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DETERRENCE: [The amateur strategist, intuitive deterrence theories and the politics of the nuclear arms race](#), J. DeNardo, Cambridge University Press (1995)

The data refute the idea that mutual deterrence is expert conventional wisdom. Expert preferences are better described as weird family trees, diverse political types, and loosely structured conceptual anarchy. The experts resemble novice, amateur strategists who use an intuitive deterrence calculus.

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DPRK: [Anthracite export to China suspended temporarily](#), IFES NK Brief (24

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The DPRK has suspended exports of anthracite coal to China due to fuel shortages. North Korea increased the exports of coal to China this year to secure hard currency. Anthracite exports from January to July 2011 were nine times as high as those in 2010. It is not clear how long the suspension will last. North Korea needs coal to power its industrial sector but is also dependant on the hard currency it gets from exporting anthracite coal.

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Adaptation measures that are intended to increase resilience may simultaneously cause increased vulnerability at other scales. Policies on forest protection and construction of hydroelectric dams contribute to regulating flooding of the lowland areas. However, such policies also result in severe constraints in access to land and forest products for the mountain population, which has impacts on their capacity to manage risk and adapt to environmental change.

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ENERGY SECURITY: [Small reactors planned for Zhangzhou](#), *World Nuclear News* (17 November 2011)

A joint venture of the China National Nuclear Corporation, China Guodian Corporation, and the Zhangzhou (Fujian Province) municipal government plans to build a small nuclear reactor (100 - 150 MW) at a cost of \$787 million. The pressurized water reactor will provide the city with electricity, heat, and water desalination. The project will demonstrate a modular, multi-purpose reactor, one of China's entries into the global small reactor field.

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GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: [Osaka voters reject status quo of Japan's](#)

[main parties](#), Mari Iwata, Wall Street Journal (27 November 2011)

In another sign of growing grassroots political movements in the region, voters in Osaka elected candidates from the year-old One Osaka party as mayor and governor, rejecting both the ruling and major opposition parties. This growing rejection of the political establishment also manifested itself in last month's Seoul mayoral election and local people's congress elections in China, in which non-CCP candidates were elected and subsequently jailed.

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AUSTRAL SECURITY: [China reproaches Australia over strengthened US defence ties](#), Australian (17 November 2011)

China has strongly reproached Canberra over strengthened US defence ties, warning Australia may be "caught in the crossfire" if the United States uses new Australian-based military forces to threaten its interests.

- [Australia could be caught in Sino-US crossfire](#), People's Daily Online (16 November 2011)
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