

Editors' Word

In this issue of the *Journal of Regional Security* we publish three articles and one review essay. The first article written by Simon Sweeney is entitled “The European Union and EUFOR Althea’s Contribution to a Dysfunctional Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Bureaucratic Politics, Emergent Strategy”. In this article Sweeney assesses EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) in the Western Balkans with a particular focus on EUFOR Althea in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). He argues that the operation has evolved towards capacity building through the bureaucratic *modus operandi* of CSDP. He concludes that the EU Global Strategy (EUGS) and the newly activated Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) provide opportunities for EU member states to build on low key emergent strategy to ensure that CSDP develops the substance and actorness needed to address current threats in BiH and beyond. The second article entitled “The Comprehensive Approach to EU Crisis Management: Contexts, Lessons Identified, and Policy Implications” is penned by Arnold Kammel and Benjamin Zyla. The article provides an analysis of the Comprehensive Approach of the EU’s foreign policy. Kammel and Zyla show that although the Comprehensive Approach has become part and parcel of official EU policy discourse, practical challenges with its implementation remain large. Finally, the third article is entitled “Towards a Comprehensive Framework of Mediation Success: EU Mediation in the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue”. In this article, Erik Plänitz introduces a comprehensive analytical framework of mediation success and applies it to the case of the EU-facilitated Belgrade-Pristina dialogue. He concludes that while being a success for the European Union, the process has unfortunately lacked local legitimacy and fallen short of fully addressing the root causes of the dispute. Finally, this issue of the *Journal of Regional Security* also brings Mirela Lončar’s review of Xavier Guillaume’s *International Relations and Identity: a Dialogical Approach* (London Routledge, 2011). We hope that you will enjoy this issue of the *Journal of Regional Security*!

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