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Experienced executive and researcher in the field of security studies. Director of the Institute for Strategy at the Royal Danish Defence College, Professor (part time) at the University of Stavanger, and affiliate at Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation. Previously, executive director in the Danish Security and Intelligence Service. Ph.d. with distinction from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

Professional experience

2015- Director, Institute for Strategy, Royal Danish Defence College.

Areas of expertise: Strategy, counter-terrorism, homeland security, transatlantic relations, special operations forces, societal and organizational resilience, and civil-military cooperation.

2020- Member, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg's group of "10 wise men and women"

Group appointed to suggest ways of strengthening NATO's political dimension.

2019-20 Head of evaluation committee.

Leading an evaluation team looking at how Norwegian authorities' handled a right wing terrorist attack on a mosque in the summer of 2019. By appointment of the heads of the Police Intelligence Service, the National Police, and Oslo Police District.

2019- Chief Editor, Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies.

2018- Professor (part time), University of Stavanger Center for Risk Management and Societal Security.

2014- Consulting Scholar/Affiliate, Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC).

2008-14 Board-level Director, Danish Security and Intelligence Service (PET)

Area of responsibility: Strategic threat analysis; preventive efforts against terrorism and violent extremism including community outreach and exit interventions; protective security advice comprising physical and tactical security, transportation security, information security, and personnel security; security vettings.

2006-08 Head of Research Unit, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)

Fundraising for, building, and managing research unit, covering political violence, radicalization and terrorism.

2006-02 Senior Researcher/Researcher, DIIS

Areas of expertise: Counterterrorism, counterinsurgency, civil-military cooperation, international military operations.

First independent researcher to carry out field research, embedded with Danish armed forces in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kosovo.

Board work

- 2020-** Chairman of the Board, Nordic Safe Cities.
- 2018-** Member of the Board, Copenhagen Institute for Future Studies.
- 2019-** Member of the Board of Advisors, Center for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark.
- 2007-** Member of the Advisory Council, Global Center on Cooperative Security.
- 2014-19** Member of the Board of Advisors, Royal Danish Defence College.
- 2011-14** Member of the Board of Advisors, Center for Asymmetric Threat Studies, Swedish National Defence College.

Academic degrees

- 2002** Ph.d. European Studies, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS.
- 2000** MA, European Studies and International Economics, SAIS.
- 1998** BA and MA (Cand. scient. pol.), Political Science, Aarhus University.
- 2014** MA of Public Governance (leadership and management studies), Copenhagen Business School and University of Copenhagen.

Voluntary work

In 2015 I founded the think tank Ret&Sikkerhed together with two former ministers of justice, Lars Barfoed (K) and Morten Bødskov (S). We wish to promote evidence based and cross partisan debates about how to uphold national and societal safety, security, and rule of law in light of evolving risks and threats. www.retogsikkerhed.dk

Language skills

I'm fluent in English and Danish and have a good working knowledge of German and other Scandinavian languages. Having spend one year at the University of Bologna, I have a working knowledge of Italian.

Honours

Awarded the Rosenkjaer Price in 2017 by the Danish Broadcasting Cooperation (DR) for excellent research dissemination.