
Letter from the Editor

The publication of this 10th issue of the *Strategic Trade Review* comes at a time when the world order looks dramatically different than when the journal was first launched in 2015. New security threats from state and non-state actors and novel ways of acquiring and spreading sensitive technologies come in parallel with a shift towards a re-examination of the purpose, objectives, and best practices for strategic trade controls. Strategic trade tools play the essential role of ensuring the balance between sharing technology for the overarching benefit of progress while maintaining international peace and security. So, what has really changed?

We live in a new global landscape where the emphasis on technology is of prime concern, and where strategic trade controls are increasingly employed to manage not only security, but economic and broader strategic threats posed by technology dispersion. What are the limits of this approach? In what context can strategic trade controls be most effective in reaching policy objectives? How does the shifting landscape affect implementation and compliance?

The role of the *Strategic Trade Review* is to empower readers from all stakeholder communities with the powerful tool of rigorous and consummate scholarship from some of the top experts in the world on this and other questions. From discovering the ways that North Korean nuclear researchers acquire sensitive technology through international collaborations to how companies implement R&D compliance, this 10th issue of STR holds a mirror to today's most important trade and security concerns.

On the mark of this 10th issue, I would like to express my gratitude for the authors, reviewers, editorial board, and supporters of the journal as well as to highlight its enormous impact. The question of impact is a crucial one. The journal has contributed to the formation of strategic trade as a distinct field of study, providing a building block for further research, findings, and recommendations. Articles from the Review have become an essential resource in the syllabi of academic courses in economics, law, and international security as well as reference points for international strategic trade capacity-building efforts. Research and findings within the journal's pages have informed policymakers and regulators on strategic trade best practices, recommendations, and implementation strategies, while also providing an important resource for the private sector's compliance efforts. And most importantly, the *Strategic Trade Review* has built a community of research and practice. I extend an invitation to those in our community to continue your support of this essential publication.

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