

GEOSTRATEGIC CHANGES IN SOUTH EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

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Abstract

Although the US military budget is close to the astronomical amount of 1000 billion USD; the US considers that the biggest threat is not represented by terrorism, but by Russia and China – the main concern being worried especially by the scientific and technological ascension of China.

In time, the power poles could move to East Asia and South East Asia.

Therefore, the new geopolitical context will significantly depend on the state that will be able to dominate the vast space of South East Asia, resulting in a worldwide strong influence.

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