

Peer Review

Review of: "Clausewitz's Conceptual Relationship Among Tactics, Strategy, and the Conduct of War (Kriegführung)"

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The article makes an important contribution by dealing with the intellectual development and influences on Clausewitz that were considered in the formation of his thinking on the phenomenon of war. The effort to analyze the curricula and writings of various military thinkers who influenced Clausewitz is commendable, but herein lies, in my opinion, the article's main problem: they are presented briefly in some cases and not at all in others. It's possible that this is due to the painstaking and careful research done by the author, but it has to be considered that few who know Clausewitz today have a sense of the intellectual atmosphere of the Prussian army at the turn of the 18th and 19th centuries and the weight of the Napoleonic wars on that journey. As for the methodological question, I tried to understand the article as a journey of intellectual history, which can be enriched by considering authors who deal with the evolution of ideas and how they are worked on, such as David Armitage, or even an article by Joel Isaac on how strategy can be understood as a process of intellectual history. It can be a valid contribution if the author sees it that way.

Once again, the author's work in exploring the foundations that will lead to Clausewitz's work is to be commended, and one hopes for more quality productions like this.

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