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Discussion on Panel II Presentations



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Paper 1: Jeremy Lane "NATO SOF Partner Capacity Building"



- Hot and important topic global war on terrorism and international cooperation
- Established criteria for effective cooperation in counter-terrorism and for evaluating success
 - Legitimacy, capability, deployability, efficiency
- Wide engagement of leaders and staff
- Nice summary of leaders' views
- Suggestion
 - Summarize (in a table) the three cases along the four established criteria
 - "Sharing burden" => "Sharing responsibilities/duties"





- Opined about three flaws in a 2008 RAND report
 - Population as sea for insurgents to hide
 - External actors are not equal
- Enrich the definitions on key concepts in counterinsurgency efforts
 - Actors, insurgents, struggle of governance
 - Importance and primacy of indigenous parties
- Offers valuable implication on military strategies
- Suggestion:
 - Ethnographic examination of Afghanistan and Pakistan people on insurgency phenomena (e.g., ideology, legitimacy of governance, power)

Paper 3: Kenda Honeycutt "Distinguishing Perimortem and Postmorten Fracture Patterns"



- Addresses the need for forensic investigation of fracture characteristics and taphonomic changes in a mass grave (e.g., genocide)
 - Anthropologist, forensic scientist
- Unique approach and experimental setting
- Interesting of data mining in feature comparison
- Suggestion
 - Other factors: humidity, sun light, air quality, rain, distance between periphery and core, number of bodies
 - Varying training and testing proportions in DT classification
 - Logworth has a base of 2 (page 55), i.e., log₂(p-value)

Paper 4: N. Kaggere – Profiling Terrorist Websites



- Innovative use of information technologies to analyze terrorist websites
 - Data mining, text mining, statistical evaluation
- Offers an alternative approach to CT efforts
 - Implication on fighting international terrorism
- Suggestion
 - Expanding the dataset and feature set
 - Using different data mining techniques and compare performance
 - Including terrorism experts in evaluation

Paper 5: Jason Ghormley: US-China Relations



- Most detailed paper (149 pages)
- Timely and valuable look at US-China relationship, with historical and cultural insights
 - Controversies arising from energy, key investments, technology, and even cyber attacks
- Suggestion
 - Sun Zi's "The Art of War"
 - Why democracy never truly matures in Chinese society?



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Thank you!



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