

## President's Foreword

One can read many a journal that claims to provide wide-ranging or "international" perspectives on issues of world affairs and security but that only includes the opinions of writers from a relatively narrow circle. But as Wray Johnson details in his article in this issue, organizations risk learning the wrong lessons and even forgetting what they already know if they rely too heavily on the collective wisdom of only a few well-placed thinkers.

This point made, I am pleased to note that two of the four features in this issue are by internationals: Tamir Libel, a fellow at Kinneret College in Israel, and Michael Young, a regional director for the International Rescue Committee. Yet as their pieces show, the issues on which they are working are interconnected with those closer to home. Libel's article on the Israeli Defense Forces documents many parallels of doctrinal myopia that are echoed in Johnson's piece on the U.S. military. In his interview, Young discusses how the U.S. military and State Department played key roles in flood relief in Pakistan in 2010. All four pieces, including those by Johnson (of our faculty) and William Rosenau (of the Center for Naval Analyses and Georgetown University), also touch on the challenges of dealing with nonstate actors, from al-Qaeda and the Taliban to Hezbollah and the FARC.

In launching this journal and Marine Corps University Press, my predecessors in this position, Major General (Ret.) Donald R. Gardner and now-Lieutenant General Robert B. Neller, sought publications that would provide broad perspectives on international affairs and security. These works are instructive to our students at the university and also have relevance far beyond the gates of Quantico. The articles, interview, and book reviews in this issue provide an array of scholarship that benefit the military, academic, and policy communities. It is our hope that the issue will be widely read and discussed.

I thank all the people who wrote, edited, and designed this issue, as well as those who oversaw the work of the editors and designers, for their contributions to this impressive publication.

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