

# **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DEFENSE ANALYSIS**

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## **UPDATING ECONOMIC OPERATIONS IN THE POST INDUSTRIAL AGE**

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This thesis addresses the economic aspect of coercive diplomacy to show that new instruments of coercive economic operations created by information age technology: 1) redefine coercive economic operations and 2) that the vulnerabilities and concerns brought about by these new economic instruments change the impact coercive economic operations have on coercive diplomacy. This thesis initially looks to the past, but the intention is to guide continuing future thought on coercive economic operations. This is important for coercive diplomacy because policy makers must be aware that ushered in with present and future technologies are new economic instruments which impact coercive economic diplomacy.

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