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<b>Current position</b>	<i>Professor (with special responsibilities), Center for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark (SDU).</i>	2019- ...
<b>Previous academic positions</b>	<i>Director of Research and Studies, French Institute of Higher National Defence Studies (IHEDN). On secondment from SDU.</i>	2020-2022
	<i>Director of the Center for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark.</i>	2019- 2020
	<i>Associate professor, department of political science, University of Southern Denmark.</i>	2015- 2019
	<i>Post-doctoral research fellow, Center for International Security Policy, McGill University/University of Montreal</i>	2014- 2015
<b>Research experiences</b>	<i>Visiting professor, New York University, Program in International Relations</i>	2018
	<i>Visiting professor, University Paris II- Panthéon Assas</i>	2018
	<i>Visiting research fellow, Sciences Po Paris</i>	2013
	<i>Research analyst, International Institute for Strategic Studies</i>	2011
	<i>Research assistant, Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)</i>	2009- 2010
<b>Education</b>	<i>PhD. Department of War Studies, King's College London</i>	2010-2014
	<i>Master in International Affairs, Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva</i>	2008-2010
	<i>BA and MA in Political Science, Sciences Po Aix</i>	2004-2009
<b>Policy-Making Experience</b>	<i>Reserve officer (major), French Air and Space force</i>	2010-...
	<i>Consultant. Operations division. NATO.</i>	2012
	<i>Desk officer for Germany and Central Europe, Policy Planning Staff, French ministry of Defence.</i>	2008
	<i>Intern, French military mission to Germany.</i>	2006-2007

## Other responsibilities

*Since June 2022: **Member*** of the “P5 Young Professional Network on Strategic Stability”, organized by the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique and the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

*Since January 2019: **Scientific Board member***, French Association for War and Strategic Studies (AEGES)

◇ 2017-2019: Vice-President and Scientific Director

◇ 2015-2017: Founding Member and Secretary General

*Since 2017: **Board member***, European Initiative in Security Studies (EISS).

*2017-2020: **Member***, Independent Scientific Evaluation Group, NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme.

**Editorial board member** of *International Politics, Defense and Security Analysis, Les Champs de Mars, Vortex, Le Rubicon*.

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

## Awards

*Best article published in International Affairs 2020, Journal International Affairs.*

*Best Article in Strategy Award 2015, Conseil Supérieur de la Formation et de la Recherche Stratégique.*

*Patricia Weitsman Award 2015, International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association.*

*Alexander George Award 2012, Foreign Policy Analysis Section, International Studies Association.*

## Grants

Independent Research Fund Denmark, Research Project “Learning from Afghanistan”, 2018-2020. 1.222.000DKK (164.000€)

Carlsberg Foundation, “Distinguished Associate Professor Fellowship” for the project “Transforming Armed Forces in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”, 2018-2021. 3.890.000DKK (523.000€)

Independent Research Fund Denmark, “stay abroad” grant for the research project “Learning from Afghanistan”, 2018. 212.037DKK (28.500€)

Gerda Henkel Foundation, support for the research project “Learning from Afghanistan”, 2017-2019. 28.000€

Department of Political Science, SDU, “seed money” funding to collect data for the project “Russian diplomatic practices”, 2017. 48.000DKK (6500€)

Eisenhower Fellowship 2015, NATO Defence College (declined).

**PhD  
supervision**

Tanja Marie Hansen, “Explaining the Absence of Terrorist Claim-Making” (Defended in May 2021). *Current position*: Assistant Professor, Aarhus University.

Vicky Karyoti, “The integration of AI in the U.S Armed Forces: A Military Revolution?” (Defended in January 2022). *Current position*: Senior Researcher, Swedish Institute for International Affairs.

Michael Gjerstad, “Russian Military Change in Ukraine and Syria” (Defended in May 2022). *Current position*: Teaching Fellow, Royal Danish Defence College.

Per Jacob Lindgaard, “Military Organizational Culture and Doctrinal Change” (Since January 2020)

Raphaël Briant, “European Air Power” (since January 2021, co-supervision with University Paris-II)

Pierre Mougel, “Nationalist youth groups and Russian military power” (since October 2022, co-supervision with University Paris-II)

**Classes taught**

*At Paris-II:*

- Military Power (2021/2022), MA

*At SDU:*

- International Security (2018/2020), MA
- International Organisations (2016/2017), MA
- Theories of International Relations (2015/2016), MA
- The Conduct of Contemporary Warfare (2016/2017), MA
- The Study of Contemporary Conflicts (2017/2019), MA

*At Sciences Po:*

- Theories of International Relations (2014), MA
- Contemporary Security Issues (2013/2014), BA

*At King's College London:*

- The Causes of War (2011), BA
- The Art of War Studies (2010/2011), BA

**Research in  
progress**

“The Alliance Strategic Dilemma in International Politics”

“Declaring Innovation: Military Change in the US, France and Russia” (with Vicky Karyoti and Michael Gjerstad)

“Alliances shifts and defence industries: evidences from Czechia and Estonia” (with Lucie Béraud-Sudreau)

“Civil-military relations in the French Ministry of Armed Forces” (with Antoine Maire)

## Publications

### Monographs

*French Defence Policy since the End of the Cold War*. Abingdon, Routledge, 2020, (with Alice Pannier).

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

*La Transformation des Armées: Mécanismes, Enjeux, Défis* (Transforming Armed Forces: Mechanisms, Issues, Challenges), Paris, Presses Universitaires de France, 2023 (forthcoming).

*La Guerre et la Paix. Approches Contemporaines de la Sécurité et de la Stratégie*, (War and Peace: Contemporary Approaches to Security and Strategy) Paris, Presses de Sciences Po, 2020, (with Charles-Philippe David).

*Pourquoi Poutine est notre Allié? Anatomie d'une Passion Française* (Is Putin our Ally? Anatomy of a French Passion), Lille, Hikari Editions, 2017.

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

### Edited volumes

*Wartime. Temporality and the Decline of Western Military Power*, London and Washington, DC, Chatham House/Brookings Institution Press, 2020 (co-edited with Sten Rynning and Amelie Theussen).

*Raymond Aron and International Relations*, Abingdon, Routledge, 2018.

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

### Peer-reviewed articles

"NATO's Strategic Concept. Responding to Russia and China", *Defence Studies*, 2022, early view (with E.J. Herold and Stanley Sloan).

### In English

"Ideology and Influence in the Debate over Russian Election Interference", *International Politics*, 2021, Vol. 58, No.5 (with Vincent Keating).

"Wartime Paradigms and the Future of Western Military Power", *International Affairs*, 2020, Vol. 96, No.2.

"How to Subvert an International Order. Russian Diplomatic Practices in Multilateral Security Organisations", *European Journal of International Relations*, 2020, Vol. 26. No.3.

"More Allies, Weaker Missions? How Junior Partners Contribute to Multinational Military Operations", *Contemporary Security Policy*, 2019, Vol.40, No.1.

"To Fight Another Day. France between the Fight against Terrorism and Future Warfare", *International Affairs*, 2019, Vol. 95, No.4 (with Alice Pannier).

“When are Strategic Narratives Effective? The Shaping of Political Discourse through the Interaction between Political Myths and Strategic Narratives”, *Contemporary Security Policy*, 2018, Vol. 39, No. 3.

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

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

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

“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*

“Defence cooperation in the 21st Century : the Bright Future of an Old Practice (Les Coopérations de Défense au 21<sup>e</sup> Siècle, le Bel Avenir d’une Pratique Ancienne)”, *Les Champs de Mars*, 2019, No. 32.

“Raymond Aron : the Realism of Liberal Norms (Raymond Aron, le Réalisme des Normes Libérales)”, *Annuaire Français des Relations Internationales*, 2019, Vol. 20.

“From Temporary to Permanent Allies : Historical Developments in Alliances (De l’allié temporaire à l’alliance permanente : développements historiques des alliances)”, *Inflexions*, 2019, Vol. 41 (with Guillaume Lasconjarias).

“Conventional Arms Control and European Security: Dangers on the Horizon (Maîtrise des armements conventionnels et sécurité européenne : la montée des périls)”, *Les Champs de Mars*, 2018, No. 30.

“Innovation in the Armed Forces (Innover dans les forces armées)”, *Revue Défense Nationale*, 2018, No. 810.

*Si Vis Pacem, Intellege Bellum*. The Study of War and Defense Planning (Étudier la Guerre pour Préparer la Défense)”, *Note de Recherche*, IRSEM, 2017, No. 38.

“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)”, *Diogenes*, 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 Otanisation? 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*

“French Army Tactics”, in Mikael Weissmann and Niklas Nilsson (eds.), *Advanced Land Warfare: Tactics and Operations*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023 (forthcoming).

“France and NATO”, in Jim Sperling and Mark Webber (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of NATO*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023, (forthcoming).

“Beyond the ‘Strange Defeat’. French Defence Policy and the Memories of WWII”, in Mathias Strohn (ed.), *The Long Shadow of World War II. The Legacy of the War on Political and Military Thinking, 1945-2000*, Lawrence: Casemate Academic, 2021.

“Decline in Denial. France since 1945”, in Frédéric Mérand (ed.), *Coping with Geopolitical Decline*, Montréal: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2020.

“France: Between Autonomy and Allies”, in Gary J. Schmitt (ed.), *A Hard Look at Hard Power. Assessing the Defense Capabilities of Key US Allies and Security Partners*, 2nd ed., Carlisle: US Army War College Press, 2020

“Supranational Diplomats”, in Thierry Balzacq, Frédéric Ramel and Frédéric Charillon (eds.), *Understanding International Diplomacy*, Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan, 2020, (with Stephanie Hofmann)

“The Vienna Document and the Russian Challenge to the European Security Architecture”, in Beatrice Heuser, Tormod Heier and Guillaume Lasconjarias (eds.), *Military Exercises: Political Messaging and Strategic Impact*, Rome: NATO Defence College, 2018.

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

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

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

“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 (eds.), *The Common Security and Defence Policy and International Relations Theory*, Abingdon: Routledge, 2015.

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

#### *In French*

“Alliances and multilateralism” (Alliances et Multilatéralisme), in Jean-Vincent Holeindre and Julian Fernandez (eds.), *Nations Désunies? La Crise du Multilatéralisme dans les Relations Internationales*, Paris, CNRS Éditions, 2022.

“Alliances and Coalitions since 1945” (Alliances et Coalitions depuis 1945), in Louis Gautier (ed.), *Guerres et Conflits depuis 1945*, Paris, Passés Composés, 2021.

“Military Power (L’Outil Militaire)”, in Frédéric Charillon (ed.), *La France dans le Monde*, Paris : CNRS Éditions, 2021.

“French Military Cultures and Practices in Contemporary Operations (Cultures et pratiques militaires françaises dans les opérations contemporaines)”, in Julian Fernandez (ed.), *Les Opérations Extérieures Françaises*, Paris : CNRS Éditions, 2020.

“French Defence Policy Since 1962 (La Politique de Défense Française de 1962 à nos Jours)”, in Olivier Wiewiorka (ed.), *Nouvelle Histoire Militaire de la France vol. 2*, Paris: Perrin, 2018.

“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, 2018 (with Stephanie Hofmann).

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

“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.

“A 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.

“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 Learning 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.

**Guest lectures  
and invited  
talks (selected)**

“French defence policy”, University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, 12 July 2022.

“Multilateralism in crisis”, Sciences Po, 30 March 2022.

“Lessons Learned from Afghanistan”, University of St Andrews, 14 February 2019.



“Junior Partners in Coalition Warfare”, King’s College London, 23 January 2019.

“The French Military in Africa”, Cambridge University, 14 December 2018.

“Future Enemies and Future Wars”, Royal Danish Defense College, Copenhagen, 28 November 2018.

“Junior Partners in Coalition Warfare”, National Defense University, Washington, DC, 5 May 2018.

“Alliances and War”, Cornell University, 17 April 2018.

“Irregular Warfare and New Technologies”, University of Vienna, 13-14 November 2017.

**Policy  
contributions  
(selected)**

“The Future of NATO Cohesion”, 80-pages report for the French MoD, January 2020 (with Dominika Kunertova)

“Alliances and Coalition Warfare”, 20-pages analysis for the French MoD (operations directorate), July 2019.

“France, Germany and the Quest for Strategic Autonomy”, coordinated by Barbara Kunz and Ronja Kempin, IFRI/SWP, December 2017.