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Introduction to some
research themes:

Some reflections on
war and peace.





Si vis pacem,
para bellum

*If you want peace,
prepare for war*

Derived from Vegetius, 4th century BC.

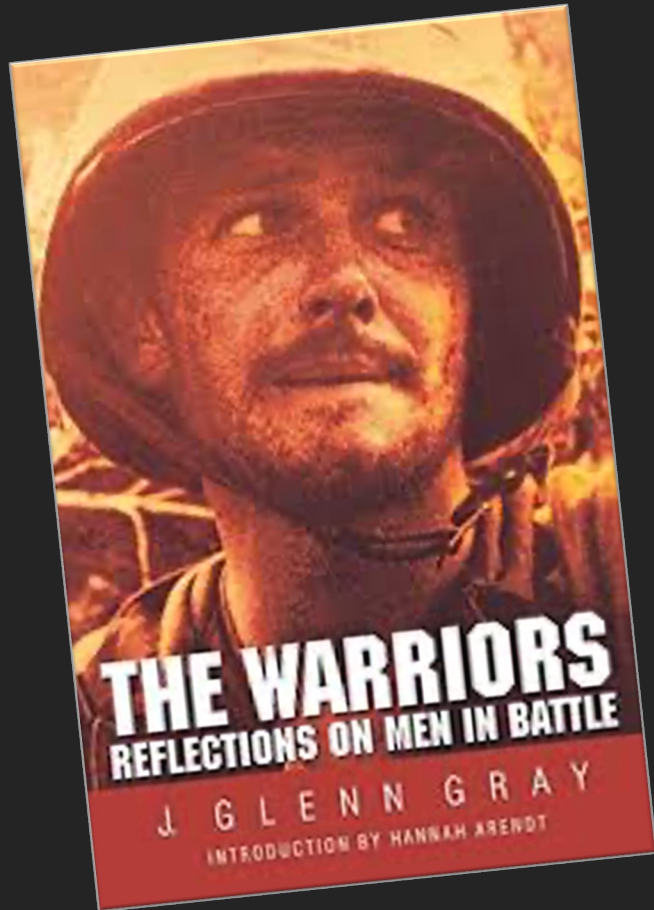




Si vis pacem,
para pactum

*If you want peace,
prepare for peace*

Andrew Carnegie, 1907



Jesse Glenn Gray, WWII-officer, on his
choices :

I hope it won't weigh too heavily on
my conscience.

And yet, --- if that is not the case, ---
that will also trouble me.

A Ukrainian soldier in a trench, wearing a helmet and camouflage uniform, holding a rifle. The soldier is looking down the barrel of the rifle. The background shows a trench with another soldier visible in the distance.

Many [Ukrainian soldiers] cannot sleep. They have nightmares. There is also that enormous sense of guilt. They feel guilty about their friends who died at the front. And – because many have never killed a living creature before – they sometimes even feel guilty about killing enemy soldiers. They use the word ‘murder’. -

Ukrainian psychologist, 2023



If you know your
enemy and yourself,
you don't have to
fear the outcome of
a hundred battles

Sun Tzu, 6th century BC.

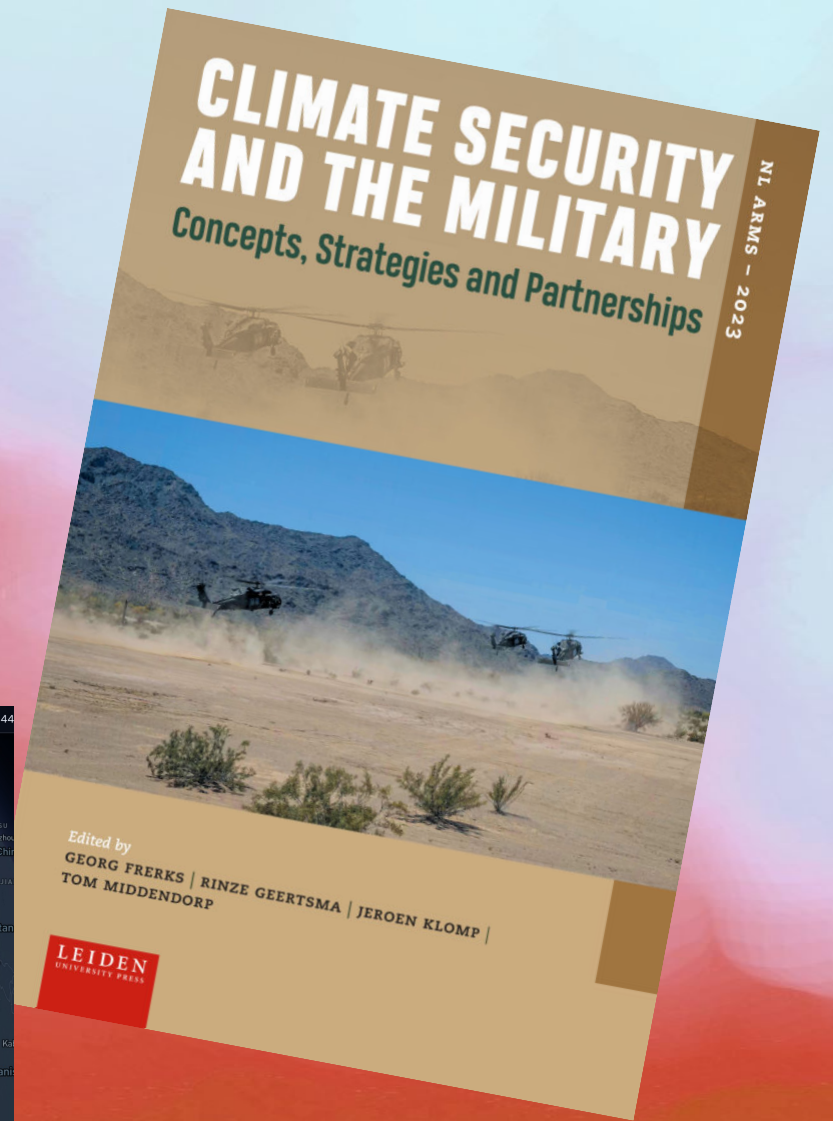
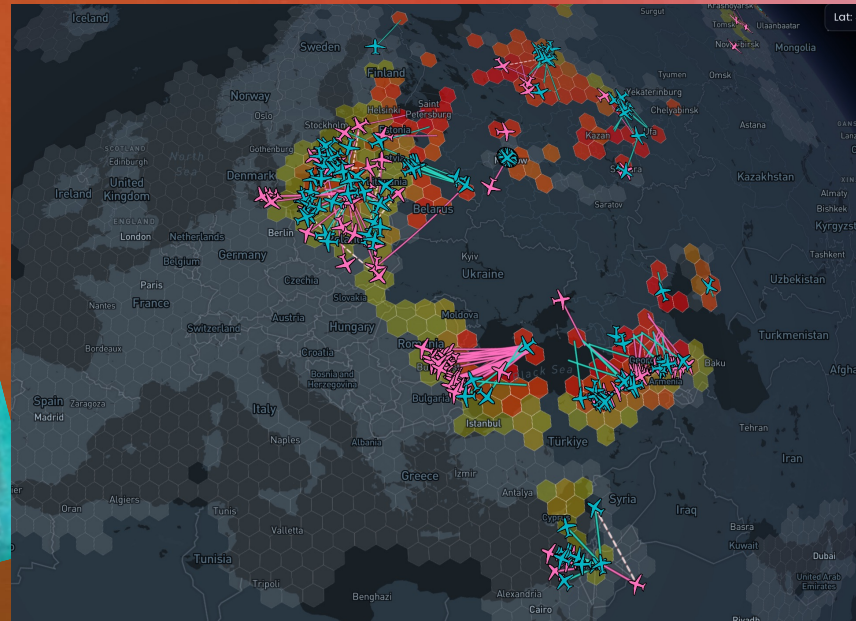
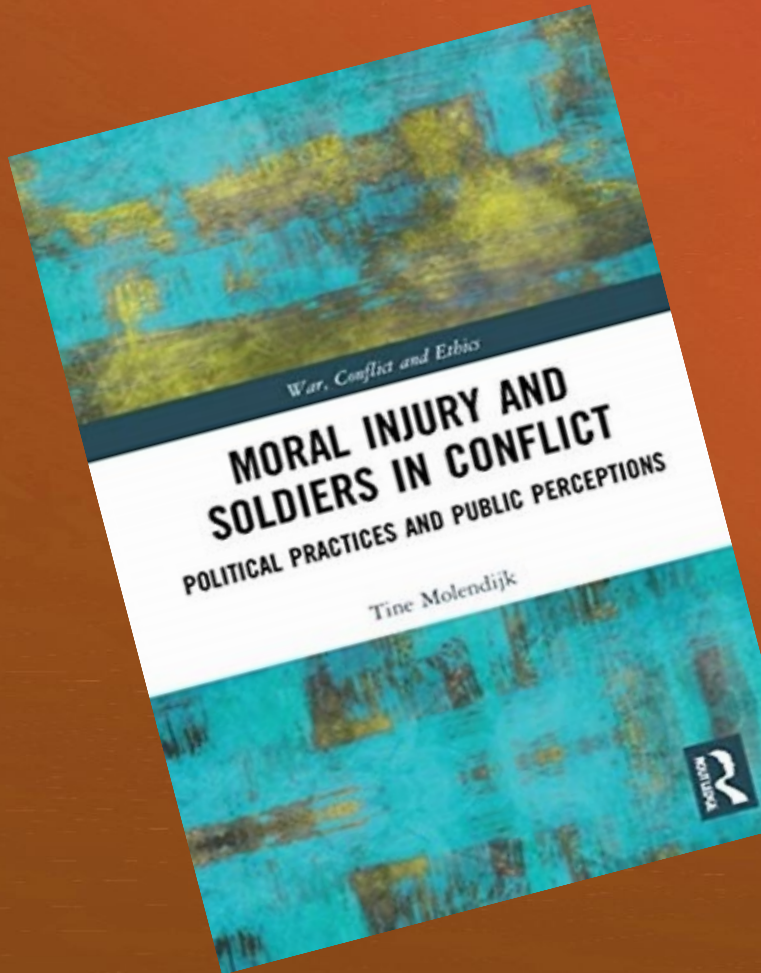
Peace & War:

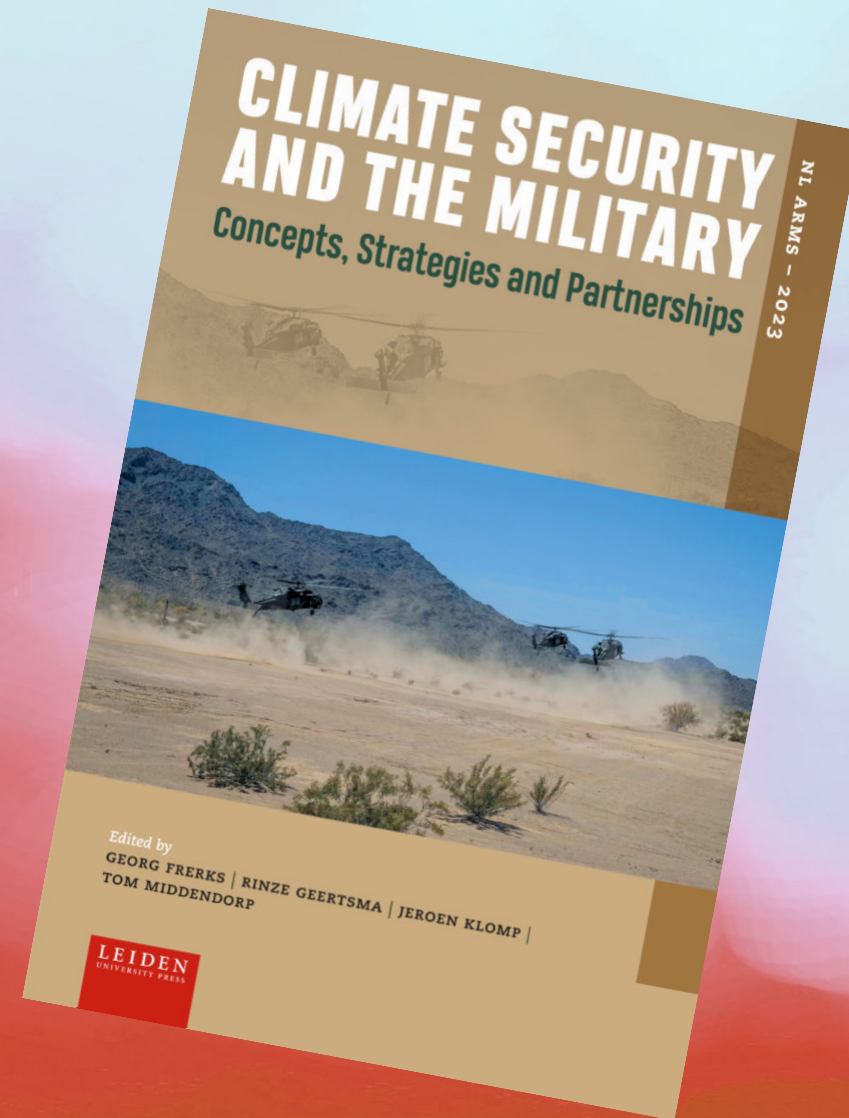
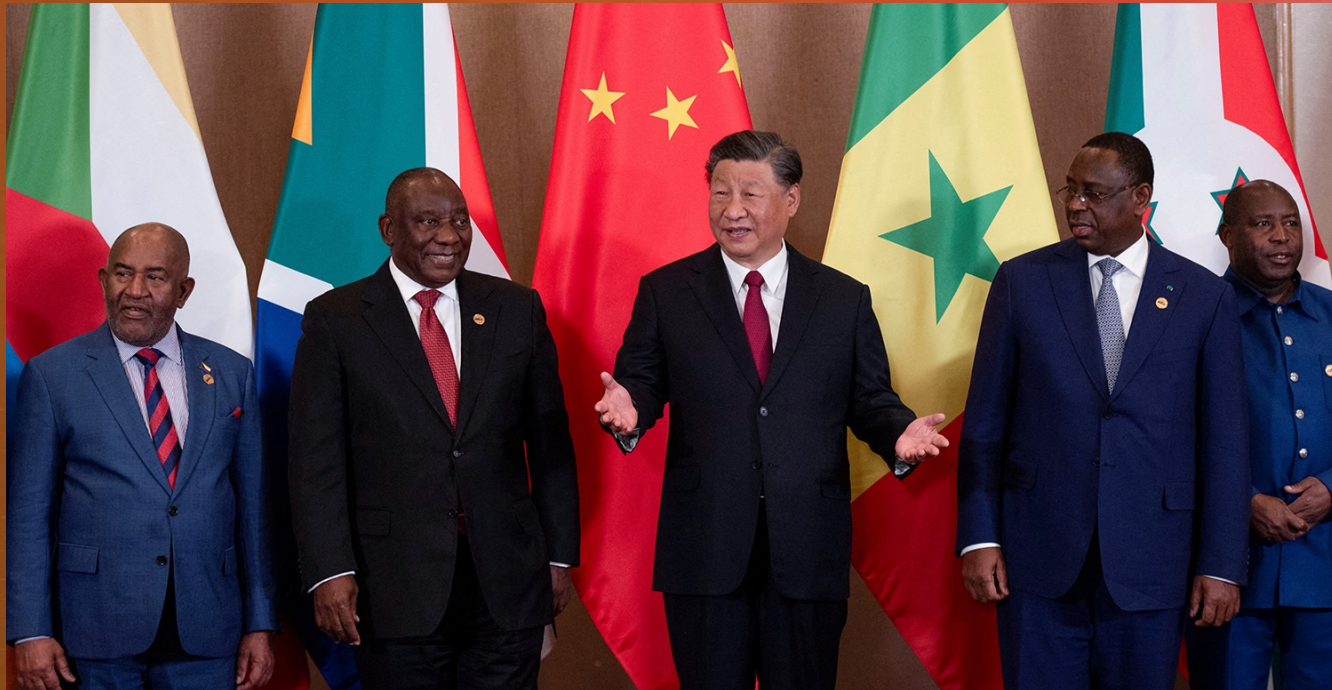
A balancing act that needs
both scientific support and
operational knowledge.

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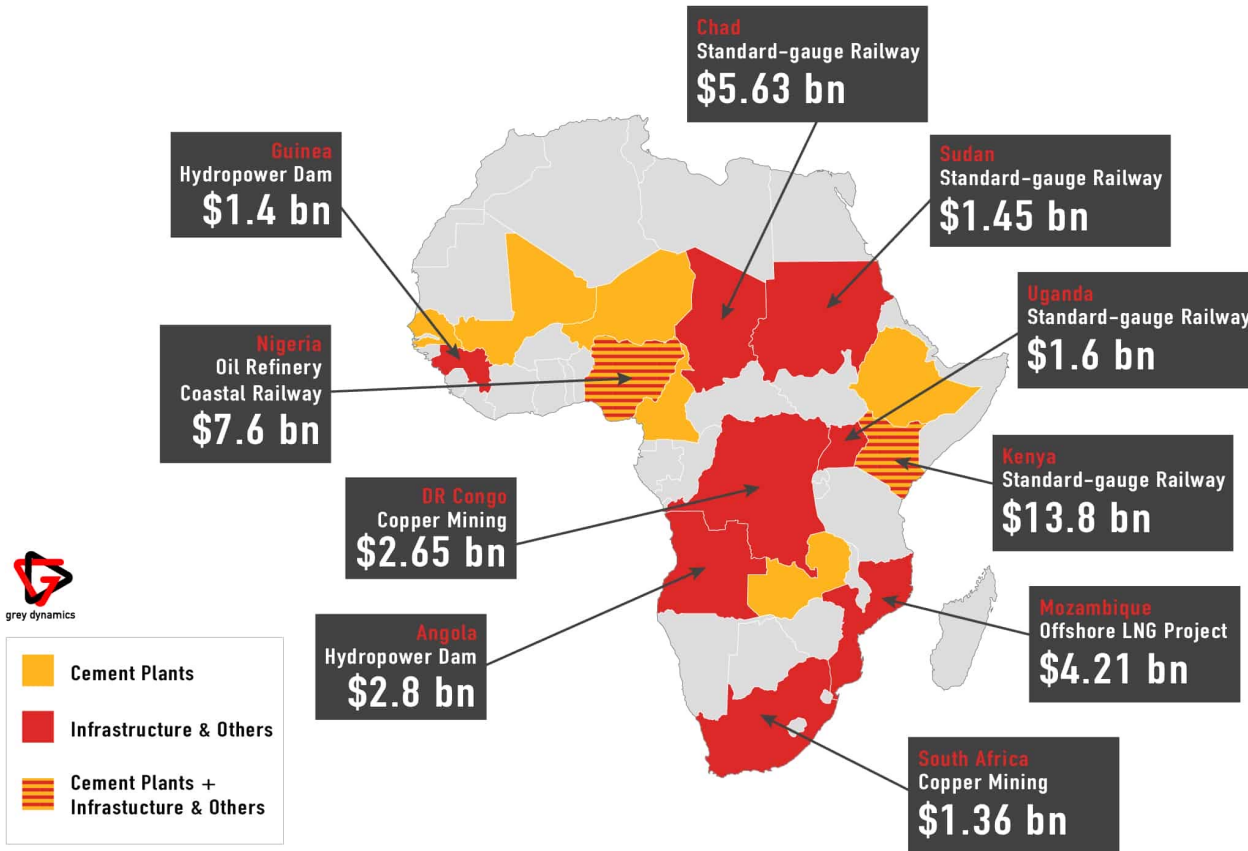


Some topics on peace and war,
crisis and post-conflict
where VU meets NLDA.

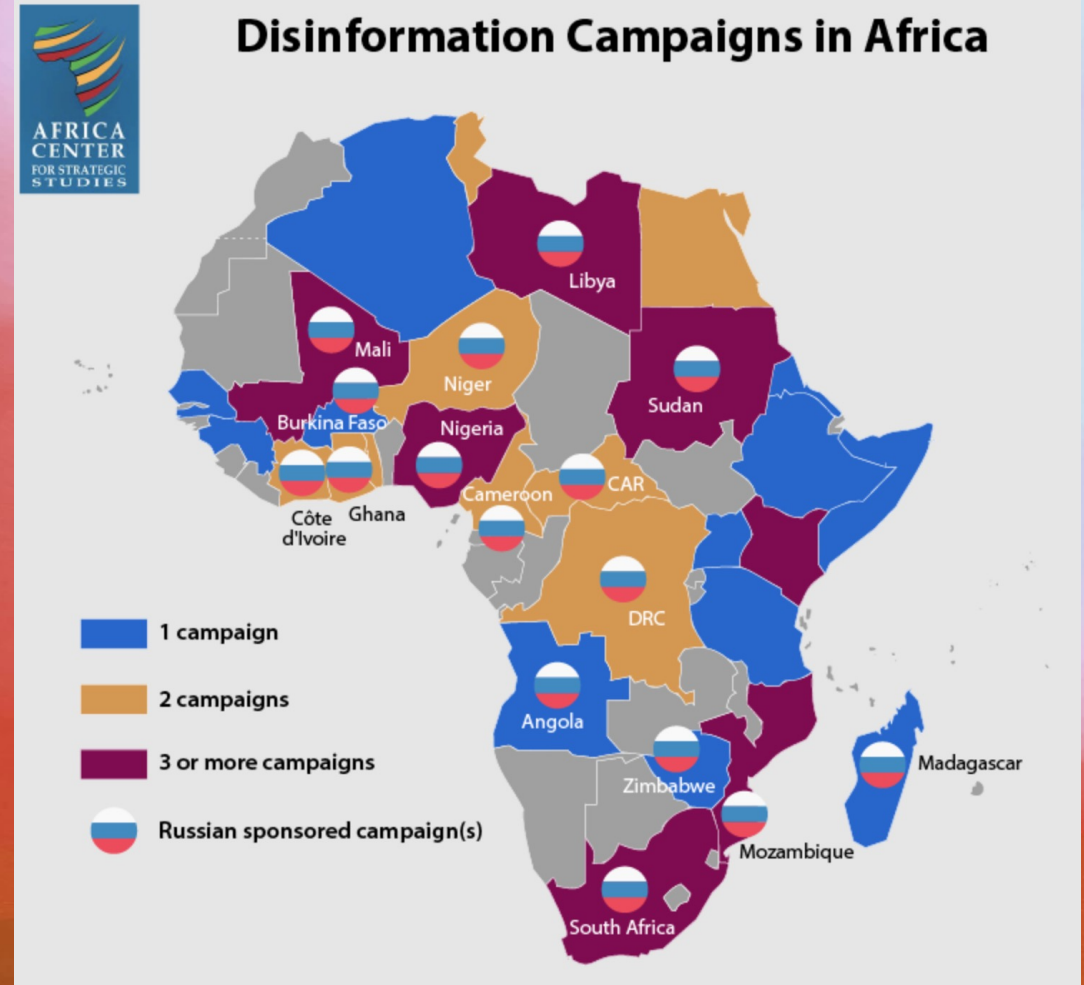




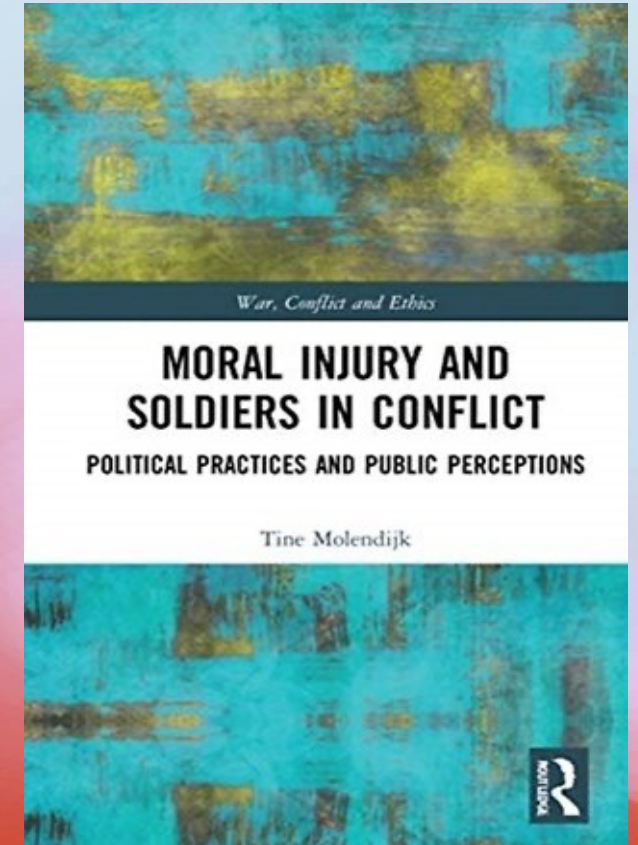
Chinese Investments in Africa

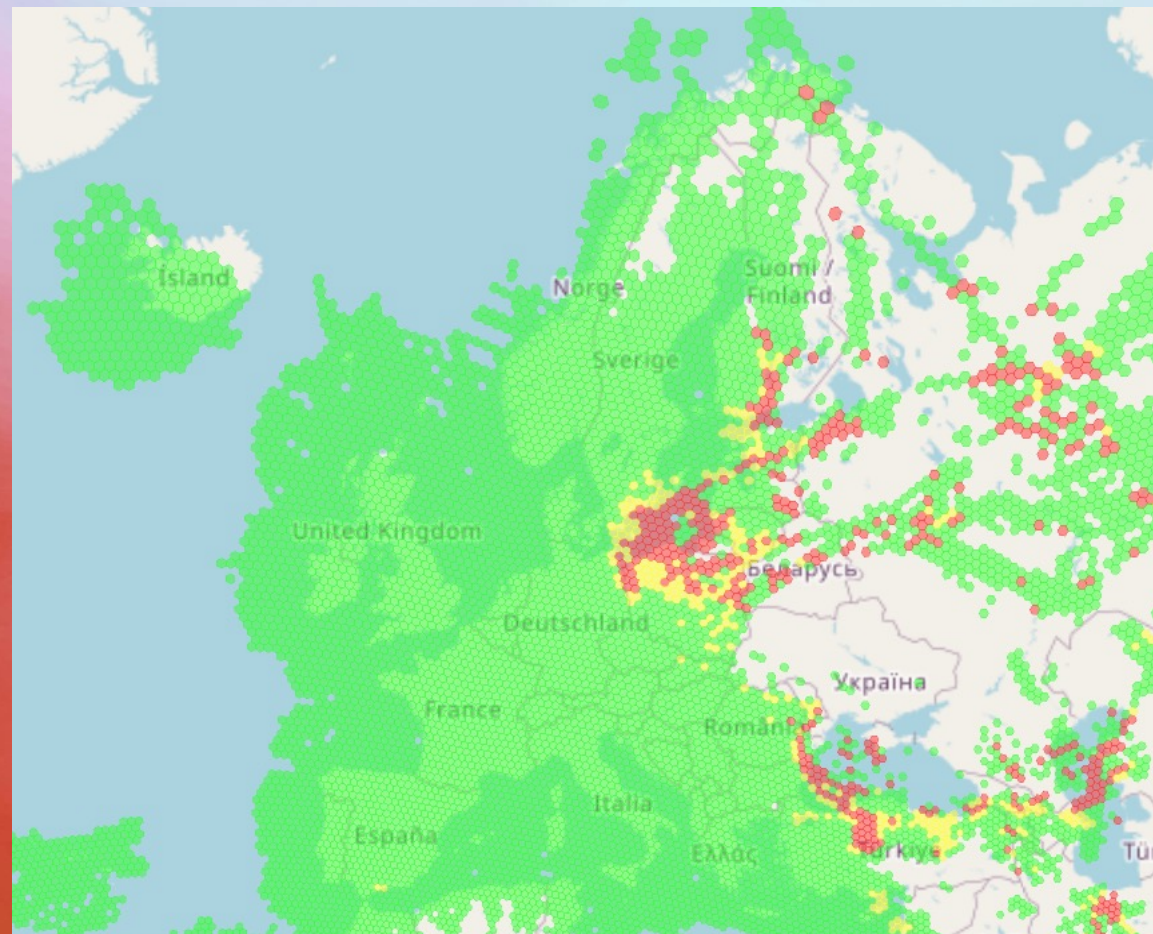
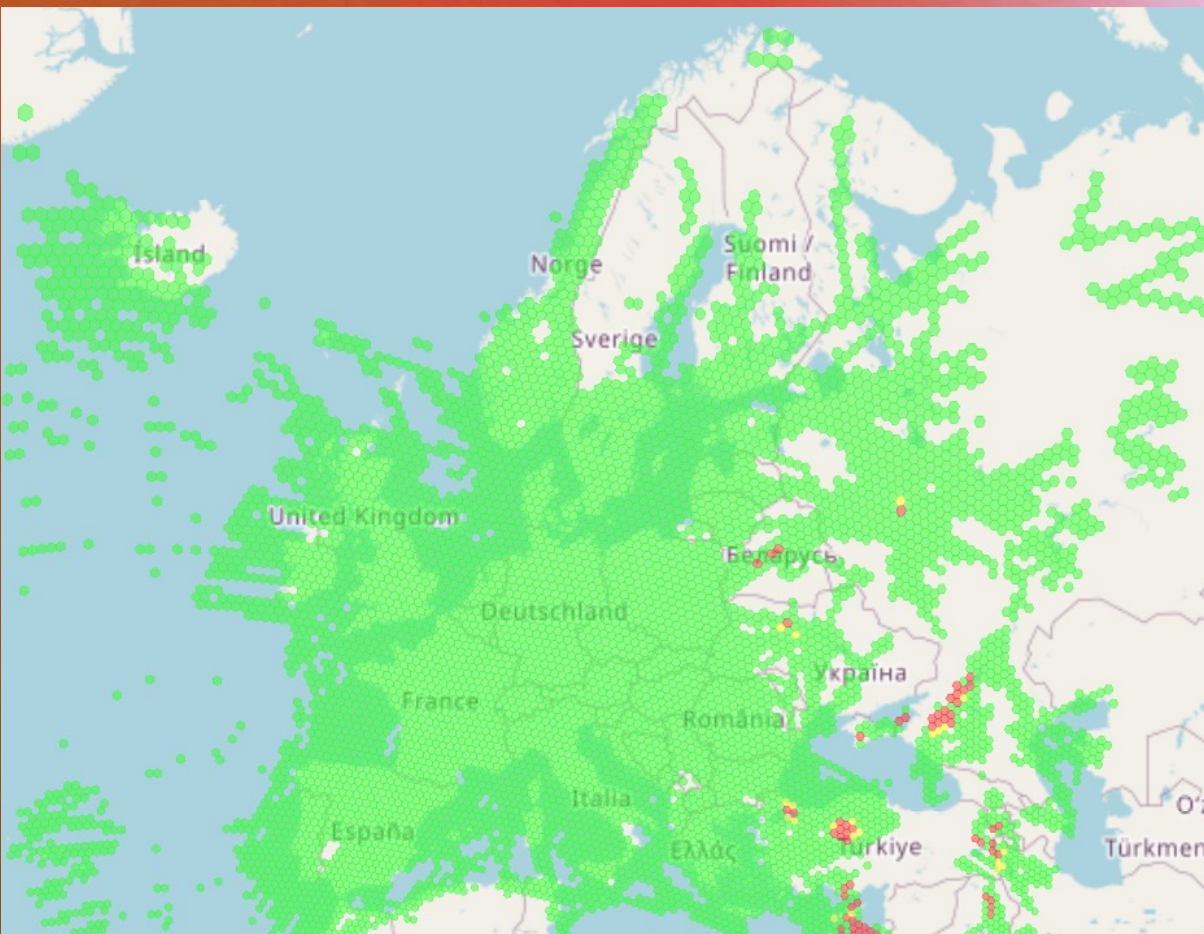


Disinformation Campaigns in Africa



- Long-term, high-intensity war has resulted in significant psychological challenges, including PTSD and burnout.
- Military personnel, police officers, firefighters and healthcare workers may experience moral injury.
- Research with universities, national police, public safety institute, veterans institute.





Navigation Warfare: Peace or War? Counter measurements ?

How safe?

How resilient?

Piloten en politici bezorgd om verstoren GPS-signaal luchtvaart

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Groeiende zorgen bij piloten nu Rusland het vliegverkeer rondom de Baltische staten lijkt te verstoren. Bij duizenden vluchten zijn de afgelopen maanden de GPS-gegevens verstoord, en dat is potentieel gevaarlijk. Een link met de oorlog in Oekraïne ligt voor de hand.



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