

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

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I enjoyed reading this article, and learnt a lot whilst doing so. It does a great deal to illuminate the tortuous route by which nineteenth-century conceptions of strategy emerged.

Having studied Jomini's work, I was particularly interested to learn how it fitted into the overall story.

I would have liked to learn more about Bülow's revised distinction between tactics and strategy — not least because it was evidently founded on a different set of concerns from those shared by his contemporaries. Presumably the sentence on tactics (p. 11) should read: '... any movement that has the enemy as the objective'.

I did find the article a little dense in places, and feel it might benefit from slightly steadier development. This could involve slimming down the etymological section, or leaving it intact and allowing the article to grow in length a bit.

Overall an impressive piece.