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global events of the early twenty first century have placed new stress on the relationship among anthropology governance and war facing prolonged insurgency segments of the u s military have taken a new interest in anthropology prompting intense ethical and scholarly debate inspired by these issues the essays in anthropology and global counterinsurgency consider how anthropologists can should and do respond to military overtures and they articulate anthropological perspectives on global war and power relations this book investigates the shifting boundaries between military and civil state violence perceptions and effects of american power

around the globe the history of counterinsurgency doctrine and practice and debate over culture knowledge and conscience in counterinsurgency these wide ranging essays shed new light on the fraught world of pax americana and on the ethical and political dilemmas faced by anthropologists and military personnel alike when attempting to understand and intervene in our world

this timely book offers a world history of insurgencies and of counterinsurgency warfare jeremy black moves beyond the conventional western centric narrative arguing that it is crucial to ground contemporary experiences in afghanistan and iraq in a global framework unlike other studies that begin with the american and french revolutions this book reaches back to antiquity to trace the pre modern origins of war within states interweaving thematic and chronological narratives black probes the enduring linkages between beliefs events and people on the one hand and changes over time on the other hand he shows the extent to which power politics technologies and ideologies have evolved creating new parameters and paradigms that have framed both governmental and public views tracing insurgencies ranging from china to africa to latin america black highlights the widely differing military and political dimensions of each conflict he weighs how and why lessons were learned or rather asserted in both insurgency and counterinsurgency warfare at every stage he considers lessons learned by contemporaries the ways in which norms developed within militaries and societies and their impact on doctrine and policy his sweeping study of insurrectionary warfare and its counterinsurgency counterpart will be essential reading for all students of military history

a collection of original works covering all aspects of insurgency and counterinsurgency through a multinational lens insurgency and counterinsurgency in modern war addresses the need to look beyond the united states and other prominent counterinsurgency actors in the contemporary world it also reassesses some of the latent and burgeoning insurgen

insurgency and counterinsurgency in the nineteenth century examines insurgency and counterinsurgency across the globe in the nineteenth century the volume includes chapters from distinguished and rising historians from europe north and south america and covers irregular wars in spain ireland france latin america china usa africa central asia and burma the authors explore links between insurgencies and nationalism including learning curves and emulation in counterinsurgency with a special emphasis on non western warfare this volume includes case studies such as the katanga and white lotus rebellions largely unknown to western readers the military history of the nineteenth century thus reveals much more than the symmetrical warfare of napoleon grant and moltke this volume shows the commonalities of responses more than their differences and refracts these through themes which crop up repeatedly in different times and places these themes include common problems and solutions the challenge of commanding local intelligence networks public opinion millenarianism magic and religion technology hearts and minds the legal framework of state violence racial stereotypes and patterns of forgetting and remembering guerrilla conflicts the first recent study to examine

western and non western warfare in equal measure stressing the prevalence of commonalities between guerrilla warfare and counterinsurgency across the globe insurgency and counterinsurgency in the nineteenth century will be of great interest to scholars of military and strategic studies as well as modern military history it was originally published as a special issue of small wars insurgencies

this multidisciplinary edited volume explores how the spread of the war on terror has entwined matters of state sovereignty and states of war into mutually affecting relations pre emptive attacks on terrorist groups in rogue states outsourcing of state militancy and the mutable state of armed conflict required to wage a hybrid war have increasingly been issues for the war on terror moreover such measures have seen the spread of this war to countries such as israel russia ethiopia and uganda all of whom have justified their own attacks in other nation states as a war of self defence against terrorism states of war since 9 11 offers a timely innovative analysis of how the war on terror has taken on different modes of militancy and militarisation in spreading to different nation states and regions featuring a multidisciplinary line up of eminent contributors the book ranges in reference from the early stages of the war up to france s 2013 intervention in mali part one examines the various modes of war and militarisation that have been employed in particular nation states including afghanistan russia and chechnya and israel and palestine part two examines how the war s innovations have more generally involved just war theory biopolitics and sovereignty networked battlespace new military urbanism citizenship homeland security and surveillance overall this book offers a fresh insight into how states have attempted to secure their own bounds by extending the boundaries of war itself this book will be of much interest to students of critical terrorism studies foreign policy and ir in general

since september 2001 the united states has waged what the government initially called the global war on terrorism gwot beginning in late 2005 and early 2006 the term long war began to appear in u s security documents such as the national security council s national strategy for victory in iraq and in statements by the u s secretary of defense and the chairman of the jcs the description long war unlimited in time and space and continuing for decades is closer to reality and more useful than gwot colonel robert cassidy argues that this protracted struggle is more correctly viewed as a global insurgency and counterinsurgency al qaeda and its affiliates he maintains comprise a novel and evolving form of networked insurgents who operate globally harnessing the advantages of globalization and the information age they employ terrorism as a tactic subsuming terror within their overarching aim of undermining the western dominated system of states placing the war against al qaeda and its allied groups and organizations in the context of a global insurgency has vital implications for doctrine interagency coordination and military cultural change all reviewed in this important work cassidy combines the foremost maxims of the most prominent western philosopher of war and the most renowned eastern philosopher of war to arrive at a threefold theme know the enemy know yourself and know what kind of war you are embarking upon to help readers arrive at that understanding he first offers a distilled analysis of al qaeda and its associated networks with a particular focus on

ideology and culture in subsequent chapters he elucidates the challenges big powers face when they prosecute counterinsurgencies using historical examples from russian american british and french counterinsurgent wars before 2001 the book concludes with recommendations for the integration and command and control of indigenous forces and other agencies

in insurgent aesthetics ronak k kapadia theorizes the world making power of contemporary art responses to us militarism in the greater middle east he traces how new forms of remote killing torture confinement and surveillance have created a distinctive post 9 11 infrastructure of racialized state violence linking these new forms of violence to the history of american imperialism and conquest kapadia shows how arab muslim and south asian diasporic multimedia artists force a reckoning with the us war on terror s violent destruction and its impacts on immigrant and refugee communities drawing on an eclectic range of visual installation and performance works kapadia reveals queer feminist decolonial critiques of the us security state that visualize subjugated histories of us militarism and make palpable what he terms the sensorial life of empire in this way these artists forge new aesthetic and social alliances that sustain critical opposition to the global war machine and create alternative ways of knowing and feeling beyond the forever war

from the cold war through today the u s has quietly assisted dozens of regimes around the world in suppressing civil unrest and securing the conditions for the smooth operation of capitalism casting a new light on american empire badges without borders shows for the first time that the very same people charged with global counterinsurgency also militarized american policing at home in this groundbreaking exposé stuart schrader shows how the united states projected imperial power overseas through police training and technical assistance and how this effort reverberated to shape the policing of city streets at home examining diverse records from recently declassified national security and intelligence materials to police textbooks and professional magazines schrader reveals how u s police leaders envisioned the beat to be as wide as the globe and worked to put everyday policing at the core of the cold war project of counterinsurgency a smoking gun book badges without borders offers a new account of the war on crime law and order politics and global counterinsurgency revealing the connections between foreign and domestic racial control

with the attacks of september 11th by a transnational global terrorist network the full danger of this new security threat was revealed the initial response of the u s government to this threat resulted in the birth of the global war on terrorism gwot since its birth the gwot has taken center stage as the default foreign policy and national security strategy of the united states in the execution of this strategic construct the united states has deployed its military instrument of power to two regional conflicts afghanistan and iraq and numerous other low level special operations throughout the globe this monograph examines the effectiveness of the gwot and its current relevancy as a strategic concept after more than 6 years of implementation the monograph addresses the background and origins of gwot to

include the arguments for and against its use and its strengths and weaknesses as a strategic construct it specifically examines the current security environment in which the gwot is being applied and finds it to be insufficient the author proposes that the security environment is more accurately defined as a global insurgency conducted by a transnational terrorist network with global reach further the best way to address this security environment is to replace the construct of gwot with a global counterinsurgency coin strategic framework in doing so the author replaces the primacy of terror or terrorism as the overarching threat with a clear identification of the enemy al qaeda and associated groups and movements the research delves into the strategic goals and operational objectives of al qaeda and assesses its effectiveness as a global insurgency using the criteria established by contemporary and historical insurgency theorists such as david galula bard o neill steven metz raymond millen bruce hoffman and others

do we really need philosophy the present collection of jargon free essays aims at answering the question of why philosophy matters each essay considers the central question why philosophy from different angles the unavoidability of doing philosophy the practical consequences of philosophy philosophy as a therapy for the whole person the benefits of philosophy for improving public policy etc

research paper undergraduate from the year 2007 in the subject politics international politics region usa queen s university belfast language english abstract this paper analyzes modern insurgency and emphasizes some of the difficulties and dilemmas in contemporary counter insurgency policy making in iraq the analysis starts with the definition s and structural components of an insurgency differences between classic and modern insurgencies are underlined with the aim of presenting the evolution and adjustability of insurgent warfare modern insurgency is becoming increasingly networked transnational tactical and diverse in its methods conventional means are increasingly used against soft targets causing maximum loss and damage a metastasis of warfare from the rural terrain to the urban domain has complicated efforts to counter violence the paper argues that the question over doctrine versus flexibility in counter insurgency policy making should be thoroughly re examined given that insurgencies are social events deeply rooted in the social and economic conditions of a society responses to violence should focus on breaking the very conditions leading to radicalization and recruitment expanding the scope of counter insurgency beyond military engagement devising timely responses and negotiating with local militant actors are much more important aspects for ending a crisis that could escalate into insurgency or civil war

this volume offers new ways of understanding conflicts in northeast india and the means to resolve them the essays discuss how democratic politics and the world of armed rebellions intersect in complex ways in this region

master s thesis from the year 2011 in the subject politics topic peace and conflict security grade 70 100 university of malta course international relations language english abstract this dissertation explore the threats posed by al qaeda in afghanistan

and whether it is first necessary to stabilize this country in order to eliminate the group it will be argued that al qaeda's ideology has now become stronger than its ability to threaten international security that its aim to become an agent of change within the muslim world has come to outweigh the threat attributed to it as a conventional kinetic terrorist entity the current instability within afghanistan is not due to al qaeda's physical presence there but rather an amalgamation of factors it will be argued that the u s led invasion in 2001 has contributed to al qaeda's weakening there but it has not contributed to stabilize afghanistan itself the instability in afghanistan will require a strong long term commitment by the international community while the fight against al qaeda will require more focus on combating its ideology and less on military action whilst al qaeda remains an elusive enemy for the west due to its ability to constantly adapt the international community has failed to adapt adequately to not only combat al qaeda's ideology but also to implement the necessary long term strategy that is required to achieve stability in afghanistan

in march 2006 president george w bush signed a new national security strategy that he refers to as a wartime national security strategy he also states in the introduction that to follow the path the united states has chosen we must maintain and expand our national strength one way to do this is to study and propose solutions to the complex challenges the united states faces in the 21st century at the u s army war college the students have embraced this challenge and spend a year developing their intellectual strength in areas that extend well beyond the familiar operational and tactical realm to which they are accustomed this collection of essays written by students enrolled in the u s army war college advanced strategic art program asap reflects the development of their strategic thought applied to a wide range of contemporary issues the asap is a unique program that offers selected students a rigorous course of instruction in theater strategy solidly based in theory doctrine and history the program provides these students a wide range of experts both in and out of the military staff rides and exercises to develop them as superb theater strategists asap graduates continue to make their mark throughout the military to include in the office of the secretary of defense the joint staff and the combatant commands stinet web site

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