

Review of: "The invention of strategy at the turn of the 18th to 19th centuries"

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PEER REVIEW

Ami-Jacques Rapin, 'The invention of strategy at the turn of the 18th to 19th centuries

This article is a rare beast. This is, in actual fact, the first time I have read an article where I have struggled to find a substantive point of criticism. It is, in short, a very significant and important contribution to the history of military thought. It sets out to accomplish a task and succeeds in doing so.

The only real points where it could be improved, although I don't think they are necessary, are as follows:

Correct the typo in Azar Gat's name in the list of references.

It might be worth considering or simply referring to, by way of contrast, military authors who came before and did not engage demonstrate any awareness of a concept of strategy. One example here which springs to mind is Raimondo Montecuccoli's *Sulle Battaglie*.

Bolster the introduction and conclusion with references to a broader range of secondary literature than Freedman and Heuser.

All in all, an excellent article which deserves a wide readership.