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Let's Talk About War, Even If We Don't Want To

As the West is increasingly faced with a new duality of threats, those of Global Terrorism and Russian Aggression. Senior Research Fellow Dr Andrew Campion argues that nations must be prepared to talk about defence and security, and must be ready to stand up to those countries and actors who are actively opposed to our values. For nations to champion values such as democracy, human rights and the rule of law they must also be prepared to commit to defending those same values, with military force if required, in the face of those who would use violence to attempt to deliberately undermine them.



An Unequal Partnership: Divergences within the Atlantic Alliance

In his piece Junior Research Analyst Tom Morgan argues that vast differences in



Companies, Nations and Organizations: NATO and PMSCs

Wars in the past were fought almost exclusively by nation states, recent wars have

capabilities, political will and diverging mind-sets are causing growing tensions within the Atlantic Alliance, at a time when the Alliance faces new challenges and needs to present a united front. The evident American frustration with the seeming inability of European states to pay their share of the costs, and accept more of the responsibilities of defending their own continent, is creating a two tier Alliance, which is increasingly separated by more than just an ocean. There is a steadily increasing risk that if American patience with Europe's feet dragging runs out completely, the Atlantic Alliance might ultimately be brought to a close.

regularly been fought by a combination of public militaries supported by private contractors. In her piece 'Companies, Nations and Organizations: NATO and PMSCs' Junior Research Analyst Chiara Cori argues that this trend of national militaries supported by private companies is likely to continue. Indeed the future may well see a modularization of forces, where NATO coalitions may be composed from a multiplicity of military actors, both public and private.

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