

# Research on Military Theory Innovation Based on New Needs of National Security

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**Abstract:** Military development needs advanced military theory as guidance. The penetrating and forward-looking military theory research must not only draw on the existing research results and practical experience at home and abroad, but also pay attention to the evolution of the international security background and the changes of the restrictive conditions brought about by it, grasp the internal clues and logic of the development and evolution of major issues, and form a systematic and verifiable knowledge system. The demand for national security in the new era has created a broader space for the development of military theory. And with the rich strategic and ideological heritage of Chinese civilization for reference, today's military theory innovation has very favorable conditions. However, strategy is a key factor in determining the fate of a country. Historic development has proved that the old road of colonialism and hegemonism is no longer feasible. In order to find a peaceful development road different from traditional power struggle, China has put forward higher requirements for military capacity-building and its application. National security also needs strong support from military practice and theory, and will inevitably become an important source of power for theoretical innovation.

## 1. Introduction

"Never forget danger, never forget death". In the era of Internet plus, great changes have taken place in the overall security situation of the country. The party and the state have made a series of major initiatives in the light of the new characteristics and trends of the national security situation, in which the military strength plays an irreplaceable and crucial guarantee and supporting role. Thus, how to build and use military forces is directly related to the rise and fall of the country and its long-term stability.

With the profound evolution of the international security situation and the constant adjustment of China's national interest structure, the role of military forces in maintaining national security has been constantly enhanced and expanded, and the forms and ways of their use have also changed significantly. Accordingly, the domestic military theory research has become more active and made great progress, not only in the continuous improvement of the discipline system of military science, the continuous deepening of research content and the continuous broadening of research vision, but also in the emphasis on scientific and diversified research methods. It also shows that the level of professional publications of military theory has been improved synchronously, and the number of publications has also increased.

However, there is still a big gap between China's military theory research and developed countries, and some systematic and original academic achievements are relatively lacking. Only the modernization of the country can achieve academic modernization, and the progress of military theory research will also provide the necessary thrust and support for the survival and development of the country. In fact, the structure of national security needs is changing rapidly, which puts forward urgent requirements for the development of military theory and creates vast space. In addition, China has a rich legacy of strategic thinking, which is bound to provide favorable soil and conditions for military theory research. The continuation and development of military thought of any country depends on the interaction of many complex factors, and the systematic effect has become more and more prominent. Therefore, guided and penetrating military theory research must be carried out not only on the basis of fully drawing lessons from existing research and practice at

home and abroad, but also on the evolution of the international security background and the changes of its restrictive conditions. This kind of condition may bring about some fundamental influence even if it is slightly different from the past. We need to seek development and progress in inheritance and reference, and systematically innovate China's military theory research.

## 2. The importance of Military Security in the Whole National Security System

Military security still plays a key and irreplaceable role in the whole national security system, and is always the means to maintain national security [1]. However, problems, such as how to recognize the role of military security in the overall security system, what changes have taken place in its connotation, and how to give full play to its role in the overall planning of national security, have become more and more important and need to be further defined, and have also become a prerequisite for theoretical research and a major issue that must be tackled [2]. The development and application of military forces in the new era is to expand strategic thinking under the guidance of the overall concept of national security and constantly accumulate and improve the comprehensive support capacity for national security.

At the present stage, it is particularly necessary to accelerate the modernization of national defense and army, enhance the ability to prepare for war and win, and resolutely safeguard military security, so as to provide strong support and guarantee for the long-term stability of the country and the realization of the great national rejuvenation of the Chinese dream [3]. China's modernization drive has attracted worldwide attention, accompanied by the deep adjustment of China's relations with the outside world. This process can't be accomplished overnight but require strategic innovation and long-term arduous efforts, during which there may be twists and turns and even turbulence. Therefore, military means still play an irreplaceable, important and even decisive role [4]. China's strategic planning and corresponding military theory research should not only provide effective and sustained strategic support for this process, but also be tested and evaluated in this process. In this sense, there is no insurmountable gap between theoretical research and practical research [5]. On the one hand, the understanding of the inherent law of military practice has its own theoretical core. On the other hand, if a certain military theory can't reflect the specific military reality and trend to some extent or in some way, and can't withstand the test of practice and time, it is not a theory of truth but belong to an excessively illusory "false theory" [6]. Theoretical innovation needs to be unrestrained, but more down-to-earth. Starting from various national security issues, the distribution of military forces also has its own emphasis. The multi-level framework of military needs is shown in Fig.1 below.

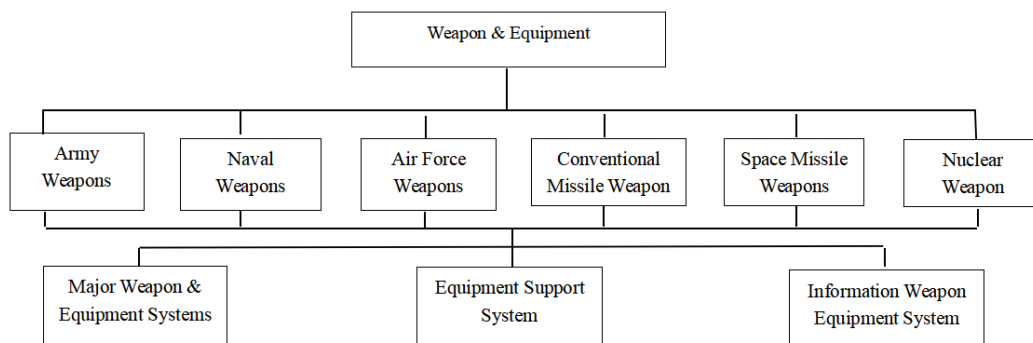


Fig.1. The multi-level framework of military needs

## 3. The Adaptation and Service of Military Theory Innovation for National Security and Development

For military theory innovation, more efforts on how to adapt to and serve the overall situation of national security and development must be taken, so as to provide the basis and create conditions for maintaining and consolidating the important strategic opportunities necessary for national

development. It should be emphasized that in the information age, the relationship and interaction between military and political factors are becoming closer and closer, so that the influence and restriction of political factors on military security become more important, especially at the strategic level. Consequently, military planning must be subordinate to the needs of politics and the overall situation of national security [7]. To maintain today's military security, we need to have a broad vision. Only based on the overall situation of national security and development, can we make a good military planning, make a good scientific evaluation and forward-looking design, and strive to transform strategic capabilities into a favorable military situation [8].

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In the current military theory research, the theoretical achievements that can support our army to carry out realistic military struggle are relatively few. Advanced military theory is a necessary condition for the development of military construction [9]. The history of world military development revealed that "the real miracle of war is to sublimate and reshape military system or combat system on the basis of technological progress, the most important thing of which is to have theoretical guidance reflecting the nature and development law of war and combat."

#### **4. Military Theory Innovation: Adapting to the Realistic Concern of National Security**

The choice of security approaches is of great significance, and military theoretical innovation should especially adapt to the realistic concerns of national security. General Secretary Xi Jinping emphasized that "in today's world, the old ways of colonialism and hegemonism are not only impossible to follow, but also bound to run into bloodshed. Therefore, China firmly takes the road of peaceful development and has declared publicly on many occasions that it opposes all forms of hegemonism and power politics, does not interfere in the internal affairs of other countries, will never seek hegemony or expand." This ideological sobriety and consciousness stems from an understanding of deeply evolving global politics.

China is determined and confident to take the road of peaceful development, and has been committed to actively promoting the positive interaction between national security and international security, for example, in terms of domestic security, the prominent manifestations are promoting sustainable economic development, achieving progress in national governance, seeking social stability and striving to build a safe China; while in terms of international security, it is highlighted in carrying out extensive regional and international cooperation, seeking more constructive involvement in international affairs, strengthening consensus and solving security problems with common interests as the driving force. China firmly pursues the military strategy of active defense, which is not only the inherent and essential requirement of developing socialism with Chinese characteristics, but also the objective requirement of the development and change of the current world situation. The basic trend of peaceful development and cooperation will not be fundamentally reversed.

Active defense and Chinese traditional strategic culture of harmony and harmony inherit in one continuous line, yet the connotation of which needs to be expanded and given the significance of the times. It is impossible to answer the grand proposition of the times without a thorough and systematic theoretical discussion. Therefore, in the study of military theory, we should not only pay attention to innovation and pioneering thinking, but also discuss feasible research and theory adapted to the current situation of national security, which is the key point to break through.

#### **5. Conclusion**

With the deepening and development of reform and opening up, China's comprehensive strength

has been significantly strengthened, and its international influence has been continuously enhanced, which has become an important factor in promoting the changes of the international system. However, along with this, the national security environment has become more and more complex, the resistance and challenges to maintain national security tend to increase, and the traditional security threats and non-traditional security threats are intertwined. "The connotation and extension of China's national security are richer than at any time in history, the space-time field is broader than at any time in history, and the internal and external factors are more complex than at any time in history." In this context, it is impossible to effectively safeguard national security if we still adopt the traditional methods and adhere to the old concepts. Military theory research should provide advance wisdom for security model innovation, including the development of core concepts and the demonstration of system science. How to build a solid national security support is also a strategic thinking that must be established under open conditions. In the application of military power, there are many practical problems that must be overcome, so that in the aspect of military theory, we need to make active exploration and guide the development of practice. Theories and practices should have a common orientation, support and test each other, focusing on how to go through a slightly wider security network and actively shape a predictable and sustainable regional and international security framework. China should not only properly handle the various security challenges in practice, but also make a leading contribution to the world in terms of theoretical concepts.

China's development is not and should not be the continuation of power competition among big powers, nor is it an attempt to replace the original world hegemony, but a national renaissance driven by the times. This process especially needs the great strategic choice and the systematic innovation of military theory as the ideological and intellectual guarantee at present. As for military theory research, this is not only the call of the times, but also the historical mission.

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