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Understanding Strategic Interaction in the Second Nuclear Age

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As the modernization of existing nuclear arsenals, the spread of nuclear weapons, and the diffusion of new technologies make the nuclear landscape more complex, the time is ripe for a fresh examination of the nuclear balance. Toward this end, CSBA has been conducting a multi-year net assessment of the changing nuclear balance.

The first two products of this major ongoing analytic effort, **The Changing Nuclear Balance: a Net Assessment:**

- *Assessing the Arsenals: Past, Present, and Future Capabilities* by Jacob Cohn, Adam Lemon, and Evan Braden Montgomery
- *Understanding Strategic Interaction in the Second Nuclear Age* by Thomas G. Mahnken, Gillian Evans, Toshi Yoshihara, Eric S. Edelman, and Jack Bianchi.

Understanding Strategic Interaction in the Second Nuclear Age takes a deeper look at the evolution of nuclear strategy and doctrine in the United States, Russia, and China, and then explores whether and how decisions by one major power have influenced, and might influence, the actions of others.