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American Deterrence and Future Conflicts

Credibility in the Post-Cold War and Post 9/11 Strategic Setting:
(Peer Competitors, Rogue States, Non-State Actors)

Relevance of Prevailing Assumptions:
(Rationality in Decision-Making, Adherence to Common Values, Existential Tools, MAD vs. AD)

Proliferation and Non-Nuclear Technologies:
(STRATEGIC EFFECTS, MISSILE DEFENSES, SPACE-ORIENTED SYSTEMS)
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Potential for Miscalculation Very High

Escalation Management and Control Key

Catalytic Warfare a Possibility

Extended Deterrence Essential to NPT

Capability and Will Central to Deterrence Planning, but Perceptions Rule

» Syrian Red Line
» Asian Pivot
» No Boots on the Ground
» NATO Article 5 and other U.S. Extended Security Guarantees
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Nuclear Modernization Essential to Credibility, but U.S. Programs Mortgaged to Anti-Nuclear Sentiments and Budget Constraints

Conventional Deterrence Not Perceived in same way as Nuclear Deterrence

New Strategic Triad?

Coalition Management and Nuclear Weapons
RECONCEPTUALIZING AMERICAN DETERRENCE FOR FUTURE CONFLICTS: CONCLUSIONS

Integration of Missile Defenses, Non-Nuclear Strategic Technologies, Space-based and Oriented Systems, and Cyber into Deterrence Planning — Innovative Thinking Needed

Greater Attention to Dynamics of Multinuclear Coalitions

Signaling and Strategic Communications Need to be Revised and Emphasized

Allied/Partner Reassurance and Dissuasion