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Predicting the future in any arena is difficult but in terms of strategic context there are themes that appear consistently in predictive articles and books. Religious extremism, environmental degradation, conflict over resources and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction among non-state actors are just some of the themes that have become increasingly important in the international arena since the end of the Cold War. How the 'Arab Spring' of 2011 will affect the global strategic environment waits to be seen. The armed forces have to adapt to cope with this ever broadening spectrum of potential areas of conflict while simultaneously many governments seek to make cuts in defence spending.

This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on Future Trends in security. Please note that the list of references below is a selection of the more relevant titles and information on the subject. The list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive but is an introductory guide to some of the resources available.

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