

Call for Proposals for Book Chapters:

Cyber Statecraft: Strategies, Challenges, and Future Trends

In an era of unprecedented digital connectivity, cyberspace has emerged as a critical domain for strategic competition and cooperation. As a critical arena of geopolitical influence, cyberspace has fundamentally reshaped the conduct of statecraft, bringing new challenges and opportunities for states in the 21st century. Cyberspace has emerged not only as a tool for state-led initiatives to project power, ensure security and shape international relations but also as an arena where non-state actors, such as private corporations, cybercriminals and hacktivists, challenge traditional notions of sovereignty and security. This evolving landscape demands that states adapt their strategies to counter the asymmetric threats posed by non-state actors while simultaneously leveraging cyberspace to enhance their capabilities and expand their influence.

This volume examines the dual role of cyberspace as both a battleground and a strategic tool in contemporary geopolitical rivalries, highlighting how states are utilizing cyber capabilities to shape power dynamics, achieve strategic objectives and navigate the complex interplay of cooperation and conflict in the digital realm. Additionally, it investigate how cyberspace has enabled the development of new forms of warfare, including hybrid and cognitive warfare, and the ethical and normative dilemmas arising from the weaponization of cyberspace—issues that blur the boundaries between military and civilian domains. The book aims to bridge a gap between academia, policy, and practice, offering perspectives on the dynamics of power, governance, and security in the digital age by providing a comprehensive analysis of the theoretical foundations, practical applications, and evolving challenges of cyber statecraft. By exploring the multifaceted nature of cyber statecraft, it seeks to shed light on the diverse strategies employed by states in the cyber domain, fostering a deeper understanding of the complexities inherent in this critical aspect of modern international relations.

Themes and Topics

We invite proposals for chapters from both practitioners and academia. We welcome original, unpublished contributions that engage with, but are not limited to, the following themes and topics:

1. Theoretical Foundations of Cyber Statecraft

- Cyber statecraft and its role in international relations.
- Cybersecurity as a dimension of national power.
- Power projection in cyberspace.
- The intersection of cyber capabilities and traditional statecraft.

- Implications for cyber statecraft of dual-use technologies.
- Cyber statecraft in the context of emerging technologies (quantum computing, AI, advanced cryptographic systems, etc.)

2. Cybersecurity and International Security

- The role of cyber operations in hybrid and asymmetric conflicts.
- Cyber warfare and deterrence strategies in the context of Ukraine-Russia conflict.
- Role of cyber capabilities in cognitive warfare.
- Cyber defence policies and national cybersecurity strategies.
- Cybersecurity alliances and cooperative defence mechanisms.
- Cybersecurity measures in critical infrastructure protection.

3. Geopolitics of Cyberspace

- Cyber power competition among great powers (e.g., the US, China, Russia).
- Regional approaches to cyber governance (e.g., EU, ASEAN, AU).
- The role of BRICS in shaping the global cyber environment.
- Cyber strategies of Middle Eastern states.
- Emerging powers and their cyber strategy.
- Cyber strategy of small states.

4. Governance, Ethics, and Norms

- Geopolitical implications of cyber sovereignty and its clash with global internet freedom.
- International cooperation and multi-stakeholder governance as forms of cyber solidarity.
- The development of international norms for cyber behaviour.
- Ethical and legal challenges in cyber operations.
- Ethical and legal frameworks for dual-use cyber technologies.
- Privacy, surveillance, and the balance between security and liberty.

Submission Guidelines

- **Abstract Submission:** Please submit an abstract of 300-500 words outlining your proposed chapter, including the research question, methodology, and expected contributions. Please include a short biographical note (150 words) with contact details.
- **Deadline for Abstracts:** 31 March 2025
- **Notification of Acceptance:** 6 April 2025
- **Complete Chapter Submission:** Accepted authors will be asked to submit chapters (8,000 words, including references) by 1 August 2025.
- **Peer-review results:** 30 September 2025
- **Final Submission of Revised Chapters:** 15 November 2025

Publication Details: The book will be published by a reputable academic publisher.

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