

EDITORIAL

In this edition, we focus on how to counteract Chinese and Russian threats against the space, cyber, nuclear, economic, and political domains in our Western Hemisphere. We also present an article on the importance of joint multinational relationships, and an after-action analysis of the Colombian Air Force's support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our first article, "Counterspace Weapons - Strategic Implications for Emerging Spacepower Nations," by authors Bruno Martini, Lt Col Luis Felipe Nohra, Brazilian Air Force, and Maria Célia Barbosa Reis da Silva, Ph.D., describes how Brazil can be used as a case study on how emerging spacepower nations can react and plan against space security threats, especially from China and Russia. Our next article, by Col James Hamilton, USAF, and Capt Valdir Ruiz, USAF, on "Employing Strategic Cyber Competition in Latin America: A Senior Cyber Leader Mission," argues for a US whole-of-government approach, along with honest broker industries, to build a mutually beneficial cybersecurity framework model to counteract Chinese and Russian exfiltration of critical defense, economic, and personal data in the region. We follow with "The Slipping Linchpin: The Evolution of Sino-Argentinian Relations and their Effect on American Hegemony in the Western Hemisphere," in which Capt Jeremy M. Cook, USAF, details how China's courting of Argentina could help tip the balance of relations between Latin America and the US, and allow China to establish a foothold within the region that would usurp the traditional position of the US as the regional hegemon.

Our next article, "Could America Re-experience another Cuban Missile Crisis in the Near Future?" from COL Mario Brasil do Nascimento, Brazilian Army (Ret.), outlines how a new Cold War conflict is emerging between Russia and the US, reinforced by the Russia-Ukraine War. Further proof of Russia's growing influence in the region is provided by Christopher Davis, Ph.D., in his article, "Unburdened by History: Understanding Russia's Growing Influence in Haiti," via a thorough analysis of why pro-Russian sentiment has become prevalent at Haitian protests over the last few months.

On the other hand, in their article, "Chile's Joint Initiative with the US - Implications and lessons learned for Joint Multinational Relationships," Maj Daniel M. Sickles, USAF, LCDR Dennis C. Guy, USN, and Lt Col Oscar "Grouch" Martinez, USAF, demonstrate how the US military is in an ideal position to assist Chile's joint force initiative to confront these regional, hemispheric, and extra-hemispheric challenges and threats. We conclude with an article by Maria Alejandra Santos Barón, analyzing "The Role of the Colombian Air Force in the National COVID-19 Vaccination Plan (NVP)."

Finally, in keeping with modern times, this will be our last print edition! Starting with our December edition, we will be published in digital format only. As

always, you can access our current and archived online versions at <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/JOTA/English>. Please enjoy our last hardcopy version.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jorge F. Serafin".

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