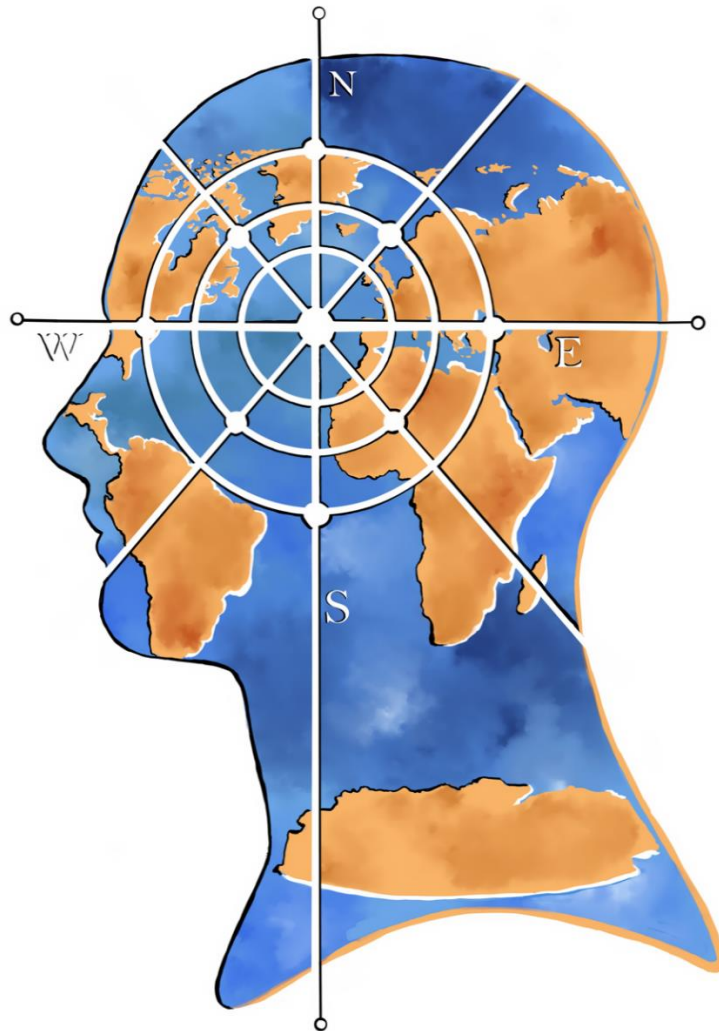


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Editor's Note

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Broadly defined, intelligence is the collection and analysis of information that can improve decision-making. With this simple yet effective definition in mind, and guided by its transnational mission, the *Journal of European and American Intelligence Studies (JEAIS)* is pleased to present this, its ninth publication (volume 5, issue 1). It consists of five carefully selected studies that present the reader with useful information on pressing issues and topics of regional or global significance.

In his article entitled “Alliances and Conflicts Among Jihadist Groups in West Africa,” Marco Fais provides a meticulous examination of the intricate mosaic of jihadist militancy in what is an increasingly volatile region. Fais, an analyst with the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), focuses on a number of broad phenomena that are shaping the outlook and operations of militant jihadist groups in West Africa. These include an ongoing convergence between previously disparate groups, which in turn facilitates their territorial expansion. Confusingly, this is taking place against a background of constant conflict between jihadist groups and government forces, but also between—and even within—jihadist groups themselves. As some groups are converging, others are fragmenting. Meanwhile, the leading jihadist groups in the region are beginning to pursue goals for regional domination, and even trying to emulate the state-building efforts of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria during 2015-2017. The author concludes his analysis with a set of timely recommendations for intelligence and security agencies in West Africa and beyond.

Monica den Boer, a Professor of Military Policing Operations at the Netherlands Defence Academy, transitions our attention to criminal and terrorist activity in the European security space. In her article entitled “The Crime-Terrorism Nexus in Europe: Time to Break the Security Silos,” den Boer points out that the European Union has made significant strides in the areas of combatting organized crime and countering terrorism in recent years. Yet, she cautions that the intersection between organized crime and terrorism remains relatively unexplored. She asks whether this is because of the absence of empirical evidence, and

points to the existence of information silos that appear to be preventing the collation of intelligence that could shed more light to the unexplored nexus between organized crime and terrorism. Given the ongoing growth of interoperability in the European Union security context, den Boer proposes an urgent re-examination of this critical nexus, which, in her view, could lead to major improvements in terrorism prevention.

In our third article, a multinational team of experts based in the Philippines, the United Kingdom and Australia, shed light on yet another pressing concern relating to terrorism—namely its financing aspects. Amparo Pamela Fabe, Christian Kaunert, Sylvia Laksmi and Joan Andrea Toledo concentrate on the Philippine financial technology (fintech) sector, which—as they point out—is Asia’s second-largest, next only to Indonesia’s. In their article entitled “Safeguarding the Philippine FinTech Sector from Terrorism Financing,” the authors argue that the Philippine fintech ecosystem can generate a host of useful lessons on how to promote the digitization of financial services, while at the same time preventing their use for terrorist financing purposes. This is easier said than done, however, which is why the authors push for a series of practical recommendations. These include implementing a carefully customized legal framework, which will be monitored by a politically independent oversight authority. To achieve this, technical training for law enforcement, judicial and prosecutorial staff will be critical, as will be the establishment of expanding public-private partnerships, the authors conclude.

The article selection in our present issue includes a guest appearance by John Nomikos, Founding Editor of *JEAIS*, who revisits a major theme of his research—namely the need for reforming the Greek intelligence services. Along with his co-author, Anthony Ioannidis, Assistant Professor of Management at the Athens University of Economics and Business, Nomikos outlines the present-day challenges faced by the Greek National Intelligence Service (NIS, or *Ethniki Ypiresia Pliroforion*, EYP, in short NIS-EYP). The authors summarize the recent evolution of the organization, focusing especially on the periodic reforms that have shaped its current institutional form. They argue, however, that these reforms have led to chronic imbalances in the NIS-EYP, which must be corrected if the agency is to break away from its over-bureaucratization, its endemic factionalism and, ultimately, its inability to provide timely and actionable intelligence support to civilian decision-makers.

Our final author provides us with a rare glimpse into the foreign intelligence service of what is often referred to as the world’s oldest democracy—namely India. Through her exploration of Indian-based open sources, the author, Raagini Shekher Sharma, Senior Analyst at the Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS), traces the evolution of the Research & Analysis Wing (R&AW)—India’s equivalent to the United States’ Central Intelligence Agency. Her analysis touches on the R&AW’s operational successes and failures, which have traced India’s turbulent history since 1968, when the

spy agency was established. The reader is left with a basic understanding of the R&AW's mission and operational capabilities, as seen through a number of known operations conducted by it. Given the secrecy that characterizes the R&AW, this article can serve as a useful departure point for Asia-focused intelligence researchers.

The *JEAIS* editorial team thanks our authors for adding their informed voices to yet another well-timed and insightful issue of this publication. True to its founding mission, *JEAIS* remains responsive to its readership, whose members are encouraged to contact the editorial team with comments, suggestions and criticism about our content.

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