
THE INESCAPABLE GLOBAL SECURITY ARENA

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FOREWORD

The common denominator intent of any terrorist group is to impose self-determined desires for "change" on a society, a nation-state, and/or other perceived symbols of power in the global community. The solution to the terrorism threat is not simply to destroy small bands of terrorist fanatics and the governments that The Inescapable Global Security Arena support them. Additional measures are needed. That is, once The Inescapable Global Security Arena a terrorist group is brought under control or neutralized, multifaceted efforts must be taken to preclude the seeds that created that organization from germinating again. Given these realities within the context of the contemporary global security environment, the United States has little choice but to reexamine and rethink national and global stability and security—and a peaceful and more prosperous tomorrow.

In these terms, the author, Dr. Max Manwaring, seeks to do several things. He outlines the violent characteristics of the new security-stability environment and briefly examines the problem of terrorism and the related problem of governance. Then he analyzes the complex threat and response situation and outlines a multidimensional response to these problems. Finally, he enumerates some civil-military implications for playing effectively in the contemporary global security arena. His recommendations focus on the interagency arena and the military The Inescapable Global Security Arena in general, and the U.S. Army in particular. By airing this range of geopolitical perspectives, the Strategic Studies Institute hopes to contribute to the

building of a new, 21st century U.S. interagency and military strategy.

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SUMMARY

Global political violence is clashing with global economic integration. More often than not, the causes and consequences of the resultant instabilities tend to be exploited by such destabilizers as rogue states, substate and transnational political actors, insurgents, illegal drug traffickers, organized criminals, warlords, ethnic cleansers, The Inescapable Global Security Arena militant fundamentalists, and 1,000 other "snakes with a cause"—and the will to conduct terrorist and other asymmetric warfare. The intent is to impose self-determined desires for "change" on a society, nation-state, and/or other perceived symbols of power in the global community—and, perhaps, revert to the questionable glories of the 12th century.

In these conditions—exacerbated by the terrorist attacks on the United States The Inescapable Global Security Arena on September 11, 2001, and by the devastating U.S.-led attacks on Afghanistan subsequently—the United States has little choice but to reexamine and rethink national and global stability and security—and a peaceful and more prosperous tomorrow.

To help civilian and military leaders to come to grips analytically with the implications of the realities of the contemporary global The Inescapable Global Security Arena security environment, the author attempts several things. First, he outlines the violent characteristics of the new security arena. Second, he briefly examines the relationship of the central strategic problems in the contemporary environment—terrorism and governance. Third, he describes the complex threat situation. Fourth, he presents a basic outline for a reasoned multidimensional political-economic-stability capabilitybuilding response to these problems. Finally, he

enumerates some civil-military implications for playing effectively in the global The Inescapable Global Security Arena security arena. His recommendations focus on implications for the military in general and the U.S. Army in particular.

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Since the end of the Cold War, the nature of the global security system and the verities that shaped U.S. purposes, policies, and priorities have undergone fundamental changes. Cold War concepts of security and deterrence are not longer completely relevant. On the positive side of this change, we find ourselves in a new global security environment that involves the economic integration of free markets, technologies, and countries to a degree of integration and prosperity never before witnessed. On the negative side of globalization, we find ourselves in a security environment characterized The Inescapable Global Security Arena by “unstable peace” and chaos caused by myriad political instabilities and destabilizers— some of The Inescapable Global Security Arena which would reject modernity and revert back to the questionable glories of the 12th century.

Thus it is that global political violence is The Inescapable Global Security Arena clashing with global economic integration. More often than not, the causes and consequences of the resultant instabilities tend to be exploited by such destabilizers as rogue states, substate and transnational political actors, insurgents, illegal The Inescapable Global Security Arena drug traffickers, organized criminals, warlords, militant fundamentalists, ethnic cleansers, and 1,000 other “snakes with a cause”—and the will to conduct terrorist and other asymmetric warfare. The intent is to impose selfdetermined desires for “change” on a society, nation- state, and/or other perceived symbols of power in the global community.

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