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Our Spring 2025 issue will have a broadly construed theme: **Strategic Resources** and **National Security**.

This issue will address strategic resources (both natural and manufactured) that are essential for future national security. Examples include lithium—essential for the batteries powering electric vehicles—which is found mostly in South America, Australia, and China. Water is an emerging national security concern, especially for regions that are prone to drought or who share water rights with other nation-states. Semiconductors are also becoming a national security concern, as evidenced by the expansion of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company outside of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to diversify supply chains in the face of an aggressive People's Republic of China.

During the Russian-Ukrainian war, Russia effectively weaponized its natural gas and oil supplies, which provided funding for the war as well as causing fissures in a united front against the war in Ukraine. Also significant during the Russian-Ukrainian war is the significant need to ramp up munitions production, which requires the aforementioned strategic resources to produce. Munitions shortages are in part caused by long-standing dependencies on single providers for some of the critical rare earth elements.

What strategies can the United States and its allies use to protect themselves against future strategic resource shortages in times of peace and war? Authors can provide contemporary, historical, or future-oriented analyses of strategies to help ensure that these resources cannot be weaponized.

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are encouraged to submit. MCUP is also looking for book reviewers and historiographers from international studies, political science, and contemporary history fields. To receive a copy of the journal or to discuss an article idea or book review, please contact MCU\_Press@usmcu.edu.

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