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## Preface

location, the conference facilitated a deep-dive understanding of Great Power and Regional perspectives in the Central Region by advancing the dialogue on identifying key issues for stakeholders within and beyond the Central Region as it relates to regional diplomacy and politics, economic potential and rivalries, security considerations and interests, and the information environment. This Great Power Competition Conference Series is the first in a Great Power Competition Conference Series, with conferences taking place twice per year for nine years at the University of South Florida.

While some publications consider the Great Power Competition topic, none are yet known that explore the Great Power Competition in the Central Region from the collective vantage of military, academic, and industry experts. The Inaugural Great Power Competition Conference, indeed, filled this gap, offering new ideas and lines of inquiry, innovative solutions, and decision support at multiple levels.

This book presents a compilation of papers that emerged from the Great Power Conference held in January 2020 at the University of South Florida. The 20 chapters in this volume cover topic ranging from historical analysis to innovative solutions, changing the dynamics of peace and conflict in the region, and matters pertaining to human security and intervention strategies associated with humanitarian, development, and peace nexus.

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