Abstract:

This presentation examines the evolving nature of Russia’s use of the cyber/digital domain to disrupt, spy, and degrade the adversary. Cyber operations remain a potent modern manifestation of political warfare expanding competition short of war and during war. Amid the full-scale invasion that is Russo-Ukrainian war (2022-) there is a dramatic uptick in cyber operations, yet we witness limited evidence of activities that demonstrate severe or significant digital attacks directed at an adversary. There is also limited evidence for coordinated multidomain operations between military and cyber operators or even a shift in targets towards military objectives. Despite an increase in cyber operations during the war, there remains little evidence that cyber capabilities change the course of war raising questions about a revolution in warfare.