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The Journal of International Security Affairs is a semi-annual, scholarly journal covering foreign and defense policy with articles, interviews, and book reviews.

This issue - Spring/Summer 2013 - offers an evaluation of America's progress on missile defense since President Ronald Reagan's landmark 1983 speech proposing a national effort to free the country from the shackles of a strategic security doctrine that rested solely on nuclear retaliation to a Soviet attack. This spring marks the 30th anniversary of that speech. To mark the occasion, this issue features articles by nine leading experts about the current state of U.S. defenses against ballistic missile attack, as well as about the evolving nature of the ballistic missile threat.

Lieutenant General James A. Abrahamson, USAF (ret.) and Ambassador Henry F. Cooper, the first and third directors of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization respectively, lay out the early policy challenges and successes for missile defense within the U.S. and our allies. They observe that a victory was won in that there is no longer a serious debate about whether missile defense is needed but that the argument is over the most effective missile defense that can be had.

The Hon. Robert Joseph, former Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, dissects the ABM Treaty and its legacy. The Hudson Institute's Jack David, a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, examines the prescience of President Reagan's vision as the United States today confronts multiple hostile states armed with ballistic missiles. Robert Pfaltzgraff, Jr., the President of the Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, makes the case that a layered defense is just as necessary today as it was in the early 1980s. The Heritage Foundation's Baker Spring takes a look back on 30 years of missile defense and sees that the core principles of President Reagan's advocacy of American security and prosperity endure. Jeff Keuter, President of the George C. Marshall Institute, examines how the spread of U.S.-derived missile defenses has led to a mutual obligation to the joint defense of the countries involved. Rebecca Heinrichs, the former manager of the House of Representatives Bi-Partisan Missile Defense Caucus, makes the case that a more dangerous world and a shrinking U.S. defense budget make the fielding of the most capable missile defense system more critical than ever. The American Foreign Policy Council's Richard M. Harrison analyzes the capabilities of directed energy weapons for missile defense. Finally, Michaela Dodge, a Research Associate for Strategic Issues at the Heritage Foundation, examines the logic of space-based missile defense.

Our attention is then turned to Latin America, leading off with a prescient article on threats and challenges emanating from the region by Renee Novakoff, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for the U.S. Southern Command. Next up is the Director of the Center for Latin American Studies at the Hudson Institute, The Hon. Jaime Daremblum, himself a former ambassador from Costa Rica to the United States, who observes that, in 2013, "Latin American matters more than ever, both to the U.S. economy and to broader U.S. strategic interests." A career Foreign Service Officer who served in Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Nicaragua, Amb. Ray Walser examines the Obama administration's policies and attitudes toward Latin

America. Joseph Humire, Executive Director of the Center for a Secure Free Society, dissects the nexus between personal security and economic stability in Central America. Matthew Levitt, the Director of the Stein Program on Counterterrorism and Intelligence at The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, examines Hezbollah's and Iran's penetration of the region. Finally, James Colbert, Deputy Editor of this Journal, and William Smearcheck, Research Associate at the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs, examine Colombia's stunning s

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