



High intensity: an eternal return?

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Eleven contributors, both civilian and military, contribute their expertise to this publication on subjects that will fuel thinking on tomorrow's air-land combat. High intensity" combat has been back in the spotlight in recent years. Had it really left it?

Nothing is less certain. The concept of intensity in conflictuality appeared in the early 1970s, with British and American studies on low intensity conflicts (LIC). Today, it seems particularly appropriate to examine the precise meaning that can be given to this notion of intensity.

The risk of not knowing how to prepare properly for the most constraining form of warfare we may face tomorrow is indeed very real. The contributors to this dossier have therefore endeavoured to provide this initial framework, and then to examine the consequences and challenges of high-intensity combat, in terms of employment, preparation and training, without forgetting the capability aspects.

Enjoy the reading!

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