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Conflict in the Fifth Domain

The SAIS Review of International Affairs welcomes submissions on covert computer network exploitation, attack, and defense operations and their effects on international affairs. This edition will reflect on how covert cyber operations have become critical tools to inform and execute foreign policy and national security strategy.

In recent weeks, the US, UK, European Union, and NATO directly accused China of conducting destabilizing cyber operations around the world. The declaration comes in the wake of several major state-run hacking campaigns including Russia targeting SolarWinds, China targeting Microsoft email servers, and US operations against Iranian targets. These attacks demonstrate the endemic nature of cyber operations and the drastic effects they can have on foreign policy, diplomacy, and economics. Cyber operations are increasingly the non-attributable option for state actors in dealing with adversarial powers.

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