

Abstract

Strategic Thinking in a Complex World

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Insights from complex systems research can help us understand and respond to subtle changes, critical questions and situations where information is incomplete or just emerging. This presentation will address the question—"How might insights from complexity science enhance our understanding of the strategic landscape, leading to greater insight about the present and foresight about the future?" It will provide an overview of new concepts, tools and a set of questions that can be used to make sense of and respond to a wide range of complex issues and emerging situations. It is based on the premise that complexity science provides a powerful new theory-driven, sense-making framework for intelligence analysis, foresight and early warning.