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Our Fall 2023 issue will have a broadly construed theme: **Russia and NATO: The Ukraine Conflict**.

While the war in Ukraine rages on under invasion from the Russian Federation, it is past time to explore the many facets of this ongoing war with a particular focus on events that have occurred from February 2014 (with the Maiden Revolution in Ukraine) until present day. Though the end of the war and future events remain unclear, it is important to analyze what led to the current war, the responses from Russia and the West, and operational lessons learned.

Russia's use of gray-zone conflicts, proxy warfare, disinformation campaigns, and scorched-Earth tactics have been on full display with their invasion of Ukraine. Despite expectations that Russia would quickly overwhelm Ukrainian forces and take the capital, Kyiv, the Ukrainians managed to push the Russian forces back against all odds—including a vastly superior invasion force.

Even as the war continues, there are many events that may change the trajectory of the war worth exploring:

- NATO's response—particularly the United States—to the aggression of the Russian Federation.
- The European Union's role in the overall coordinated response to the invasion and subsequent occupation of parts of Ukraine.
- The tools used by the West, such as economic sanctions, delivery of materiel including weapons and financial assistance, accession to the NATO alliance by Finland and Sweden, and Ukraine's possible inclusion in the European Union.
- The Ukrainian response to the invasion and the tactics used to defeat a superior invasion force would be an important facet of the discussion of the Western response.
- Defense production systems and the short- and long-term impacts of experimental defense and military adaptation.
- The potential for Russia's nuclear response and China's perception of and response to the war.

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