

Meredith, Eltsov, and Davidson Biographies

Dr. Spencer Meredith is a Professor of National Security Strategy at the National Defense University. As a faculty member in the College of International Security Affairs/Joint Special Operations Master of Arts program at Fort Bragg, Dr. Meredith works closely with the US Special Operations community. His efforts include development of operationally relevant research for the US Army JFK Special Warfare Center and School, strategic assessments for Theater Special Operations planning efforts, and participation in senior leader events at US Special Operations Command headquarters. He serves as Strategic Advisor and Russia Subject Matter Expert at the US Joint Special Operations Command, and as well for the US Army Special Operations Command *Ukraine Irregular Warfare Working Group*. Dr. Meredith has worked on the Russia problem set for more than two decades, including as a Fulbright Scholar in Georgia in 2007. For the past decade, he has also worked closely with Ukrainian government and NGO groups to strengthen resilience against Russian aggression.

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Professor Carolyne Davidson is an Assistant Professor at National Defense University's College of International Security Affairs where she teaches in the Joint Special Operations Master of Arts program at Ft. Bragg. Carolyne is a historian whose research interests lie in the intersections between strategic and security studies, history and policy, particularly in terms of the concept of multilateralism and alliances, grand strategy, American foreign relations, and the international history of the Cold War. More recently she has helped establish an Irregular Warfare Community of Interest in conjunction with other military and civilian researchers in partnership with the US Army JFK Special Warfare Center and School. Before coming to JSOMA, Carolyne held fellowships at the Brookings Institution, Sciences-Po, and the European Union's Institute for Security Studies. She graduated from Cambridge University with a first-class degree in Social and Political Science and Law, and was awarded the Paul Mellon Fellowship to Yale University where she completed an LL.M at Yale Law School, as well as an MA and M.Phil in History. Her current research focuses on NATO and resilience, and she has a chapter forthcoming in Elie Baranets and Andrew Novo (eds) *Transatlantic Relations and the Return of Great-Power Competition*, University of Michigan Press.