

National Defense University

Alumni Continuing Education Security Seminar

Cooperation, Conflict, and Competition



Berlin, Germany
September 14 - 17, 2021

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* NDU Alumnus

TUESDAY, September 14

Travel Day

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- 1200 – 1700 Participant Registration
Berlin Marriott Hotel (Registration Table in Lobby)
Address: Inge-Beisheim-Platz 1, 10785 Berlin
- 1700 – 1900 Icebreaker
Berlin Marriott Hotel, Foyer (1st Floor)
Address: Inge-Beisheim-Platz 1, 10785 Berlin
Uniform: Casual (Open collar)

WEDNESDAY, September 15

Uniform – Class B, Civilian – Business Casual

- 0800 – 0830 Coffee/Networking & Late Registration
- 0830 – 0845 Seminar Opening Announcements
- 0845 – 0915 Welcome Remarks and University Update from Lt. Gen Michael T. Plehn, NDU President
- 0915 – 1015 Keynote Address from Ambassador Adam H. Sterling, Civilian Deputy and Foreign Policy Advisor to US European Command
- 1015 – 1045 ACCESS 2021 Group Photo and Coffee Break
- 1045 – 1200 Plenary 1: Human and Environmental Security
Moderator: Dr. Zachary Abuza, National War College Professor
Speaker: Mr. Kay Brinkmann, Deputy Chief of Staff Plans of Multinational Corps North-East*





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1200 – 1300	Networking Lunch
1300 – 1430	Breakout Session 1
1430 – 1445	Afternoon Coffee Break
1445 – 1600	Elective Session 1
1800 – 1830	Bus pick-up from Marriott hotel and transition to <i>Käfer Restaurant</i>
1830 – 2130	NDU IF Alumni Dinner
	Location: <i>Käfer Restaurant</i>
	Address: Platz der Republik 1 Reichstagsgebäude, 11011 Berlin
	<u>Uniform</u> : Business Casual (Men – Jacket, Open Collar Women – Cocktail Attire)





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THURSDAY, September 16

Uniform – Class B, Civilian – Business Casual

0800 – 0830	Coffee/Networking
0830 – 0845	Administrative Announcements
0845 – 1015	Plenary 2: China's Sharp Soft Power Speaker: Dr. Zachary Abuza, National War College Professor
1015 – 1045	Morning Coffee Break
1045 – 1200	Elective Session 2
1200 – 1300	Networking Lunch
1300 – 1415	Plenary 3: Irregular Warfare, Information, and Influence Moderator: Dr. David Ucko, College of International Security Affairs Professor Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– CDR Sebastian Kahlert, MoD Office of Public Information, Germany– Mr. Candid Wueest, VP of Cyber Research, Acronis– Col Michael Bock*, Staff Officer, German Cyber and Information Domain Service
1415 – 1430	Afternoon Coffee Break
1430 – 1530	Breakout Session 2
1530 – 1645	Participant Briefback Preparation





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FRIDAY, September 17

Uniform – Class B, Civilian – Business Casual (Jacket, Open collar)

0800 – 0830	Coffee/Networking
0830 – 0845	Administrative Announcements
0845 – 0915	Final Briefback Preparation
0915 – 1045	Participant Briefbacks
1045 – 1100	Morning Coffee Break
1100 – 1200	Graduation/Closing Ceremony
1200 – 1300	Networking Lunch
1530 – 1600	Buses depart from Berlin Marriott Hotel
1600 – 1800	River Cruise Historical Berlin Tour (Cultural Activity – Spouses/Family Welcome) Location: <i>Reichstagufer 18, 10117 Berlin</i>
1530 – 1600	Buses pick-up from River Cruise and return to Berlin Marriott Hotel





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BREAK-OUT GROUP 1

Faculty Facilitator: Dr. R.E. Burnett

Location: London Room

Staff Support: Mrs. Madeline Fedoris

Alumni Participants:

- COL (Ret) Gullab Arezo Khan (ES 2006), Afghanistan
- Mr. Dalibor Milosevic (CISA 2018), Bosnia-Herzegovina
- COL Giorgi Shengelia (CISA 2016), Georgia
- Brig Gen Olaf Van Roeder (NWC 2007), Germany
- Mr. Stephan Miegel (ES'10), Germany
- Ms. Adwoa Nuro-Panin (CISA 2019), Ghana
- Mr. Alkiviadis Stefanis (NWC 2009), Greece
- LTC Mohammad Nash'at Mohammad Matar (CIC 2017), Jordan
- MG Emmanuel Parker Undiandeye (CISA 2009), Nigeria
- COL Augustin-Emilan Chirea (NWC 2019), Romania
- LTG Parinya Chaidilok (CISA 2003), Thailand
- COL Valerii Churkin (NWC 2010), Ukraine
- Mr. Sitthinun Manitkul, Thailand





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BREAKOUT GROUP 2

Faculty Facilitators: Dr. Cassandra Lewis and Dr. Jim Chen

Location: Paris Room

Staff Support: Mr. Blake Traeger

Alumni Participants:

- Mr. Stefan Dimitrov Godzhevargov (CISA'16), Bulgaria
- COL Giorgi Dumbadze (CISA'18), Georgia
- CAPT Hauke Luetzen (NWC'09), Germany
- MG Wolfgang Wien (NWC'13), Germany
- COL Vasileios Chatzivantsidis (NWC'19), Greece
- MG Zsolt Sandor (NWC'07), Hungary
- BG Ali A. S. Al-Kuson (JFSC'17), Jordan
- Ms. Biola Shotunde (CISA'15), Nigeria
- COL Vasko Kokolanski (ES'19), North Macedonia
- COL Nicolae Acasandrei (NWC'20), Romania
- COL Anurat Siriwong (CISA'14), Thailand
- COL Volodymyr Horbatiuk (NWC'18), Ukraine
- Mr. Wasan Chompoosri, Thailand





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BREAKOUT GROUP 3

Faculty Facilitators: Dr. Thomas Marks and Dr. David Ucko

Location: Moscow Room

Staff Support: Ms. Faith Ssebikindu

Alumni Participants:

- LTC Fatmir Neziraj (CISA'10), Albania
- LTG Josef Kopecky (NWC'09), Czech Republic
- Mr. Wolfgang Gammel (ES'13), Germany
- BG Kay Brinkmann (NWC'09), Germany
- LTC Evelyn Ntiamoah Asamoah (CISA'20), Ghana
- BG Konstantinos Alexakis (CISA'19), Greece
- BG Mohammed Al-Barazanchi (NWC'20), Iraq
- MG Mohammad Alajmi (NWC'15), Kuwait
- Ms. Nana Firdausi Bala (CISA'20), Nigeria
- COL Lungu Ovidiu (NWC'218), Romania
- Mr. Uros Krek (ES'01), Slovenia
- Mr. Chatchai Bangchuad, Thailand





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BREAK-OUT GROUP 4

Faculty Facilitator: Dr. Zachary Abuza

Location: Wandelbar Room (Lobby Level)

Staff Support: Ms. Catherine Tappert

Alumni Participants:

- Ms. Altina Veshi (CISA'17), Albania
- COL Tomislav Kasumovic (ES'19), Croatia
- COL Michael Bock (CIC'21), Germany
- Mr. Achim Leukel (ES'08), Germany
- COL Georgios Lymperopoulos (NWC'20), Greece
- LTG Gabor Borondi (NWC'17), Hungary
- COL Enver Voca (CISA'19), Kosovo
- Mr. Ibrahim Jibir Wudil (CISA'18), Nigeria
- BG Michal Rohde (ES'19), Poland
- BG Dorin Plescan (NWC'17), Romania
- Ms. Manthana Masmalai (CISA'08), Thailand
- COL (Ret) Sergii Koshelokhov (NWC'02), Ukraine
- Mr. Pitchayadet Osathanon, Thailand





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Seminar Notes and Emergency Contacts

SEMINAR NOTES

Alumni Support Table:

Visit the NDU Alumni Support table for any questions throughout the week, to include:

- Updating alumni information
- MERLN Library Network accounts & refresher
- Google accounts tutorial and explanation
- Alumni survey & assessment
- Transcript requests

COVID-19 Mitigation:

If you feel sick at any point, contact Ms. Madeline Fedoris at 202-258-1548 and do not come to the conference spaces. We will provide more instructions.

Masking: You are required to wear a mask at all time indoors, and socially distance (at least 1 meter) between others indoors and outdoors. When social distancing cannot be maintained outdoors, we would ask that you put up your mask. Please make sure you wear it such that it covers both your mouth and nose.

If you need a new mask, NDU will be able to provide you one.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Colonel (Ret) Jorge Ascunce: 202-294-1914

Ms. Faith Ssebikindu: 202-498-4681

Mr. Devin Hess: 202-368-0282

Ms. Cat Tappert: 202-386-3452

Mr. Blake Traeger: 202-412-2732

Ms. Madeline Fedoris: 202-258-1548





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LIEUTENANT GENERAL MIKE PLEHN, USAF

President, National Defense University

Lieutenant General Mike Plehn is the 17th President of the National Defense University. As President of NDU, he oversees its five component colleges that offer graduate-level degrees and certifications in joint professional military education to over 2,000 U.S. military officers, civilian government officials, international military officers and industry partners annually.

Raised in an Army family, he graduated from Miami Southridge Senior High School in 1983 and attended the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with Military Distinction and a degree in

Astronautical Engineering in 1988. He is a Distinguished Graduate of Squadron Officer School as well as the College of Naval Command and Staff, where he received a Master's Degree with Highest Distinction in National Security and Strategic Studies. He also holds a Master of Airpower Art and Science degree from the School of Advanced Airpower Studies, as well as a Master of Aerospace Science degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Lt Gen Plehn has extensive experience in joint, interagency, and special operations, including: Middle East Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, and four tours at the Combatant Command level to include U.S. European Command, U.S. Central Command, and twice at U.S. Southern Command, where he was most recently the Military Deputy Commander. He also served on the Air Staff in Strategy and Policy and as the speechwriter to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

Lt Gen Plehn is a master navigator with 2,200 flight hours in the AC-130H, AC-130U, U-28, MQ-1B, MQ-9, and F-16D. He has more than 350 combat hours supporting operations over Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti, Afghanistan, and Iraq. He has commanded special operations units at the squadron, group, and wing levels, and was formerly the Deputy Commander of Air Force Special Operations Command.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Aerial Achievement Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Gallant Unit Citation, and the Medal for Distinguished Service to the Colombian Military Forces.

An Eagle Scout and avid reader, he speaks passable Spanish. In their quiet time, Mike and his wife enjoy watching ice hockey and providing staff assistance to their two cats.





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DR. CASSANDRA C. LEWIS

*Acting Chancellor and Dean of Faculty and Academic Programs,
College of Information and Cyberspace*

Dr. Cassandra C. Lewis is the Chancellor (Acting) and Dean of Faculty and Academic Programs at the National Defense University (NDU), College of Information and Cyberspace (CIC). She serves as the principal advisor to the National Defense University President and Provost on curriculum and academic programs related to Cyberspace and Information.

As a member of NDU's senior leadership executive council, Dr. Lewis is instrumental in strategic planning and coordination of University initiatives. Dr. Lewis is the chief administrator of CIC's academic programs, with responsibility for financial, facilities, and personnel management. She maintains relationships with partner NDU components, U.S. government agencies, the private sector, international allies and Department of Defense and civilian educational institutions and universities.

Under her leadership CIC's academic programs and curricula continue to be rigorous, relevant, and of high quality, to effectively fulfill the mission of the College to educate joint warfighters and national security leaders to lead, advise and advance global security within the cyberspace domain, through the use of the information instrument of national power.

Dr. Lewis is a community-minded educator with a demonstrated commitment to mentoring women and K-16 students both locally and abroad. She has a particular passion for fostering transformational leadership and advancing careers in STEM.

Dr. Lewis holds a Bachelor's degree in the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/International Studies from the State University of New York at Buffalo; Master's degree in Higher Education from Boston College; a Ph.D. in Education Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park; and a Certificate in Executive Leadership Coaching from Georgetown University.





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AMBASSADOR MATTHEW T. HARRINGTON

Director, International Student Management Office

Ambassador Matthew T. Harrington, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, has served as Director of the International Student Management Office at the National Defense University since July 2021. Previously, he spent three years as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. Ambassador Harrington has spent much of his diplomatic career in Africa or working on African issues. He served as Ambassador to Lesotho from 2014-2017 and, before that, as Director of the Office of Analysis for Africa in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. He spent two tours as a Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassies in Namibia and Togo, and also worked as a Political Officer in Harare, Zimbabwe, as Sudan Desk Officer in the Bureau of African Affairs, and as a Consular Officer in Accra, Ghana.

In addition, Ambassador Harrington completed assignments as Counselor for Political-Economic Affairs in Lisbon, Portugal, as a Watch Officer in the Department of State's Operations Center, and as a Political Officer in Brasilia, Brazil. He spent two years as Foreign Policy Advisor to the Commanding General of U.S. Army South in San Antonio, Texas.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service in 1991, Harrington served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zouerate, Mauritania. He earned a B.A. in history from Washington and Lee University. He has a son and a daughter.



DR. R.E. BURNETT

Dean of Faculty and Academics, College of International Security Affairs

R.E. Burnett is Dean of Faculty and Academics and Professor of International Security Studies at National Defense University. He is an analyst and theoretician in the field of emerging technologies who has been a featured speaker and researcher to the National Intelligence Council's RDAWG science and technology committee. In 2018, Dr. Burnett was the plenary speaker on Artificial Intelligence to the NATO Center for Excellence at CYCON X in Tallinn, Estonia and in 2015, Dr. Burnett was invited by the Australian Department of Defence's Defence Science and Technology Organization (DSTO) to give the Keynote Lecture on Humans and Autonomous Systems to the Emerging Disruptive Technologies Assessment

Symposium at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. His recent publications include a chapter on UAVs and ubiquitous networks in *Command and Control: Tools, Systems, and New Dimensions*, Lexington/Rowan Books, 2015 and his work on the evolution of human-machine symbiosis for advanced situational awareness in intelligence and combat spaces was featured in the *IEEE Technology & Society Magazine* and *Homeland Security Review* in 2013. Dr. Burnett has conducted research and analysis for the National Intelligence Council, the Institute for Defense Analyses, the Joint Military Intelligence College, and the Homeland Security and National Defense Education Consortium. He has also been an active defense community expert in the UAV policy community through the IEEE society in the United States and Australia. Dr. Burnett has previously been professor at Virginia Military Institute (2005-2013), where he was also Director of the Science and National Security Program in Washington, DC. He was also Director of the VMI-National Defense University of Hungary International Exchange Seminar in Budapest, in which he has taught for the last seven summers. In 2003, at VMI, he held the Moody-Northern Endowed Chair in Economics and was also the 2007 & 2009 winner of the Hinman Award for Excellence in Research. From 2000 to 2005, Dr. Burnett was Associate Professor of Integrated Science & Technology at James Madison University, where he was awarded the Most Captivating Lecturer Award in 2005. From 1993 to 2000 he was Assistant Director and Assistant Professor of the Patterson School of Diplomacy & International Commerce.





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DR. ZACHARY M. ABUZA

Professor, National War College

Dr. Zachary Abuza is a Professor at the National War College, in Washington, DC, where he focuses on Southeast Asian politics and security issues, including governance, insurgencies, democratization and human rights, and maritime security. He is the author of five books, including, *Forging Peace in Southeast Asia: Insurgencies, Peace Processes, and Reconciliation* (2016), *Conspiracy of Silence: The Insurgency in Southern Thailand* (2008), *Political Islam and Violence in Indonesia* (2006), *Militant Islam in Southeast Asia* (2003), and *Renovating Politics in Contemporary Vietnam* (2001). He authored the Southeast Asian chapter in the acclaimed study, *Leaving Terrorism Behind*, as well as the the National Endowment for Democracy's 2015 report on the media and civil society in Vietnam. In addition, he has authored four monographs on security issues in Southeast Asia. He is currently working on a project for the National Defense University's Project in Irregular Warfare, as well as a study on Thai counter-insurgency strategy. He has twice served as a Congressional witness. In 2004-05, he was a Senior Fellow at the US Institute of Peace and a recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship. He received his B.A. from Trinity College (1991), and M.A.L.D. (1994) and Ph.D. (1998) from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. He is a frequent commentator in the media and has traveled extensively throughout the region. He is an avid cyclist, sea kayaker, and back country skier. The father of twins, he's totally into character building. He's an accomplished cabinet maker.



DR. JIM Q. CHEN

Professor, College of Information and Cyberspace

Dr. Jim Q. Chen, Ph.D. is Professor of Cyber Studies and Director of DoD University Consortium for Cybersecurity Coordination Center (UC4) in the College of Information and Cyberspace (CIC) at the U.S. National Defense University (NDU). His expertise is in cyber strategy, cyber warfare, cyber deterrence, cybersecurity technology, artificial intelligence, and machine learning. Based on his research, he has authored and published numerous peer-reviewed papers, articles, and book chapters on these topics. Dr. Chen has also been teaching graduate courses on these topics for over 20 years.





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DR. THOMAS A. MARKS

Distinguished Professor, College of International Security Affairs

Dr. Thomas A. Marks assumed his present rank and position on 1 July 2016 after 12 years as the founding Chair of the War and Conflict Studies (WACS) Department, as well as Professor of Terrorism, positions he was asked to occupy at CISA following 9-11 as a consequence of his extensive academic and field experience concerning irregular warfare.

A former US government officer who is a member of the editorial board of *Small Wars and Insurgencies* (London), he previously served as the Oppenheimer Chair of Warfighting Strategy at the Marine Corps University (Quantico) and as a longtime Adjunct Professor at both the Air Force Special Operations School (AFSOS) and the intelligence community's Sherman Kent School. In 2006, he was named awarded AFSOS Educator of the Year; in 2007, he received the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba "Fellow" Award. A graduate of the United States Military Academy, Dr. Marks completed his doctoral work in his home state of Hawaii, where for 14 years he was Chair and Professor of Social Science at Academy of the Pacific, a private high school, and – for more than two decades – a highly successful cross country and track coach.

He has authored hundreds of publications. His most recent books, both edited volumes, are the *People's War: Variants and Responses* (2018) and *Perspectives on the American Way of War: The U.S. Experience in Irregular Combat* (2019). He was awarded the Military Medal "Faith in the Cause" on 28 July 2014 by the Colombian Army for contributions to the country's counterinsurgency effort, and in 2016 received a MINERVA grant to pursue fieldwork on the topic of female combatant motivation in the Nepali Maoist insurgency. Appropriate publications have followed. Most recently, his co-authored article (with CISA's Dr. David Ucko), "Violence in Context: Mapping the Strategies and Operational Art of Irregular Warfare," *Contemporary Security Policy* (February 2018), received the Bernard Brodie Prize 2019 for the best 2018 article. It may be added in passing that during the heyday of *Soldier of Fortune*, Marks was for a decade the magazine's Chief Foreign Correspondent.



DR. DAVID H. UCKO

Professor, College of International Security Affairs

Dr. David H. Ucko, is professor of international security studies at the College of International Security Affairs (CISA), National Defense University. He serves as Chair of the War and Conflict Studies Department and as director of the Regional Defense Fellowship Program (RDFFP). In this capacity, he oversees the delivery of the RDFFP curriculum and the international outreach efforts to build a network of practitioners engaged with counter-terrorism, counterinsurgency, and irregular warfare.

Dr. Ucko's research areas include political violence, irregular warfare, counterinsurgency, and war-to-peace transitions. He is the author of *The Insurgent's Dilemma: A Struggle to Prevail* (Hurst 2022) and of four other books on irregular warfare, counterinsurgency and political reintegration. He has also published on the United Nations, NATO, countering violent extremism, and counterinsurgency in a range of peer-reviewed journals.





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AMBASSADOR ADAM H. STERLING, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Civilian Deputy and Foreign Policy Advisor, U.S. European Command

Ambassador Adam Sterling arrived as the Civilian Deputy and Foreign Policy Advisor to U.S. European Command in September 2019.

A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, he served from 2016-2019 as the Ambassador to Slovak Republic. From 2013-2016, he served as Deputy Chief of Mission and twice as Chargé d' Affaires in the Netherlands. He also served as Deputy Chief of Mission and twice as Chargé d' Affaires in Azerbaijan from 2010-2013. From 2006-2009 he was the Director for Central and Eastern European Affairs on the National Security Council staff at the White House. His other Washington assignments were as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of State for Europe (2005-06) and as a desk officer in the Office of Central Asian Affairs (1995-97).

His overseas assignments have included tours as a political officer in the U.S. embassies in Israel (2001-05) and Kazakhstan (1998-2001). He also served in political, administrative and consular assignments at the U.S. embassies in Belgium (1993-95) and Peru (1991-93).

Prior to joining the Foreign Service in 1990, Mr. Sterling worked for the Mayor of New York as a liaison to the United Nations and the New York-based foreign consular corps. He earned a Master of Public Policy degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a Bachelor's degree from Grinnell College in Iowa. He speaks French, Spanish, Russian, Azerbaijani, Dutch, and Slovak.

Mr. Sterling grew up in New York City and Lawrence, Kansas. He is married to Veerle Coignez, a native of Belgium and an international development consultant specializing in public health. They have a daughter, Elka, and a son, Bram.





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MR. KAY BRINKMANN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF PLANS OF MULTINATIONAL CORPS NORTH-EAST

Graduate, National War College 2009

Kay Brinkmann joined the armored forces of the Bundeswehr as an officer candidate. During his officer training from 1983 to 1986, he completed a three-year study of educational sciences at the University of the Federal Armed Forces in Munich. Various uses followed in the armored force. From 1999 to 2000, Brinkmann graduated from the US Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth (Kansas), from which he graduated with a Masters in Military

Art and Science. From 2002 to 2004, Brinkmann was commander of the 413 tank battalion in Torgelow. From 2004 to 2006, he was employed at the Federal Ministry of Defense in Berlin, where he was responsible as a consultant for the military-political evaluation of Bundeswehr operations and exercises. From 2006 to 2008, Brinkmann was staff officer G3 deployment and exercise in the 13th Panzer Grenadier Division in Leipzig. Brinkmann then completed a master's degree at the National War College in Washington DC, which he completed as a Master of Science in National Security Strategy. From 2009 to 2012 he was group leader G3 operations and exercises in Army command deployed in Koblenz. Another ministerial assignment followed as Head of Military Policy Europe and Eurasia in the Federal Ministry of Defense in Berlin. From July 2014 to October 2015 Brinkmann, was promoted to brigadier general, as a Senior Military Advisor in the UN mission UNAMA in Afghanistan in foreign assignment. After his return, he took up the post of Deputy Head of Office of the Armed Forces Office on December 1, 2015. He gave this to Colonel on July 1, 2018 Exit Frank Schmitz. Brinkmann became Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS) Plans in the Multinational Corps North-East in Szczecin, Poland.





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COMMANDER SEBASTIAN KAHLERT, GERMAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OFFICE OF DATA PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

After finishing Reserve Officer Training at the German Army, CDR Sebastian Kahlert studied law at the University of Hannover Law School with focus on International Humanitarian Law and European Law. After his Legal Internship and second state examination, he was a lawyer with a private company and then joined the German Armed Forces again in 2013 to become Staff Officer (Legal) with the German Navy Headquarters' M1 branch. Since 2018, CDR Kahlert is with German MoD - Office of the Data Privacy Commissioner, with focus on Military Intelligence. He also works on legal questions concerning the use of Artificial Intelligence and other complex IT Systems in the Military, when personal data is being processed, including the international transfer of personal data.



MR. CANDID WUEEST, VICE PRESIDENT OF CYBER PROTECT RESEARCH AT ACRONIS

Mr. Candid Wueest is the VP of Cyber Protect Research at Acronis, the Swiss-Singaporean cyber protection company, where he researches on new threat trends and comprehensive protection methods. Previously he worked for more than sixteen years as the tech lead for Symantec's global security response team. Wueest has published a book, various whitepapers and has been featured as a security expert in top-tier media outlets. He is a frequent speaker at security-related conferences including RSAC and AREA41. Wueest is an advisor for the Swiss federal government on cyber risks. He learned coding and the English language on a Commodore 64. He holds a Master of Computer Science from the ETH Zurich and various certifications and patents.





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COLONEL MICHAEL BOCK, STAFF OFFICER, GERMAN CYBER AND INFORMATION DOMAIN SERVICE

Graduate, College of Information and Cyberspace 2021

Colonel Bock enlisted in the Army in June of 1981 as an officer candidate. He served till 1994 as an airborne officer in various positions up to company commander and obtained the rank of Captain. His first assignment as a general staff officer was the Operations Officer in the G6 Division of the 4th Army Corps in Potsdam, followed by a commitment as Operations Officer in the German Special Forces Command. As a desk officer in the Ministry of Defense in Bonn, he reorganized the German Army Signal forces. He gained international expertise at the Joint Forces Command HQ in Brunssum, the Netherlands, responsible for the Deployable CIS of the NATO Response Force (NRF) 7&8.

Consequently, he served in the Bundeswehr Army Forces HQ as CIS Operations Officer, where he planned and executed the implementation of the new Army Tactical C2 System, especially for the German contingent in ISAF, Afghanistan. Assigned to the 1st Armored Division as Division Head G6 in Hanover, he was promoted to Colonel. He served in that assignment also as Operations Officer in the ISAF HQ, Afghanistan, as part of ISAF DCOS Support with responsibility for Afghanistan Security Forces (ANSF) sustainability. His recent position was Division Head IT Training Bundeswehr within the new Cyber and Information Domain Service in Bonn. He currently serves again in the Cyber and Information Domain Service in Bonn. His education and training as an officer comprised from 1982 to 1985 as 2nd Lieutenant the achievement of a master's degree in Economics at the Federal Armed Forces University in Hamburg. After his tour as a company commander, he attended the National General Staff Course at the Führungsakademie Bundeswehr, Hamburg. Promoted to LtCol, he visited the General Staff Course at the Royal Danish Defense College in Copenhagen, Denmark. The following two years, he was part of their instructional staff and responsible for a syndicate lead and as a specialist for Russian Foreign Policy, the Baltic Sea Region, and teaching in Theory of War. He also completed the Senior Course at the NATO Defense College (NDC) in Rome, Italy. In 2020, he joined the College of Information and Cyberspace, receiving a Master of Science in Government Information Leadership in 2021. Overall, he possesses 40 years of military experience in national and international staff, operations, CIS deployment, and CIS training.





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COLONEL (RET) JORGE ASCUNCE, U.S. MARINE CORPS

Deputy Director, International Student Management Office

Jorge Ascunce is the Deputy Director of the International Student Management Office at the National Defense University. Previously, he deployed to Afghanistan where he served as the Strategic Logistics Planning and Policy Analyst for the Sustainment Enterprise Advisory Group, ISAF, developing long range sustainment plans for the Afghan forces. He is a career United States Marine Corps officer. He began his time in the Marines as an infantryman, then transitioned into logistics where he spent the remainder of his career. He served in the highest staff levels as the Executive Officer, Logistics Directorate, the Joint Staff, commanded one of the Corps' largest brigade-level training detachments, and

served in combat during Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. He retired from the USMC in spring 2013. He assumed his current duties in June 2014 after returning from Afghanistan.



FAITH SSEBIKINDU

*Director, Outreach and Continuing Engagement,
College of International Security Affairs*

Ms. Faith Ssebikindu joined the College of International Security Affairs (CISA) at National Defense University as Director of Continuing Engagement in November 2016. She comes to CISA from Georgetown University, where she spent the last six years working closely with alumni in an effort to maximize their engagement and support. A career relationship builder, Ms. Ssebikindu has served as the Director of Development for Washington Christian Academy, Donor Services Coordinator for Georgetown University Hospital, and Outreach Coordinator for University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Ms.

Ssebikindu received a Bachelors in Microbiology from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, a Master of Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh, and a graduate certificate in Non-profit Management from Georgetown University.



DEVIN HESS

Alumni Coordinator, International Student Management Office

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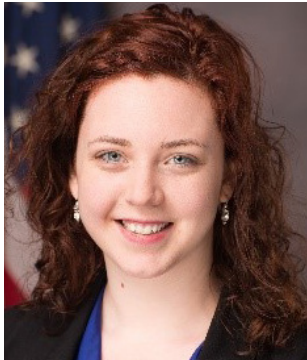




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