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Dr. Spencer B. Meredith III serves as an Associate Professor of National Security Strategy at the National Defense University (NDU) / College of International Security Affairs (CISA) / Joint Special Operations Master of Arts (JSOMA) program. With two decades of research and support to governance and conflict mitigation, his principle areas of expertise are Russian, Eastern European, and Middle Eastern politics. Focused on hybrid warfare and countering peer-adversary influence, he is a Subject Matter Expert for multiple Geographic Combatant Command, Intelligence Community, and Joint Special Operations efforts. He has briefed at the National Security Council multiple times, and presented and participated in multiple USG and NATO senior leader events. His current work focuses on democratization and the human domain in great power competition.

With a doctorate from the University of Virginia in Government and Foreign Affairs, as well as a Fulbright Scholarship to the Republic of Georgia, Dr. Meredith has a broad record of scholarship. His first book, *Nuclear Energy Safety and International Cooperation: Closing the World's Most Dangerous Reactors* (2014) resulted from work with key US Interagency and partner nations in Eastern Europe. His articles have appeared in peer-reviewed journals ranging from *Communist Studies and Transition Politics*, *Peace and Conflict Studies*, *Central European Political Science Review*, to *Special Operations Journal*; as well as in professional publications including *Strategy Bridge*, *Small Wars Journal*, *Inter-Agency Journal*, *Special Warfare*, and *Foreign Policy Journal*. He is a regular contributor to Joint Staff White Papers on the contemporary and emerging security environment, as well as frequent advisor for Special Operations commands and subordinate units at Fort Bragg.

Dr. Meredith and LTC Maloney lead the “SOF Paradigm in Great Power Competition” project for the *Future of Global Competition and Conflict* SMA. They are co-authoring a forthcoming book looking specifically at hybrid warfare in great power competition, focused on special operations as a critical element of national security strategy.

LTC Mike Maloney

Lieutenant Colonel Mike P. Maloney currently serves at the United States Army Special Operations Command, culminating two decades working within the Special Operations community. His experience areas include counter-terrorism, transnational criminal activity, and international affairs in Europe, the Middle East, and Latin America. He is currently focusing research on the global security environment and the United States' return to the great power competition space, specifically the role of Special Operations Forces within that arena.