Dr. Mia Brett discussed the leak of the Supreme Court's draft opinion that would effectively nullify Roe v. Wade. They covered the concerns of various groups in the U.S. who face losing their reproductive health care rights. Brett also commented on the salience of local advocacy to pass abortion protection at the state level.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter, and we thank you for reading and sharing.



A Year After a Dictator's Death, There is Still Time to Support Democracy in Chad

Net Assessment, May 9, 2022



The U.S. and France have often accepted Chad's security cooperation while turning a blind eye to its authoritarian governance. Cameron Hudson, a nonresident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council, lays out the players in these talks and how the current political situation in Chad gives the U.S. an opportunity to sway the country toward democracy.

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Addressing the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis

Net Assessment, May 4, 2022



The Russian invasion of Ukraine has caused one of the largest humanitarian challenges since World War II, with 11 million people either fleeing the country or internally displaced. Alice Hickson details the Eastern European countries most affected by the crisis and how the United States can be a force multiplier as its allies create an efficient, long-term plan for resettling Ukrainians amid a humanitarian crisis that could last years.

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What Heavy Weapons the West Has (and Hasn't) Sent Ukraine

Net Assessment, May 3, 2022



Financial and political support for Ukraine from Western governments is a necessity if it is to continue to effectively defend itself against Russia. Each weapon system featured is accompanied by a description of its capabilities, and the strategic value it offers to the Ukrainian government. James Rushton investigated what weapons systems have been pledged, what has been delivered, and what Ukraine still needs.

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Crisis Mode: How the U.S. and Europe Are Addressing Ukraine's War

Contours podcast, May 3, 2022



Caroline Rose interviews Jim Townsend, Rachel Rizzo, and Eugene Chausovsky on transatlantic security in light of the conflict in Ukraine. They discuss the shifting internal politics of NATO, motivated by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

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Featured Publications



The Dark Legacy of French Colonialism

By: Kareem Shaheen

May 6, 2022

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Yemen's Great Enabler Departs

By: Farea Al-Muslimi

May 5, 2022

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How Close Did Israel Come to Peace with Syria?

By: Faysal Itani

May 5, 2022

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New Lines in the Media

New Lines' staff have been sharing their informed analysis of current geopolitical events with other media outlets. Read these highlights of their recent interviews and publications.

[New Lines Media Center](#)

"As crisis grips Afghanistan, the Taliban tighten their draconian rule" on PBS News Hour

Interviewed Dr. Kamran Bokhari

May 9, 2022

The Taliban faces increased internal and external pressures as it tries to consolidate power.

"The United States Can Counter Out of Control Captagon Smuggling" in the National Interest

By Caroline Rose

May 6, 2022



"51 killed in Syria's Daraa province in April as violence escalates" in *The New Arab*

Quoted – Nicholas A. Heras

May 2, 2022

Rose writes on her research of the captagon trade and its human security risks.

A new report shows the extent of Daraa's recent uptick in violence as assassinations surge in the southern province.



Featured Video



On Gendering Geopolitics with Emily Prey, Dr. Mia Brett discussed Roe v. Wade, the leaked SCOTUS draft, and what the future looks like for women in America.



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