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See this week's blog: Comfort women and the costs of denial, from our Austral Peace and Security contributor, Richard Tanter.

DETERRENCE: Global trends 2030: scenarios for Asia's strategic future, Dan Twining (11 December 2012)

GT 2030 foresaw 6 Asian orders. Multipolar: cooperative-competitive (US strongest); competitive (China strongest); cooperative (strong states in a liberal concert). Bipolar: competitive blocs led by US and China; China-led group contending group led by other Asian powers (not US); Sino-US condominium. Unipolar: Chinese primacy excluding the US.

- Global trends 2030: alternative worlds, US National Intelligence Council (10 December 2012)
- The role of nuclear weapons in the future security environment, Elbridge Colby, Global Trends 2030, Alternative Worlds (29 June 2012)
- Nuclear deterrence in 2030: A French perspective, Bruno Tertrais, Foundation for Strategic

Research, Paris (February 2007) [PDF, 0.2MB]

DPRK: New Year address made by Kim Jong-un, National Committee on North Korea (1 January 2013)

Kim Jong-un's New Year's speech makes it clear his position is secure. It is unclear if he plans to use that power to reform North Korea. There is little evidence in the past year much has changed other than routinizing charisma for Kim Jong-un. His New Year's speech contained mild overtures that only look nice compared with the normally horrific threats North Korea makes. South Korea will continue broadcasting analog signals near North Korea.

- China's impact on Korean peninsula unification and questions for the [United States] senate, United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations (11 December, 2012) [PDF, 1.73 MKB]
- US reiterates that Google high-level visit is "untimely", People's Daily, Tech Section (人民日报), (10 December 2012) [Chinese-language]
- S. Korea to maintain analog TV signals for programs sent to N. Korea, Yonhap News Agency, (25 December 2012)

GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: The effects of John Kerry as Secretary of State on the Korean Peninsula, Park Hyun, Hankyoreh (8 January 2013)

Leadership transitions may lead to increased engagement in the East Asia region. Nominees to the US Secretaries of State and Defense are proponents of dialogue with the DPRK. The ROK's President-elect has called for renewed talks with the DPRK and Kim Jung-un took a more conciliatory stance in his New Year's Address. Japan's Prime Minister is also taking the diplomatic initiative, sending a special envoy last week to meet with ROK President-elect Park.

- S. Korea, Japan to hold first high-level talks since Abe's inauguration, Yonhap News (9 January 2013)
- North Korean leader, in rare address, seeks end to confrontation with South, Jack Kim, Reuters (1 January 2013)
- China likely to maintain policy on North Korea, Kor Kien Beng, China Daily (25 December 2012)

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: Climate change, migration, and conflict in South Asia: rising tensions and policy options across the subcontinent, Arpita Bhattacharyya and Michael Werz, Center for American Progress (December 2012) [2.68 MB, PDF]

Analyzing South Asia through the prism of climate, migration, and security in Assam and the surrounding region provides useful insights into the underlying trends shaping the entire region and the risks posed by current long-term trajectories. While the precise influence of climate change on migration is still the subject of scientific inquiry and debate, the range of issues facing the region

calls for a comprehensive assessment of climate change, migration, and their impact on both traditional and human security.

- Sustainable security project, Center for American Progress (2013)
- Climate change, migration, and conflict: addressing complex crisis scenarios in the 21st century, Michael Werz and Laura Conley, Center for American Progress (January 2012) [891 KB, PDF]

AUSTRAL PEACE AND SECURITY: The need for a new US-China strategic roadmap, Kevin Rudd, John L. Thornton Center, Brookings Institution (17 December 2012)

Having re-established the "realist" foundations of the United States' position in Asia, the time has now come to construct a framework of strategic cooperation with the Chinese. This would particularly be the case if the Chinese concluded that the absence of such a framework may increase the possibility of regional tension, conflict or even war, thereby undermining China's economic development agenda which remains central to the leadership's ambitions.

- Chinese Beidou satnav system fully operational, Bradley Perrett, Aviation Week (8 January 2013)
- China steps up to the final frontier, Michael Richardson, Canberra Times (8 January 2012)
- Using social media strategically: #Indonesia, Natalie Sambhi, The Strategist, ASPI (21 December 2012)



BLOG: Comfort women and the costs of denial

by Richard Tanter – Austral Peace and Security Contributor *I want to explain why Japan as the northern hinge of the United States' pivot strategy …*

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