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Who is he?
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Containment

The Sources of Soviet Conduct

“The main element of any United States policy toward the Soviet Union, must be that of a long-term, patient but firm and vigilant containment of Russian expansive tendencies.”
“I felt like one who has inadvertently loosened a large boulder from the top of a cliff and now helplessly witnesses its path of destruction in the valley below”. (George Kennan, Memoirs, 1968)
What are think tanks?

What are strategic papers?

Think tanks perform research and advocacy (non-governmental, in some cases (inter)governmental, like NDC RD);

Strategic papers are:

- focused in scope, policy-oriented, little theoretical implications,
- timely, no or minimal peer review process
Citation Analysis - NDC Research papers

Sources 2012/2013/2014/2015

- Dailies: 18%
- Think Tanks (also including specialized NGOs): 21%
- Governmental websites: 10%
- International Organizations websites/Events: 24%
- Freely available Books: 1%
- Press Agencies/Media: 5%
- Freely Available Journals: 9%
- Paid-for Books: 7%
- Weeklies: 1%
- Blogs: 1%
- Paid-for Journals: 3%
Citation Analysis - EU-Institute for Security Studies

Sources 2012/2013/2014/2015

- Think Tanks (also including specialized NGOs): 22%
- Freely available Journals: 1%
- Weeklies: 1%
- Dailies: 14%
- Paid-for Journals: 17%
- Blogs: 2%
- Press Agencies/Media: 4%
- Freely available books: 1%
- Int Org websites/Events: 9%
- Governmental websites: 6%
- Int EU websites: 10%
- Paid-for books: 13%
SSI Papers - Sept-Dec 2015

Sources SSI Monographs Sept./Oct./Nov./Dec. 2015

- Daily: 24%
- Think Tanks, Specialised, Universities: 16%
- Government/Military: 17%
- NGOs: 3%
- International Organizations: 3%
- Social Media: 0%
- Press Agencies: 7%
- Closed access journals: 8%
- Specialised: 1%
- Monthly/Quarterly: 3%
- Weeklies/Bi-Weekly: 3%
- Open access books: 1%
- Forums: 0%
- Events: 0%
- Closed access books: 10%

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Relation Open vs. Closed access

1. NATO Defense College
2. EU Institute for Security Studies
3. Strategic Studies Institute (US Army War College)
What are strategic papers?

4. Peer-to-peer relation

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5. All RPs are policy-oriented; policy-setting is no core business for universities.
Strategic papers – Library Coverage

- Normally processed by special libraries;
- Poorly covered by library networks;
- In WorldCat, only 20% of these items have a record.
A gateway leading to strategic / policy sources in security & defense,
Published by NATO agencies, think tanks, and (inter)governmental agencies;
Starting with some 4,000 strategic papers;
Expected to increase the database by 1,000 papers yearly;
NAT'SHEL’s ambitions

- A portal intending to encourage NATO studies;
- A focus on strategic papers - often considered primary sources by academics;
- The budding core of a network of libraries dealing with International relations (as in the New Art Discovery Group Catalogue)
Discussion

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