FURTHER ANALYSIS IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE SFA 2017 REPORT ECONOMICS AND RESOURCES THEME
ECONOMICS AND SECURITY

• The growth in global debt (national, local government, corporate) and the fragility of the global economy

• Austerity, frustration, alienation and the legacy of the economic and political reaction against governments (the Eurozone crisis): decline in traditional employment and employment contracts

• Globalisation with state governance and control versus the desire for decentralisation: nationalism and the upheavals from smart economies and economic integration: the consequences of the BREXIT decision

• BLACK ELEPHANT: Paralysis in economic and political decision-making from BREXIT and the destabilisation of the European Union and the Eurozone

• IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO: Undermining of NATO solidarity and impact of economic instability upon NATO defence budgets and defence planning
ECONOMICS AND SECURITY

• Revival of protectionist sentiment, rejection of TTIP, TPP and future of global trade integration

• BLACK ELEPHANT: The Geopolitical, economic and security implications of “Hard Landing” for the Chinese economy

• IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO: Implications of Asian-Pacific and global economic fragility on NATO defence planning and capabilities (maritime, defence spending)

• Trends in defence spending in NATO and Rest of World (including Asia-Pacific)
BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS AND PAYMENTS

• The seductive appeal of a European Common Currency and the fragility of the Eurozone since 2008

• The “Disruptive” Implications of Blockchain Technology: Driverless Cars and the end of Uber (Superuber)

• The technology and use of energy for computer networks “mining” bitcoins. Governance and who owns and controls the system?
  • Global democracy
  • Security and Encryption

• IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO: Security of Critical Infrastructure and Cyber Security; organised crime networks and funding of state and non-state organisations
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• Bitcoins as a long-term strategic weapon (comparable to information warfare, environmental warfare)

• BLACK ELEPHANT: Bretton Wood, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and China’s interest in producing bitcoins and share of market?!

• IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO: Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Security for Blockchain systems