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#### *Contemporary Issues*

***The Academic-Practitioner Divide in Intelligence Studies***, edited by Rubén Arcos, Nicole K. Drumhiller, and Mark Phythian (IO Bookshelf, *Studies* 69, 2 [June 2025]), reviewed by Hayden Peake (Hereafter, unless otherwise noted, all reviews listed in "IO Bookshelf" were written by Hayden Peake.)

***Authoritarianism: A Very Short Introduction***, by James Loxton (IO Bookshelf, *Studies* 69, 2 [June 2025])

***The Dictators' Club: How Regional Organizations Sustain Authoritarian Rule***, by Maria J. Debre (Studies 69, 4 [December 2025]), reviewed by Tony Sutton

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***Contemporary Intelligence Warning Cases: Learning from Successes and Failures***, by Bjørn E. M. Grønning and Stig Stenslie (eds.) (*Studies* 69, 2 [June 2025]), reviewed by Johnathan Proctor

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