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A message from President Wilson

This last month was jam-packed with courses, events, and new publications from our JSOU Press. In our third quarter Forum, we turned our attention to unpacking SOF's role in the indo-pacific. We had an amazing lineup of all-star panels that offered expert commentary. In his Keynote Address, SOCPAC Commander BG Rudd emphasized the need for creativity but also restraint. You'll find a recap of BG Rudd's Keynote Address in this issue.

Below you'll also find access to our Quarterly Forum Panels and other SOF content on [YouTube](#).

I invite you to visit our website and subscribe to our email list, for full, open source access to JSOU products and visit our social channels to subscribe to the latest content. As we transition into summer, I wish you and your family the best this season. As always, #thinkjsou.

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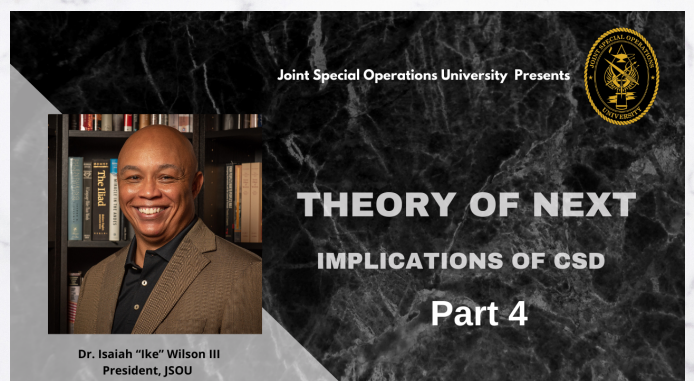
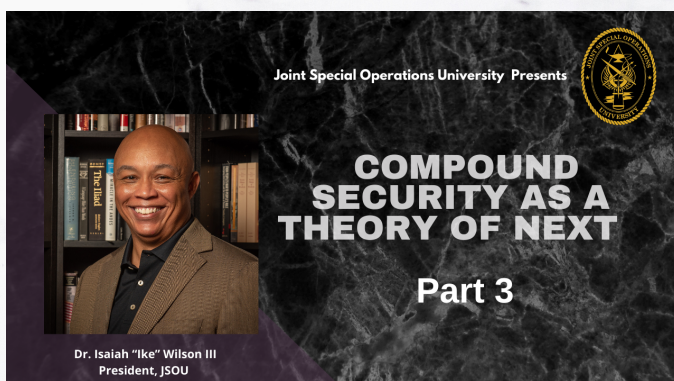
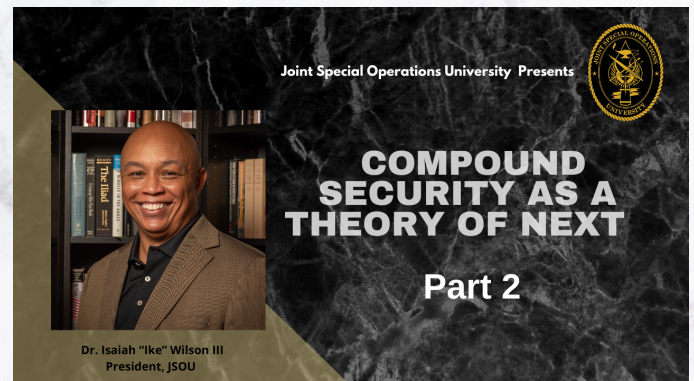
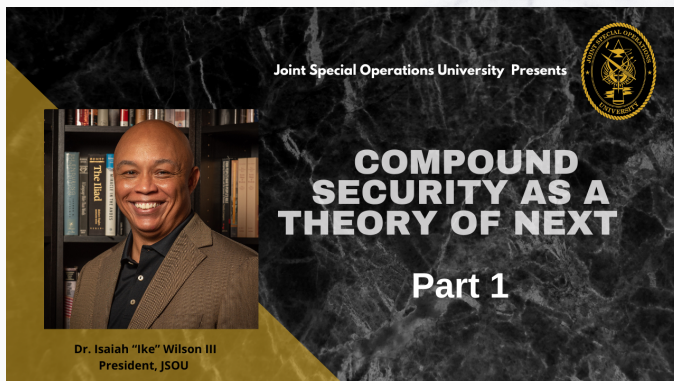
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Strategic Competition Forum

Joint Special Operations Quarterly Forum: The Future of SOF in Strategic Competition: A Look at the Indo-Pacific and Beyond

Keynote Address Delivered by SOCPAC CDR, BG Rudd



This quarter's forum theme was The Future of SOF in Strategic Competition: A Look at the Indo-Pacific and Beyond. With over 900 people registered from all over the world, this event was designed for ALL levels of Special Operations professionals, academics and stakeholders in the special operations enterprise. BG Rudd, Commander, Special Operations Command Pacific, gave the Keynote Address.

He emphasized four key points: 1) Deterrence is the cornerstone of our strategy 2) the SOF value proposition is not constrained by location or connectivity 3) future wars will not look the same; SOF must, and often does, apply a different thinking and different approach 4) SOF enables joint fighters in air, land, sea, space, and cyber.

He also stressed that creativity is essential to strategic competition. "Without creativity, we can't be innovative. Without innovation, we can't outpace the enemy."

BG Rudd's entire Keynote Address will be available on our YouTube Channel. Make sure to subscribe and sign up for notifications.

Panel presentations are constantly added to our channel so make sure you subscribe and also follow our social media accounts! Our Quarterly Forums allow participants to jump right in, get after the right questions, correctly frame the problems, and engage in productive discourse with experts from around the world.

JSOU Research Spotlight

JSOU Quicklook Artificial Intelligence



In this Quick Look, JSOU Faculty, Dr. Mark Grzegorzewski, provides a brief overview of artificial intelligence (AI)—a specific field within computer science that explores how automated computing functions can resemble those of humans. In addition to an AI history timeline, the author touches on AI subfields, AI strengths and pitfalls, and ways SOF have employed AI technologies.

JSOU Quick Looks are short overviews written by experts on topics important to the SOF Enterprise. We cover a variety of areas and you can find them all on our website available for download. Quick Looks make a great addition to any SOF-related course or SOF-specific education program.

Other Articles from the JSOU Press : *Advancing SOF Cultural Engagement: The Malinowski Model for a Qualitative Approach, Village Stability Operations and the Evolution of SOF Command and Control in Afghanistan: Implications for the Future of Irregular Warfare*

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