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The research conducted by the faculty in the Department of National Security Affairs included the following themes:

(1) National and Regional Security and Defense Policies including virtually all of Europe, East and West, Russia and Ukraine; Latin America; the Middle East; South, East and South East Asia. The research in these areas deals with topics such as civil/military relations, foreign relations between and among groups of states, the role of regional organizations such as NATO and the UN, and bilateral relations with the United States.

(2) The general topics of revolutions, low intensity conflict, and special operations. While dealing with the overall theme of political violence and insurrections, and covering much of the world, the strongest focus has been on different cases in Latin America.

(3) U.S. Defense Policy, particularly regarding the role of different national institutions including the Executive and Legislative branches and the different services.

(4) The overall theme of intelligence and how it is becoming increasingly joint. Here the emphasis is primarily on the emerging themes of intelligence and the new or changing structures whereby the United States obtains and processes information.

(5) U.S. Naval Strategy, and particularly the implications for the Navy of the new doctrine in "From the Sea." The focus on new naval strategy holds implications for the relationships with other services and allied services.

(6) The economics of U.S. and other countries' defense strategies. Here the emphasis is on the cost of defense, the economic implications of defense, and such themes as "economic warfare."

(7) Certain "hot" topics of tremendous importance including counter-proliferation, cyberwar, peacekeeping, deterrence, and arms control. In many cases these topics are situated in a national or regional context, and they often bridge several of the themes noted in the other categories.

The faculty in the Department have developed a research agenda which encompasses the most important and relevant themes of international security and defense. They are virtually all active researchers with great experience in their areas of topics of choice and with an emphasis upon analysis and policy. The research is increasingly supported by reimbursable funding. The results of the research is provided to sponsors through reports and briefings, and is often made available to a larger public through the publication of scholarly articles and books.

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