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nations habitually fail to understand the relevance of this phenomenon in this light bin laden s era is best understood as but one stage in the evolution of a global insurgency the territorial insurgencies of the 1960s are on the same trajectory as the global movements of tomorrow while the shift to propaganda of the deed suicide bombings and acts of mass terrorism began several decades ago in conclusion mackinlay asks why western military and security staffs failed to anticipate these developments and discusses

whether they will improve their game before the next chapter in the evolution of insurgency book jacket

as a british gurkha officer assigned to the jungle borders of north borneo john mackinlay experienced firsthand the maoist style insurgencies of the 1950s and 1960s and later in his career as a scholar researching muslim ngos and preventative security he witnessed the transformation of territorial labor intensive uprisings into the international networks of individuals and communities that operate across the world today in this book mackinlay focuses on the situation in afghanistan to see how threats from one theater of operation impact on us domestically in the uk and in the us mackinlay maps the transformation of insurgencies against the rapid modernisation of their origin cities noting the ways in which technology has accelerated and complicated a variety of coalitions and the efforts to defeat them our current bin laden era mackinlay argues must be understood from a maoist perspective of insurgency the campaigns of mid century are directly linked to the global movements of tomorrow yet the past two decades of insurgent activity have also marked a new chapter in the practice in which propaganda of the deed ie suicide bombings has become centrally important this shift presents new challenges to our traditional time honored response to terror and places a greater emphasis on mastering the virtual cyber based dimension of these campaigns mackinlay revisits the roots of global insurgencies describes their nature and character reveals the power of mass communications and grievance and recommends how individual nations can counter these threats by focusing on domestic terrorism

despite attracting headlines and hype insurgents rarely win even when they claim territory and threaten governmental writ they typically face a military backlash too powerful to withstand states struggle with addressing the political roots of such movements and their military efforts mostly just mow the grass yet for the insurgent the grass is nonetheless mowed and the armed project must start over this is the insurgent s dilemma the difficulty of asserting oneself of violently challenging authority and of establishing sustainable power in the face of this dilemma some insurgents are learning new ways to ply their trade with subversion spin and disinformation claiming centre stage insurgency is being reinvented to exploit the vulnerabilities of our times and gain new strategic salience for tomorrow as the most promising approaches are refined and repurposed what we think of as counterinsurgency will also need to change the insurgent s dilemma explores three particularly adaptive strategies and their implications for response these emerging strategies target the state where it is weak and sap its power sometimes without it noticing there are options for response but fresh thinking is urgently needed about society legitimacy and political violence itself

this new handbook provides a wide ranging overview of the current state of academic analysis and debate on insurgency and counterinsurgency as well as an up to date survey of contemporary insurgent movements and counter insurgencies in recent years and more specifically since the insurgency in iraq from 2003 academic interest in

insurgency and counterinsurgency has substantially increased these topics have become dominant themes on the security agenda replacing peacekeeping humanitarian operations and terrorism as key concepts the aim of this volume is to showcase the rich thinking that is available in the area of insurgency and counterinsurgency studies and act as a further guide for study and research in order to contain this wide ranging topic within an accessible and informative framework the editors have divided the text into three key parts part i theoretical and analytical issues part ii insurgent movements part iii counterinsurgency cases the routledge handbook of insurgency and counterinsurgency will be of great interest to all students of insurgency and small wars terrorism counter terrorism strategic studies security studies and in general as well as professional military colleges and policymakers

the third book in professor christian potholm's war trilogy which includes winning at war and war wisdom understanding war provides a most workable bibliography dealing with the vast literature on war and warfare as such it provides insights into over 3000 works on this overwhelmingly extensive material understanding war is thus the most comprehensive annotated bibliography available today moreover by dividing war material into eighteen overarching themes of analysis and fifty seminal topics and focusing on these understanding war enables the reader to access and understand the broadest possible array of materials across both time and space beginning with the earliest forms of warfare and concluding with the contemporary situation stimulating and thought provoking this volume is essential for an understanding of the breadth and depth of the vast scholarship dealing with war and warfare through human history and across cultures

compares the reasons for and the responses to the insurgencies in afghanistan and pakistan since october 2001 also examines the lack of security and the support of insurgent groups in afghanistan and pakistan since the 1970s that explain the rise of the pakistan supported taliban explores the border tribal areas between the two countries and how they influence regional stability and u s security explains the implications of what happened during this 10 year period to provide candid insights on the prospects and risks associated with bringing a durable stability to this area of the world

this book explores the kuki uprising against the british empire during the first world war in northeast frontier of india then assam burma frontier it underlines how of the three year war 1917 1919 spanning over 6 000 square miles is crucial to understanding present day northeast india the essays in the volume examine several aspects of the war which had far reaching consequences for the indigenous population as well as for british attitudes and policy towards the region including military strategy and tactics violence politics identity institutions gender culture and the frontier dimensions of the first world war itself the volume also looks at how the conflict affected the larger dynamics of the region within asia and its relevance in world politics beyond the great war drawing on archival sources extensive fieldwork and oral histories the volume will

be a significant contribution to comprehending the complex geopolitics of the region it will be of great interest to scholars and researchers of south and southeast asian studies area studies modern history military and strategic studies insurgency and counterinsurgency studies tribal warfare and politics

far from being an anachronism much less a kit bag of techniques people s war raises what has always been present in military history irregular warfare and fuses it symbiotically with what has likewise always been present politically rebellion and the effort to seize power the result is a strategic approach for waging revolutionary warfare the effort to make a revolution voluntarism is wedded to the exploitation of structural contradiction through the building of a new world to challenge the existing world through formation of a counterstate within the state in order ultimately to destroy and supplant the latter this is a process of far greater moment than implied by the label guerrilla warfare so often applied to what mao and others were about this volume deals with the continuing importance of maoist and post maoist concepts of people s war drawing on a range of examples that include peru colombia bolivia the caucasus and afghanistan the collection shows that the study of people s war is not just an historical curiosity but vital to the understanding of contemporary insurgent and terrorist movements the chapters in this book were originally published as a special issue of small wars insurgencies

one of the most influential actors in spreading islamist violence across the sahel is jama at nasr al islam wal muslimin jnim this book provides the first systematic quantitative analysis of jnim s behavior by analyzing a 12 year database of jnim s attacks and the environment surrounding jnim this book leverages ai ml predictive models to accurately predict almost 40 types of attacks using over 80 independent variables this book describes a set of temporal probabilistic rules that state that when the environment in which the group operates satisfies some conditions then an attack of a certain type will likely occur in the next n months this provides a deep easy to comprehend understanding of the conditions under which jnim carries various kinds of attacks up to 6 months into the future this book will serve as an invaluable guide to scholars computer scientists political scientists policy makers military officers intelligence personnel and government employees who seek to understand predict and eventually mitigate attacks by jnim and bring peace to the nations of mali burkina faso and niger will want to purchase this book as well

this book analyses the nationalist rebellion which emerged in romania following the second world war the first two decades after the end of the war were times of rebellion in imperial peripheries armed movements sometimes communist but nearly always nationalist in orientation rose in opposition to retreating or advancing imperial powers one such armed revolt took place in romania pitting nationalist partisans against a communist government this book is an analysis of how the authorities crushed this rebellion set in the context of parallel campaigns fought in europe and the third world it focuses on population control through censorship propaganda and deportations it analyses

military operations particularly patrols checkpoints ambushes and informed strikes intelligence operations are also discussed with an emphasis on recruiting informants on interrogation torture and infiltration bullets brains and barbwire not hearts and minds approaches crushed internal rebels in post 1945 campaigns

over the last decade and indeed ever since the cold war the rise of insurgents and non state actors in war and their readiness to use terror and other irregular methods of fighting have led commentators to speak of new wars they have assumed that the old wars were waged solely between states and were accordingly fought between comparable and symmetrical armed forces much of this commentary has lacked context or sophistication it has been bounded by norms and theories more than the messiness of reality fed by the impact of the 9 11 attacks it has privileged some wars and certain trends over others most obviously it has been historically unaware but it has also failed to consider many of the other dimensions which help us to define what war is legal ethical religious and social the changing character of war the fruit of a five year interdisciplinary programme at oxford of the same name draws together all these themes in order to distinguish between what is really changing about war and what only seems to be changing self evidently as the product of its own times the character of each war is always changing but if war s character is in flux its underlying nature contains its own internal consistency each war is an adversarial business capable of generating its own dynamic and therefore of spiralling in directions that are never totally predictable war is both utilitarian the tool of policy and dysfunctional this book brings together scholars with world wide reputations drawn from a clutch of different disciplines but united by a common intellectual goal that of understanding a problem of extraordinary importance for our times this book is a project of the oxford leverhulme programme on the changing character of war

this volume provides an authoritative cutting edge resource on the characteristics of both technological and social change in warfare in the twenty first century and the challenges such change presents to international law the character of contemporary warfare has recently undergone significant transformation in several important respects the nature of the actors the changing technological capabilities available to them and the sites and spaces in which war is fought these changes have augmented the phenomenon of non obvious warfare making understanding warfare one of the key challenges such developments have been accompanied by significant flux and uncertainty in the international legal sphere this handbook brings together a unique blend of expertise combining scholars and practitioners in science and technology international law strategy and policy in order properly to understand and identify the chief characteristics and features of a range of innovative developments means and processes in the context of obvious and non obvious warfare the handbook has six thematic sections law war and technology cyber warfare autonomy robotics and drones synthetic biology new frontiers international perspectives this interdisciplinary blend and the novel rich and insightful contribution that it makes across various fields will make this volume a crucial research tool and guide for practitioners scholars and students of war studies security studies technology and design ethics international relations and international

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at a time when even the foundations and pre eminence of the western order are called into question by both the weaknesses of the transatlantic partnership and the spectacular rise of the asia pacific region suggesting a switch to a post atlantic order the contributors to this volume provide specific answers to present day interrogations pertaining to various processes of transformation this book offers multidisciplinary perspectives on political economic social technological and cultural dimensions of change and proposes various possible responses to current global and regional challenges

this two volume history of counterinsurgency covers all the major and many of the lesser known examples of this widespread and enduring form of conflict addressing the various measures employed in the attempt to overcome the insurgency and examining the individuals and organizations responsible for everything from counterterrorism to infrastructure building how and when should counterinsurgency be pursued as insurgency is growing in frequency and conversely while conventional warfare continues to decline as a means by which political rivals seek to impose their will upon each other what lessons from the past should today s policymakers strategists military leaders and soldiers in the field keep in mind while facing off against 21st century insurgents this two volume set offers a comprehensive history of modern counterinsurgency covering the key examples of this widespread and enduring form of conflict it identifies the political military social and economic measures employed in attempting to overcome insurgency examining the work of the individuals and organizations involved demonstrating how success and failure dictated change from established policy and carefully analyzing the results readers will gain valuable insight from the detailed assessments of the history of counterinsurgency that demonstrate which strategies have succeeded and which have failed and why after an introductory essay on the subject each chapter provides historical background to the insurgency being addressed before focusing on the specific policies pursued and actions taken by the counterinsurgency force each section also provides an assessment of those operations including in most cases an analysis of lessons learned and where appropriate their relevance to counterinsurgency operations today the set s coverage spans modern counterinsurgencies from europe to asia to africa since 1900 and includes the ongoing counterinsurgency operations in afghanistan today its wide international approach to the subject makes the set a prime resource for readers seeking specific information on a particular conflict or a better understanding of the general theories and practices of counterinsurgency

the purpose of this research was to obtain a historically rooted understanding of the development application and adaptation of the british coin approach one from which the us has borrowed heavily it focuses upon those factors which interfere with timely adaptive application of current coin doctrine as soon as the warning signs of insurgency present themselves the price of failing to do so in terms of blood and treasure has been widely proclaimed daily in the news media during the past decade of american and

british involvement in iraq and afghanistan authors on both sides of the atlantic have already made much of the us army s failure to capture coin lessons from vietnam and its abandonment of coin education in its schools after the 1970s for this reason most american commanders went into iraq with no doctrinal guide for coin a deficiency corrected only after painful reflection on the characteristics of the environment and the inefficacy of the conventional methods they initially employed the british army on the other hand went into iraq with a coin doctrine revised five times since the completion of its successful operations in malaya 1948 1960 including a version published only two years prior to entry into iraq why did the british army struggle with identifying insurgency and application of its own corresponding doctrine

a major contribution to our understanding of contemporary warfare and strategy by one of the world s leading military historians

duyvesteyn critically examines the potential explanations for the escalation and de escalation during conflicts involving states and non state actors such as terrorists and insurgents

cinematic representations of unconventional warfare have received sporadic attention to date however this pattern has now begun to change with the rise of insurgency and counter insurgency in iraq and afghanistan and the growing importance of jihadist terrorism in the wake of 9 11 this ground breaking study provides a much needed examination of global unconventional warfare in 20th century filmmaking with case studies from the united states britain ireland france italy and israel paul b rich examines hollywood s treatment of counter terrorism and counter insurgency in the united states british post colonial insurgencies in malaya and kenya and british special operations in the second world war the irish conflict before and during the troubles french filmmaking and the reluctance to deal with the bitter war in algeria in the 1950s italian neorealism and its impact on films dealing with urban insurgency by roberto rossellini nanni loy and gillo pontecorvo and israel and the upsurge of palestinian terrorism whilst only a small number of films on these conflicts have been able to rise above stereotyping insurgents and terrorists in some cases due to a pattern of screen orientalism cinema and unconventional warfare in the twentieth century stresses the positive political gains to be derived from humanizing terrorists and terrorists movements especially in the context of modern jihadist terrorism this is essential reading for academics postgraduates and advanced undergraduates interested in 20th century military history politics and international relations and film studies

the handbook of media and culture in the middle east the handbook of media and culture in the middle east is an invaluable resource for anyone seeking to understand the profound and complex changes shaping the 21st century with trans regional contributions from established and emerging scholars this ground breaking volume offers conceptual essays and in depth chapters that present rich analyses grounded in historical and geopolitical contexts as well as key theory and empirical research rather than

viewing the middle east as a monolithic culture this handbook examines the diverse and multi local characteristics of the region s knowledge production dynamic media and rich cultures it addresses a wide range of topics including the evolving mainstream and alternative media competing histories in the region and pressing socio economic and media debates additionally the handbook explores the impact of regional and international politics on middle eastern cultures and media designed to serve as a foundation for the next era of research in the field the handbook of media and culture in the middle east is essential reading for all academics scholars and media practitioners its comprehensive scope makes it an excellent primary or supplementary textbook for undergraduate or graduate courses in global studies media and communication journalism anthropology sociology economics political science and history

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