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The Mediterranean and the Balkans region has assumed a key geopolitical and strategic role since the end of the Cold War, with a long tradition of intelligence spanning over 3000 years. Located at the intersection between Europe, Africa, and Asia, the region has experienced a rapid socio-political transformation over the past two decades. The dismantling of Yugoslavia, the rise of nationalism and political unrest, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, international terrorism, religious extremism, migration, maritime security, multinational peace operations, security sector reform, the enlargement of NATO, and the EU, the rise of new regional powers, the discovery of substantial energy resources at sea and the Arab Spring revolutions are only some of the topics that have challenged conventional wisdom and increase the importance of the uses and limitations of intelligence, both for scholars and decision makers at all levels.

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