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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Glen Duerr, Ph.D., associate professor of international studies at Cedarville University, has contributed a chapter on counterinsurgency to the book “The Future of US Warfare,” to be released April 27, 2017. The book, written by scholars from around the world, investigates key issues related to the future of U.S. warfare, including cyberwarfare, national security, robotics, nuclear strategy and drone warfare.

Duerr's chapter, “A Three-Pronged Proposal for the Future of U.S. counterinsurgency: Military Peace with Economic Incentives and Political Devolution,” examines how the United States can successfully prevent counterinsurgency in ethnically and religiously diverse states.

“One of the shortcomings of U.S. counterinsurgency policy is that we haven't dealt with the nuances in the ethnic, religious and political issues in heterogeneous states,” said Duerr. “It's one thing to win the initial military victory, but then things settle in and an insurgency movement rises.”

Duerr suggests a three-pronged approach for U.S. counterinsurgency involvement: maintaining military peace, providing economic incentives and creating unified political structures.

“You need to hold the military peace, facilitate trade and then create some form of governmental structure that will bring people in rather than pushing them out,” Duerr stated. “Then you can create a much more stable society.”

Duerr is the also author of “Secessionism and The European Union: The Future of Flanders, Scotland, and Catalonia.” He is widely published in numerous peer-reviewed journals, articles and books, and is a sought-after media contributor on radio, television and newspaper.

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