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Dylan Gerstel '17 gives a profile of ISIS's propaganda strategies and explores possible countermeasures for United States agencies. ISIS's use of the internet has been covered across various media outlets, and this piece compiles this information to give a survey of ISIS's use of Twitter, video footage, and other digital age technologies to target individuals and recruit soldiers.

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The global balance of power has changed significantly since the United Nations Security Council was founded at the end of World War II. Joelle Hageboutros '16 explores how the United Nations Security Council has evolved and ought to reform in order to stay relevant in today's world. Ultimately, she proposes that the Security Council ought to restructure the veto powers within the SC to reflect today's balance of power, as well as allow those who contribute most to UN peacekeeping missions to have proportionate influence.

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Austen Van Burns '17 discusses the changing definition of national security, and how the United States can pursue its national agenda with softer diplomatic strategies. She looks at the cases of North Korea and the Middle East region, to see how an updated approach to diplomatic relations might help the US's cause.

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Isabella Smull '17 explores the growing stresses and strains in Cuba between new market-oriented policies and a marxist past. Based heavily on in-person ground research, she attempts to explicate the newfound tension of keeping a social revolution alive while liberalizing an economy. Will the Communist party be able to hold back a burgeoning Cuban capitalism? What lies in Cuba's future?

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Dylan Gerstel '17 discusses the motivations for Russia's initial actions in Ukraine. He discusses a commonly applied explanation - the theory of diversionary war - and demonstrates that it poorly explains the position of the Russian government before the Crimean takeover based on an analysis of polling and economic data.

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Shane Loeffler '16 examines how shifting control of resources will affect great power rivalries in the twenty-first century. He applies the debate between the realist and liberal schools of thought to energy relations. Will China and the US will cooperate on to combat global warming and develop new energy technology or will tensions rise as the nations compete for resources? Can Russia leverage the European Union's dependence on its oil and natural gas reserves to increase its power? Which nations will come out ahead in the next three decades?

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Hanyu Chwe '16 analyzes the ramifications of the phenomenon of cyberspace militaries, arguing that the emergence of this new arena negates many of the conventional advantages of America's military force. Chwe analyzes the effects by examining theoretical phenomena such as the security dilemma, as well as reviewing how the new backdrop of cybersecurity interacts with U.S. alliances with NATO. How does the emergence of cybersecurity as a growing issue shape the next era of U.S. military strategy?

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Joelle Hageboutros '16 examines the distinctions between the German and Austrian refugee policies during the Bosnian refugee crisis in order to determine how European states ought to respond to the current Syrian refugee crisis. She does a historical analysis of the temporary protection status policies in each country and concludes that the states currently accepting Syrian refugees ought to integrate refugees as legal permanent residents.