CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE JOURNAL OF FUTURE CONFLICT

The *Journal of Future Conflict* is seeking submissions for its 3rd edition, to be published in the Spring of 2021 on the topic of:

Future Challenges in Cyber Warfare

Over the last 20 years, the broad range of cyber activity (from destructive, disruptive and exploitive hacking through disinformation and propaganda campaigns conducted using new media, including but not limited to social media platforms and peer-to-peer networks) have moved from being a seemingly tangential undertaking and an often overlooked enabler for conventional military activity to the primary line of effort. This is partly due to the realization by military commanders and political leaders that cyber activities can translate into tangible behavioural effects and achieve geopolitical objectives, but also due to the ambiguous and deniable nature of cyber activities, which makes them the perfect choice for employment in non-permissive and high-risk and other politically sensitive contexts. While much has been written on the employment of cyber activity as an enabler for conventional military operations, and typically within the context of major military operations against near-peer adversaries (e.g., Russia, China), very little attention has been given to exploring the role of cyber activity as a primary line of effort in the conduct of unconventional and other forms of political warfare, especially by special operations or special purpose forces. The objective of the third issue of the Journal of Future Conflict is threefold. The first objective is to broad stocktaking of cyber activities conducted by NATO members or state/non-state actors in support military operations over the last 20 years, especially those operations in which cyber activities played a fundamental or central role. The second objective is to look out over the next 5-10 years at the evolving character of conflict, taking in to consideration technological developments, and identify the role cyber activity will likely play in future military operations and the prosecution of conflict, with a focus on applications within an unconventional or political warfare context. An area of particular interest is the role of cyber activities in support to resistance movements (STRs). The third objective is to identify the implications of the evolving role of cyber activities to the CAF and/or NATO force development.

The third edition of the journal is soliciting papers that address one or more of the aforementioned objectives.

Articles submitted should be between 3000 and 10000 words. A summary of up to 150 words should be included with the article. The summary should state the main argument clearly and concisely. A short author's biography should also be included that will appear at the foot of the first page of the article.

The peer-reviewed editorial process can take up to three months. The *Journal of Future Conflict's* acceptance rate for unsolicited manuscripts is less than 20%. The *Journal of Future Conflict* does not normally provide referees' comments if a submission is not selected. Authors are permitted to submit simultaneously elsewhere so long as this is consistent with the policy of the other publication and the Editor of the *Journal of Future Conflict* has been notified of the dual submission.

Those interested in submitting articles should contact Anthony Seaboyer, Editor of the *Journal of Future Conflict* at Anthony.seaboyer@rmc.ca. Thank you for choosing to submit your paper.

Readers are most encouraged to comment on articles from the current or previous issues. Comment submission should be in concise letters that are no longer than 750 words and relate directly to the argument or points made in an article of the Journal of Future Conflict. They should be sent to Anthony Seaboyer, Editor of the *Journal of Future Conflict* at Anthony.seaboyer@rmc.ca.