



A Strategy Bridge Writing Competition

NATO at 70: The Past, Present, & Future of the Atlantic Alliance

The Strategy Bridge is excited to announce a new writing contest for 2019, an opportunity we're opening up to our entire community! Allow us to repeat that point...you're all eligible!

The theme of this contest is **NATO at 70: The Past, Present, and Future of the Atlantic Alliance**. NATO crossed the threshold of 70 years in 2019. From its humble origins at Dunkirk in 1947 to the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty two years later and throughout the long decades of the Cold War, NATO has been one of the most successful collective security architectures in history. Today it faces challenges it was never designed to address and a growing number of policymakers who question its very purpose. Whether NATO survives for another 70 years seems very much an open question. *The Strategy Bridge* looks to its international community to offer perspectives on all of these issues.

The competition is open to *anyone*. The competition deadline is **30 September 2019**. We will announce winning articles in **November 2019** and publish them on *The Strategy Bridge* thereafter.

Original submissions are highly encouraged, though unpublished, revised, and reformatted professional military education papers that meet the standards of a professional journal and our [submission guidelines](#) will be considered. Some ideas for topics might include, but are not limited to:

- The history of the NATO alliance, its successes and its failures
- The impacts of previous growth & the prospects for future additions to the Alliance
- Changes in the objectives of the NATO alliance and what those mean
- What the NATO alliance means for theories of international relations and security
- NATO at War—The Alliance in the Balkans, Afghanistan, and elsewhere
- Differing national perspectives on the NATO alliance
- NATO organization past, present, and future

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Awards

A panel of judges gathered by *The Strategy Bridge* will evaluate entries based on originality, substance of argument, style, and contribution to advancing the understanding and practice of strategy.

- **First Place** – Award of **\$500**, publication in a special series in *The Strategy Bridge* journal, and consideration for a chapter in an edited volume published by a university press.
- **Second Place** – Award of **\$300**, publication in a special series in *The Strategy Bridge* journal, and consideration for a chapter in an edited volume published by a university press.
- **Third Place** – Award of **\$100**, publication in a special series in *The Strategy Bridge* journal, and consideration for a chapter in an edited volume published by a university press.

How to enter

- *The Strategy Bridge* will entertain articles with a tie to strategy that are between **2,000 and 5,000 words** in length; notes and author biography are not considered in the word count. Submissions in excess of 5000 words will **not** be considered. Articles **must** include a short biography of the author or authors.
- Given our broad audience in the national security profession, we **require** that submissions be free of jargon, acronyms, and idiosyncratic style; articles should be written for a general audience rather than a service- or national military-specific one. For more guidance, see our [submission guidelines](#).
- All citations **must** be provided as footnotes in Chicago style. (See links [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) for online guidance/assistance in formatting.)
- All graphs, charts, and tables should be submitted as separate files in the format they were created; please include appropriate attribution information.
- Previously published articles are ineligible.
- Articles pending consideration elsewhere for publication, or articles submitted to other competitions still pending announced decisions are eligible for this competition, but **if the article is accepted elsewhere the author must inform *The Strategy Bridge* immediately.**
- Please send submissions in a **Word document or Google Doc** format to submissions@thestrategybridge.org.

For more info, contact *The Strategy Bridge* at submissions@thestrategybridge.org. You can find more info about *The Strategy Bridge* at <https://thestrategybridge.org>.

