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The Russian Concept of New Generation or Non-linear Warfare

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Abstract: The article discusses Russia's non-linear (hybrid)P warfare concept. In order to fight a new generation war, Russian has created 'hard' and 'soft' forces, which are used situationally depending on need. Russia employing mentality of secrecy and 'maskirovka' and following own rationale, Russia not only created the concept, suggesting a specific *modus operandi*, but designed and established a system of command, control, and coordination for this warfare. Since the time that the 'Gerasimov Doctrine' first articulated this concept, it is being used daily and everywhere – outside Russia and inside the country. At the same time, it has taken the West too long to realise the novelty and shrewdness of this approach warfare, an approach that requires constant vigilance.

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