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Letter from the Editor

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We are very excited to present our new and updated Summer 2021 issue of Space and Defense. We are sure readers will notice a significant difference with and proceeding issues. Over the last few years, our editorial team has been implementing important changes to this journal. First, we teamed with the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) to diversify our readership to include academic institutions in order to attract a broader audience of readers and authors. By teaming with UNO, we have transferred our delivery of the journal onto a digital platform, aiming to increase our readership delivery and accessibility. Secondly, we have widened our aperture to include more topics and research on security studies; specifically, we welcome all topics of security studies, especially deterrence, international relations, and security policy evaluation. Third, we have invited additional experts to our editorial team who represent that security field as it should be and does not exclude in terms of gender or ethnicity. I want to be clear that Space and Defense has never intentionally excluded experts based on these criteria, but as a board we are making a conscious effort to expand our field of experts to be more inclusive and represent the field. We would like to send a warm welcome to those who have recently joined our editorial board, and we look forward to inviting more experts as we continue to grow as a journal. Finally, we would like to introduce our new branding efforts that re-images the journal and present the integration of the Air Force Academy with UNO, which is the first joint military and academic journal of its kind. Our re-branding efforts include a new cover page, new style format, and a digital platform. We hope that our efforts over these past few years prove our commitment to providing the community with innovative research for a broader audience that enhances the security field. We hope you enjoy our Summer 2021 issue of Space and Defense: Innovative Research in Security Studies.

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