

Ukraine and Lessons for War with China



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Author David Archibald gave a master class of the analysis of the Russian war on Ukraine.

Over 95 attended to hear how this conflict had lessons for a potential war involving China.

There will be no sanctuary. Modern weapon systems can deliver anywhere. Ground attack aircraft such as the A-10 and helicopters are too vulnerable to be effective. The Yom Kippur war demonstrated that taking out SAM sites with armour allowed air forces to operate.

Miniature Air-launched decoys (MALDS) mimic aircraft and will overwhelm.

Cluster munition will obviate the need for precision strikes.

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David then focused on Australia's preparedness for a conflict and found it wanting.

Our choice of expensive submarines for instance. A converted B-737 bomber will in one sortie deliver 20 cruise missiles, achieving this for 2.5% of the capital cost. Heck, we even have a fleet of potential bombers lying idle in Alice Springs. Building seaplanes to pluck survivors of downed aircraft and ship sinkings is urgent. Pushing the JORN system coverage northwards also helpful.

We all hope that mankind finds ways to resolve conflict without resorting to arms.

Regards

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