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"Cyberspace is becoming the main threat to national security in many national security strategies as well as within defense organizations as NATO. The frequencies of cyber-attacks and the eventual relevance of their consequences take the issue to the forefront of security concerns and the possession of offensive cyber-capabilities a priority for some international actors.

Cyberspace and International Relations. Theory, Prospects and Challenges provides a good foundation for analyzing the impact of this development on security paradigm and principles and also on strategic and operational levels." - *Dr. Natividad Fernández Sola, Professor of International Law and International Relations and Jean Monnet Professor at the University of Zaragoza, currently Visiting Professor at the State University Higher School of Economics, Moscow*

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