

# 3 Opportunities: Reflections on Strategic Studies & the Contemporary Security Environment



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# Brinksmanship & Nuclear Deterrence

## Advantage

- academia

## Why

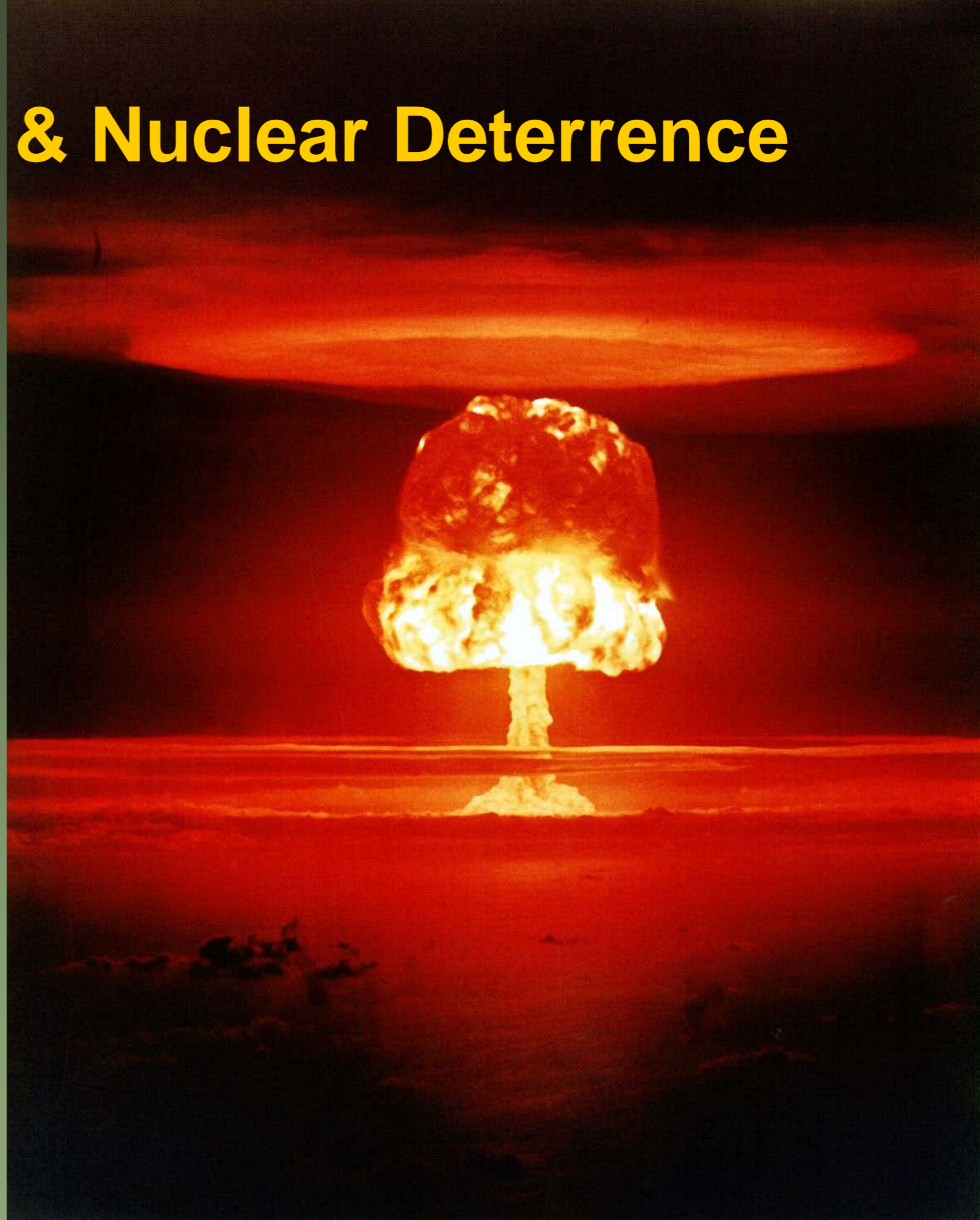
- long-dwell scholarship
- amenable to theory

## Relevance

- stockpile reduction
- proliferation
- fait accomplis
- wars of others

## Caution

- mind the gap







# Limited Wars of Compellence

## Advantage

- PME

## Why

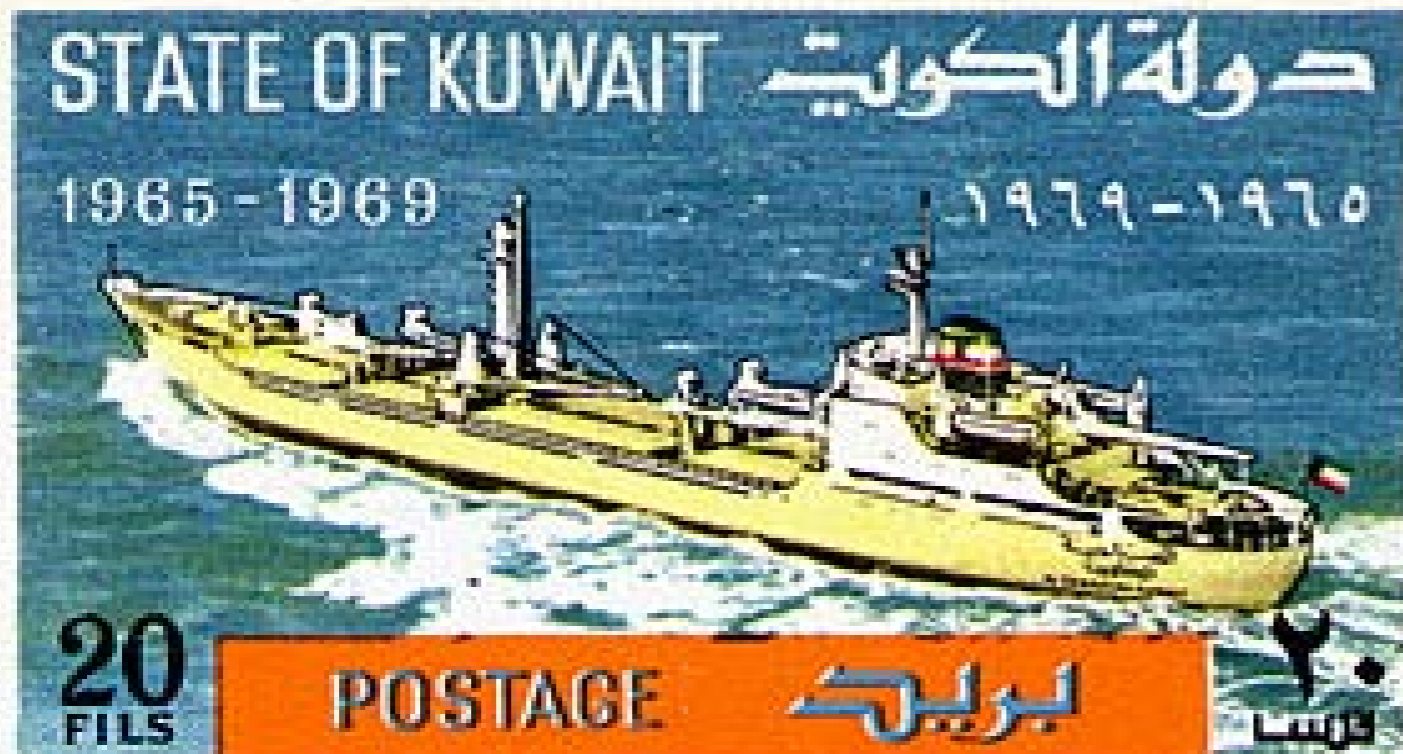
- institutional interests
- personal experience

## Relevance

- recoil from messy wars
- historical patterns
- rich range of cases

## Caution

- intuition-led
- policy shy



# Endemic COIN/CT

## Advantage

- split academia/PME

## Why

- access to raw data
- larger frameworks
- “strategic narratives”
- link to past

## Relevance

- not going away
- rich in recent history

## Caution

- jargon laden
- fragmentary
- substantial evolution
- intuition-led & politicized

