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Current position

Since August 2015 : **Associate Professor**, department of political science and public administration.
Member of the *Center for War Studies*.
University of Southern Denmark (SDU).

Since June 2015 : **Vice-president and scientific director** of the French Association for War and Strategic Studies (AEGES)

Education

2010-2014: **PhD**, Department of War Studies, King's College London.

2008-2010: **Master in International Affairs**, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.

2004-2009: **Master in Political Science**, Sciences Po, Aix en Provence.

Other responsibilities

Since June 2015: **External Lecturer**, French defence college (École de Guerre), Royal Danish defence college (Forsvarsakademiet), Netherlands defence academy (Nederlandse Defensie Academie).

Since May 2015 : **Associate researcher** with the Chair in War Studies, Collège d'Études Mondiales, Paris.

Reviewer for *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *European Review of International Studies*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Cambridge Review in International Affairs*, Oxford University Press et *Politique Européenne*.

Member of the *International Studies Association*, the *British International Studies Association*, *European International Studies Association*, and the *Association Française de Science Politique*.

Research experience

March-June 2018: Visiting Professor, Programme in International Relations, New York University.

January-February 2018: Visiting Professor, Centre Thucydide, University Paris-II, Panthéon-Assas.

Since June 2016: Visiting Professor, University of Montréal Centre for International Studies (CÉRIUM).

September 2014-June 2015, University of Montréal Centre for International Studies (CÉRIUM).
Post-doctoral research fellow.

September 2010- June 2013: Strategic Research Institute Ecole Militaire (IRSEM).
Associate researcher.

January-August 2013: Sciences Po Paris, CERI.
Visiting fellow.

June-December 2011: International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS).
Research assistant for naval forces and maritime security. Defence and Military Analysis Programme.

January 2009-June 2010: Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF).
Research assistant (part-time). Information and resources Unit.

Policy-making experience

Since September 2010: French Navy.
Reserve officer.

January-September 2012: NATO.
Consultant. Operations division/OPS B (Afghanistan).

January-September 2008: Policy Planning Staff. French Ministry of Defence.
Desk officer for Germany and Central Europe.

September 2006-June 2007: Military Mission, French Embassy in Berlin.
Intern.

Awards

2015 best article in Strategy award, Conseil Supérieur de la Formation et de la Recherche Stratégique.

Patricia Weitsman Award 2015 (best paper by a graduate student), International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association.

Alexander George Award 2012 (best paper by a graduate student), Foreign Policy Analysis Section, International Studies Association.

Grants

Danish Research Council, “stay abroad” grant for the research project “learning from Afghanistan), 2018. 212.037DKK

Gerda Henkel Foundation, support for the research project “learning from Afghanistan” (data collection and research assistants), 2017-2019. 28.000€

Department of Political Science, SDU, “seed money” funding to collect data for the project “Russian diplomatic practices”, 2017. 48.000DKK

Department of Political Science, SDU, internal research grant to collect data on the project “the politics of conflict classification”, 2017. 8000DKK

Canadian Defence Engagement Programme, support for a conference on “the future of warfare”, Montréal, June 2015, 9000CAD.

Center for Military Studies, University of Copenhagen, post-doctoral fellowship 2015-2017 (declined).

Eisenhower Fellowship 2015, NATO Defence College (declined).

Complementary fellowship, Center for International Peace and Security (CIPSS), Université de Montréal-McGill University, 2014-2015.

Transatlantic Post-Doc Fellowship for International Relations and Security (TAPIR) 2014 (declined).

Harvard Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs pre-doctoral fellowship 2013 (declined).

PhD scholarship, Délégation Générale pour l'Armement, 2010-2013.

Graduate Institute, full scholarship 2008-2010.

Work in Progress

“Decline in denial: France since 1945”, book chapter in a collective volume on *Coping with Geopolitical Decline* edited by Frédéric Mérand.

“Learning from Afghanistan: patterns of conflict adaptation in Western armed forces”

“Russian diplomatic practices in multilateral security institutions”

PhD Supervision

Tanja Marie Hansen, “Explaining the Absence of Terrorist Claim-Making”.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

In English

French Defence Policy since the End of the Cold War. Drivers, Debates, Developments, Abingdon: Routledge (forthcoming in 2019 ; with Alice Pannier).

Allies that Count : Junior Partners in Coalition Warfare, Washington, DC : Georgetown University Press (forthcoming in 2018).

Raymond Aron and International Relations (ed.), Abingdon, Routledge (forthcoming in 2018).

In French

Peace and War. Contemporary Approaches to Security and Strategy (La Guerre et la Paix. Approches Contemporaines de la Sécurité et de la Stratégie), Paris : Presses de Sciences Po (forthcoming in 2019, with Charles-Philippe David).

Is Putin our Ally? (Pourquoi Poutine est notre allié?), Lille: Hikari Editions, 2017.

War and Strategy, Approaches, Concepts. (Guerre et Stratégie. Approches, Concepts) (co-edited with Stéphane Taillat et Joseph Henrotin), Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 2015.

Germany and the European Security and Defence Policy (La RFA et la Politique Européenne de Sécurité et de Défense). Paris, l'Harmattan, 2009.

Peer-reviewed articles

In English

“International Organization at War: NATO practices in the Afghan Campaign”, *Cooperation and Conflict*, 2017, Vol. 52, No. 4.

“French and Danish Foreign Policy Think-Tanks in Comparison”, *The International Spectator*, 2017, Vol. 52, No. 1 (with Jon Rabhek-Clemmensen).

“French Military Adaptation in the Afghan War : Looking Inward or Outward ?”, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, 2017, Vol. 40, No. 4.

“The Reluctant Atlanticist : France’s Security and Defence Policy in a Transatlantic Context”, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, 2017, Vol. 40, No. 4.

“A War Worth Fighting? The Libyan Intervention in Retrospect”, *International Politics Review*, 2015, Vol. 3, No. 1.

“Institutionalised Cooperation and Policy Convergence in European Defence: Lessons from the Relations between France, Germany and the United Kingdom”, *European Security*, 2014, Vol. 23, No. 3, (with Alice Pannier).

“A Tragic Lack of Ambitions. Why EU Security Policy is no Strategy”, *Contemporary Security Policy*, 2013, Vol. 34, No. 2.

“Strategic Users of Culture: German Decisions for Military Action”, *Contemporary Security Policy*, 2012, Vol. 33, No. 1.

In French

“The Nobility of States: Hierarchy and Power in the International System (La Noblesse des États. Hiérarchie et Puissance au sein du Système International)”, *Revue Française de Science Politique*, 2016, Vol. 66, No. 3-4.

“Alexandr Dugin and Russian conspiracy theories (Alexandre Douguine et le Conspirationisme russe)”, *Diogène*, 2016, N. 249-250 (with Stéphane François).

“On strategic research. Avoiding common misunderstandings (De la Recherche Stratégique. Pour éviter quelques incompréhensions)”, *Revue Défense Nationale*, 2016, n°786.

“The French Far-Right and the World. An ‘alternative’ view of international relations (L’Extrême-Droite et le Monde. Une Vision ‘Alternative’ des Relations Internationales)”, *Interrogations*, 2015, n°21 (with Stéphane François).

“Europeanisation or NATO-isation? The UK, France and Germany in Afghanistan (Européanisation ou Oتانisation? La Grande-Bretagne, la France et l’Allemagne en Afghanistan)”, *Politique Européenne*, 2015, n°48.

“Accessing confidential data in a military environment: methodological and ethical issues (L’Accès aux Données Confidentielles en Milieu Militaire: Problèmes Méthodologiques et Ethiques d’un Positionnement Intermédiaire)”, *Les Champs de Mars*, 2015, n°27.

“Unity or strength? The challenges of contemporary multinational operations (L’Union ou la Force? Les Défis des Opérations Multinationales Contemporaines)”, *Focus Stratégique*, n° 55, IFRI, 2015.

“NATO and the end of the expeditionary model (L’OTAN et la fin du Modèle Expéditionnaire)”, *Revue Défense Nationale*, 2012, N°752.

“Germany and the creation of the European Security and Defence Policy (L’Allemagne et la Création de la Politique Européenne de Sécurité et de Défense)”, *Les Cahiers d’Histoire Immédiate*, N°35, 2009.

Book chapters

In English

“Alliances and Coalitions”, in Alexandra Gheciu and William Wholforth (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of International Security*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018 (forthcoming, with Sten Rynning).

“Defence Studies as War Studies”, in David J. Galbreath and John R. Deni (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Defence Studies*, Abingdon: Routledge, 2018 (forthcoming).

“France”, in Hugo Meijer and Marco Weiss (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of European Armed Forces*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018 (forthcoming, with Sten Rynning).

“Raymond Aron: the First Realist-Constructivist?”, in Olivier Schmitt (ed.), *Raymond Aron and International Relations*, Abingdon: Routledge, 2018 (forthcoming).

“The Causes, Character and Conduct of Armed Conflict, and the Effects on Civilian Populations, 1990-2010”, in Volker Türk, Alice Edwards and Cornelis Wouters (eds.), *In Flight from Conflict and Violence. Refugee Status and Other Forms of International Protections*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017 (with Theo Farrell).

“International Sanctions”, in Thierry Balzacq and Myriam Dunn Calvety (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Security Studies*, Abingdon: Routledge, 2016.

“Of Politics and Policies. Thinking Strategically about the EU”, in Andrea Locatelli and Lorenzo Cladi (sous la dir.), *The Common Security and Defence Policy and International Relations Theory*, Abingdon: Routledge, 2015.

“French Strategic Culture”, in Bastian Giegerich, Heiko Biehl and Alexandra Jonas (sous la dir.): *Strategic Cultures in Europe*, Munich: VS Verlag, 2013 (with Bastien Irondelle).

In French

“French defence policy since 1962 (La Politique de Défense Française de 1962 à nos Jours)”, in Olivier Wieviorka (ed.), *Nouvelle Histoire Militaire de la France vol. 2*, Paris: Perrin, 2018 (forthcoming).

“The Regional Dimension of Diplomacy (La Régionalisation de la Diplomatie)”, in Thierry Balzacq, Frédéric Ramel and Frédéric Charillon (eds.), *Manuel de Diplomatie*, Paris : Presses de Sciences Po, 2017 (forthcoming, with Stephanie Hofmann).

“Raymond Aron : the French Realist (Raymond Aron, le réaliste Français)”, in Olivier Zajec (ed.), *Le Réalisme Européen*, Paris : Buchet-Chastel, 2018 (forthcoming).

“The Multinational Framework of French Military Interventions (Le Cadre Multinational des OPEXs Françaises)”, in *Dictionnaire des OPEXs*, Paris : Nouveau Monde, 2018 (forthcoming).

“Are International Sanctions Useless ? (Les Sanctions Internationales sont-elles Inefficaces ?)” in Sonia le Gouriellec (ed.), *Comprendre la Sécurité Internationale*, Paris : Armand Colin, 2017.

“Is French Foreign Policy aligned on the United States? (La Politique Étrangère de la France est-elle Alignée sur les États-Unis?)”, in Sonia le Gouriellec (ed.), *Comprendre la Sécurité Internationale*, Paris : Armand Colin, 2017.

“NATO”, “Strategic culture”, “Alliances”, “The Gulf War”, “Military Effectiveness”, in Benoît Durieux, Jean-Baptiste Jeangène Vilmer and Frédéric Ramel (eds.), *Dictionnaire de la Guerre*, Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 2017.

“Coercion (La Coercition)”, in Joseph Henrotin, Olivier Schmitt and Stéphane Taillat (eds.), *Guerre et Stratégie. Approches, Concepts*, Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 2015.

“History of Strategic thinking (Histoire de la Pensée Stratégique)”, in Joseph Henrotin, Olivier Schmitt et Stéphane Taillat (eds.), *Guerre et Stratégie. Approches, Concepts*, Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 2015 (with Joseph Henrotin et Stéphane Taillat).

“Theories of irregular warfare (Les Théories de la Guerre Irrégulière)”, in Jean Baechler et Jean-Vincent Holeindre (eds.), *Penseurs de la Stratégie*, Paris: Hermann, 2014.

“Blogging and International Relations (Bloguer les Relations Internationales)”, in Thierry Balzacq et Frédéric Ramel (eds.), *Traité de Relations Internationales*, Paris: Presses de Sciences Po, 2013 (with Bénédicte Tratnjek).

“Explaining state-initiated military violence through strategic culture (Expliquer la Violence Militaire d’Etat: La Culture Stratégique comme Outil d’Analyse du recours à la Force Armée)”, in Cynthia Salloum et Benjamin Brice (eds.): *Penser la Violence Collective*, Paris: NUVIS, 2013.

“British Military adaptation in the Helmand Campaign (L’Apprentissage des Forces Armées Britanniques lors de la Campagne du Helmand)”, in Michel Goya et Camille Sicourmat (eds.): *L’Académie de la Boue : Regards Croisés sur l’Apprentissage des Forces Armées*, Paris: IRSEM, 2012.

Non-peer reviewed research articles

“Thinking Strategically About Sanctions”, *Paris Papers n°4*, IRSEM. Avril 2012.

“France in Libya: A Strategic Perspective on Operation Harmattan”, *Infinity Journal*, July 2011

Research diffusion

“Frogs of War: Explaining the New French Military Interventionism”, *War on the Rocks*, October 2015 (with Jean -Baptiste Jeangène Vilmer).

“Multinational military cooperations as a tool of American power (Les Coopérations Multinationales comme Vecteur de la Puissance Militaire Américaine)”, *Questions Internationales*, May-August 2015.

“Coercion and Airpower (Coercition et Puissance Aérienne)”, *Histoire et Stratégie*, n°39, 2014.

“Brave New World? Weighing the US strategic Options after 9/11 (Le Meilleur des Mondes ? Evaluation des Alternatives aux Choix Stratégiques des Etats-Unis après le 11 Septembre)”, *Défense et Sécurité Internationale*, n°102, avril 2014.

“The utility of strategic studies (De l’Utilité des Etudes Stratégiques)”, *Défense et Sécurité Internationale*, n°100, février 2014.

“The specificities of French strategic culture (Les Spécificités de la Culture Stratégique Française)”, *Défense et Sécurité Internationale*, hors-série n°31, 2013.

Book reviews

“Weapon of Choice. Small Arms and the Culture of Military Innovation, by Matthew Ford”, *International Affairs*, 2018.

“The Emergence of Globalism. Visions of World Order in Britain and the United States, 1939-1950, by Or Rosenboim”, *Lectures/Liens socio*, 31 July 2017.

“Le Procès des Droits de l’Homme. Généalogie du Scepticisme Démocratique, by Justine Lacroix and Jean-Yves Pranchère”, *Politique Etrangère*, 2016.

“Order Within Anarchy. The Laws of War as an International Institution, by James D. Morrow”, *Revue Française de Science Politique*, 2015.

“The Future of Violence. Robots and Germs, Hackers and Drones, by Benjamin Wittes and Gabriela Blum”, *Politique Etrangère*, 2015.

“La Guerre en question. Conflits contemporains, théorie politique et débats normatifs, by Julie Saada (ed.)”, *Politique Etrangère*, 2015.

“Intégration et Déviance au Sein du Système International, by Soraya Sidani”, *Lectures/Liens socio*, 26 February 2015.

“My Enemy’s Enemy. Proxy Warfare in International Politics, by Geraint Hughes”, *Politique Etrangère*, 2012.

“Coalitions of Convenience, United States Military Interventions after the Cold War, by Sarah E. Kreps”, *International Affairs*, 2012.

“The Gun, the AK-47 and the Evolution of War, by C.J Chivers”, *Les Champs de Mars*, N°21, August 2011.

Médias and op-eds (selected)

Interviews with France Culture, France 24, Le Devoir, Planète Terre, La Presse, RFI, Radio Canada, BBC, DSI.

“S’allier à la Russie serait contraire à nos intérêts”, *HuffingtonPost.fr*, 25 November 2016 (with Bruno Tertrais, Nicolas Tenzer and Nicolas Hénin).

“Peut-on espionner ses alliés?”, *Le Monde.fr*, 27 June 2015 (with Olivier Chopin and Yves Trotignon).

“Cessons de servir la propagande russe”, *Le Monde*, 15 August 2014.

“Quels avions pour Alep?”, *Le Monde.fr*, 15 August 2012 (with Jean-Baptiste Jeangène Vilmer).

“Du mauvais usage de l’histoire dans la contre-insurrection”, *Le Monde*, 3 November 2010.

Guest lectures and invited talks (selected)

“Irregular Warfare and New Technologies”, conference “Polemos Reloaded”, University of Vienna, 13-14 November 2018.

“The EU in the Middle East”, Warsaw Security Forum, 8-9 November 2018.

“Soft Power and Hard Power”, Les Géopolitiques de Brest, 26-27 January 2017.

“Examining the Motives for Military Interventions”, Strategic Research Institute Ecole Militaire, Paris, 2 December 2016.

“Can France still have a defence policy?”, Diplomatic Academy, Vienna, 28 November 2016.

“The Role of Think Tanks and Technical Experts in Foreign and Security Policy”, LUISS school of government/Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome, 22 avril 2016.

“Studying International Practices in a Multinational Security Framework: the Case of NATO”, University of Copenhagen, 26 November 2015.

“Junior Partners in Coalition Warfare”, New York University, 17 May 2015.

“Continuités et changements dans la grande stratégie américaine après le 11 septembre”, colloque *Qui Décide à Washington? La Fabrique de la Politique Etrangère Américaine*, Université du Québec à Montréal, 27 Mars 2015 (with Jean-Vincent Holeindre).

“The international security environment and the challenges for civil aviation”, colloquium *Flying*

Safe: The Challenges of Civil Aviation in the 21st Century, Organisation de l'Aviation Civile Internationale (OACI), 4 December 2014, Montréal (with Charles-Philippe David).

“Policy convergence in European Defence”, *Centre of Excellence on the European Union*, McGill University, 12 Septembre 2014.

Presentations at academic conferences (selected)

June 2017 : *Decline in Denial ? France since 1945*, British International Studies Association annual meeting, Brighton.

February 2017: *Decline in Denial ? France since 1945*, International Studies Association annual meeting, Baltimore.

March 2016: *NATO Practices in the Afghanistan War/ Strategic Narratives and Political Myths*, International Studies Association annual meeting, Atlanta.

February 2015: *French Military Adaptation in Afghanistan, an Exceptional Experience?*, International Studies Association annual meeting, New Orleans.

July 2014: *Les Opérations Multinationales et le futur de la Guerre/ Raymond Aron penseur de la stratégie*, International Political Science Association annual meeting, Montréal.

March 2014: *Raymond Aron and the Theory of International Relations. The First Realist Constructivist?/ The Utility of Junior Partners in Coalition Warfare*, International Studies Association annual meeting, Toronto.

June 2013: *Institutionalised Cooperation and Policy Convergence in European Defence: Lessons from the Relations between France, Germany and the United Kingdom* (avec Alice Pannier), British International Studies Association annual meeting, Birmingham.

April 2013: *The Politics of Multinational Military Interventions/ International cooperation and military change: the Franco-German couple's impact on military transformation in France and Germany*, International Studies Association annual meeting, San Francisco.

June 2012: *Coalition warfare: a framework for analysis*, British International Studies Association/International Studies Association joint conference, Edinburgh.

April 2012: Roundtable “Cheese-eating surrender monkeys: Reassessing the French contribution to international security”, with John Mearsheimer, William Wohlforth, Pascal Vennesson and Frédéric Charillon, chaired by Theo Farrell. International Studies Association annual Meeting, San Diego.

March 2011: *Explaining the Use of Military Force in ESDP Operations*, International Studies Association annual meeting, Montreal.

September 2010: *Alliance politics and military effectiveness* (avec Stephanie Hofmann), American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington, DC.

July 2010: *The military effectiveness of coalition warfare*, 10th CISS millennium conference, Venise.