Record Nr. UNINA9910815571303321 Autore Finkel Meir <1968-> Titolo On flexibility: recovery from technological and doctrinal surprise on the battlefield / / Meir Finkel; translated by Moshe Tlamim Stanford, Ca,: Stanford Security Studies, 2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-8047-7715-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (337 p.) Altri autori (Persone) TlamimMoshe 355.02 Disciplina Soggetti Military readiness Military doctrine Military art and science Surprise (Military science) Military history, Modern - 20th century Technology - Military aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Prediction and intelligence: the dominant approach in force planning and its failure to answer the challenge of technological and doctrinal surprise -- Conceptual and doctrinal flexibility -- Organizational and technological flexibility -- Cognitive and command and control (C2) flexibility -- The mechanism for lesson learning and rapid dissemination -- The German recovery from the surprise of British chaff -- The German recovery from the Soviet T-34 tank surprise --The Israeli recovery from the Egyptian Sagger missile surprise -- The Israeli air force recovery from the Arab anti-aircraft missile surprise --The slow British recovery from the German armor and anti-tank tactics -- The slow Soviet recovery from the surprise of low-intensity conflict in Afghanistan -- The French failure to recover from the surprise of the German blitzkrieg. Sommario/riassunto This book addresses one of the basic questions in military studies: How can armies cope effectively with technological and doctrinal surprises-

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