Africa Security Research Centre Notes (ASRC)

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Submission Guidelines

ASRC Publishing Opportunities

We invite early career scholars, practitioners, and academics to provide their individual, unique, and balanced perspectives on current and emerging security threats in Africa.

We accept a range of contributions from longer Research Note between 3000-12000 words to shorter Commentary between 500-700 words, excluding references. The research note and commentary should provide an assessment and analysis of relevant security problems affecting Africa. These can be on a variety of contemporary security issues in Africa, including but not limited to:

- Collective security policy and strategy
- Hybrid threats
- Terrorism
- Counter-terrorism
- Cyber security
- Intelligence
- Conventional warfare
- Unconventional warfare
- Piracy and maritime security
- Geopolitics
- Governance and constitution
- Biopolitics
- Migration
- Economic security
- Human security
- Surveillance
- Environmental security
- Diplomacy

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Format: The Research Note is accepted only as a *Microsoft Word* file (.docx) and should not exceed 12000 words, excluding references. It is preferable to use *Helvetica* fonts (12-point size) with a line spacing of 1.15 or 1.5. References should be in the form of footnotes, and the text must include a brief abstract of 150-250 words but should not be accompanied by a bibliography at the end. Quotations should be presented with double quotation marks except in longer quotations of over 30 words.

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point size) with a line spacing of 1.15 or 1.5. References should be in the form of footnotes but should not be accompanied by a bibliography at the end. Quotations should be presented with double quotation marks except in longer quotations of over 30 words.

Citation system: The system used for the footnotes is based on the Chicago Manual of Style with slight and consistent modifications for clarity. It must be noted that the use of foreign language sources should include the English translation of the original title in brackets. Examples of footnote referencing are provided below. Each initial reference of a source should be in full, while the following references of the same source should be presented in a shortened version; avoid using p. and pp. for page(s) as well as abbreviations such as op. cit. and ibid.

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FOOTNOTE REFERENCES

Book (one to three authors)

First citation: Alan Gamlen, *Human Geopolitics: States, Emigrants and the Rise of Diaspora Institutions* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), 311-17.

Following citations: Gamlen, *Human Geopolitics*, 287-88.

Book (four or more authors)

First citation: Anthony Best et al., *International History of the Twentieth Century and Beyond,* 2nd edn (London: Routledge, 2008), 428-31.

Following citations: Best et al., *International History*, 271-74.

Book (editor/s or translator)

First citation: Kimberely L. Thachuk and Rollie Lal, eds, *Terrorist Criminal Enterprises: Financing Terrorism through Organized Crime* (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2018)

Following citations: Kimberley et. al., *Terrorist Criminal Enterprises*, 103.

First Citation: Richmond Lattimore, trans., *The Iliad of Homer* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1974), 56-59.

Following citations: Lattimore, *The Illiad*, 197.

Chapter in book

First citation: Michael Sheehan, "Military Security", in *Contemporary Security Studies*, 4th edn, ed. Alan Collins (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 185-199

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Following citations: Sheehan, “Military Security”, 187-89.

Journal article

First Citation: Giangiuseppe Pili, “Toward a Philosophical Definition of Intelligence”, *The International Journal of Intelligence, Security, and Public Affairs* 20:2 (2019), 162-190 (177-79).

Following citations: Pili, “Philosophical Definition”, 184-185.

Newspaper-magazine articles (printed)

First citation: Michael Schwitrz, “Secret unit in Russia aims to jolt Europe”, *The New York Times*, 9 October 2019, A1.

Following citations: Schwitrz, “Secret unit”, A1.

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Newspaper-magazine articles (electronic)

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Following citations: Karp, “Cybersecurity giant Symantec”.

Website

First citation: Melissa Heikkila, “German defence minister hits back at Macron’s NATO criticism”, *Politico*, 17 November 2019, https://www.politico.eu/article/annegret-kramp-karrenbauer-emmanuel-macron-german-defense-minister-hits-back-nato-criticism/.

Following citations: Heikkila, “German defence minister”.