

CASO Panel Bios.

“Russia-Ukraine WAR: Is Wider Conflict Imminent?”

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- **Mr. Wolfgang Massinger is Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany for the Midwest**, based in Chicago. After school and military service, he studied German, French and History at the Albert-Ludwigs-University in Freiburg. He joined the Federal Foreign Office in 1987. His first postings abroad were Dakar, Helsinki and Moscow. From 2008 to 2012 he was Consul General in Edinburgh, from 2012 to 2015 Deputy Ambassador in Baku, from 2015 to 2019 Consul General in Dnipro (Eastern Ukraine). On July 1, 2019 he joined the Consulate General in Chicago. Consul General Moessinger is married to Mairéad Winters-Moessinger, an Irish citizen. The couple has two adult daughters.
- **Dr. Erik R. Scott is Associate Professor of History at the University of Kansas, the Director of KU’s Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, and the Editor of The Russian Review.** His research and teaching explore migration, diaspora, and empire in Russia and the Soviet Union. His first book, *“Familiar Strangers: The Georgian Diaspora and the Evolution of Soviet Empire,”* was published by Oxford University Press in 2016. His current book project, *“Defectors: How the Illicit Flight of Soviet Citizens Built the Borders of the Cold War World,”* is now under contract with Oxford. Professor Scott has been awarded grants from the American Council of Learned Societies, the American Philosophical Society, Fulbright-Hays, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, among others. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on Russian and Soviet history, the Cold War, comparative empires, and global migration. He received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley and he has held research fellowships at the Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and Georgetown University’s Center for Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies. He has been awarded grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, the American Philosophical Society, and Fulbright-Hays, among others. In addition to his historical research, he is the author of several publications on contemporary Russia and Eurasia. Since 2020, he has served as Editor of The Russian Review. Research: Modern Russia, Eurasia, and the Soviet Union; Global and International History; Migration and Diaspora; Mass Culture; the Cold War and its Legacies.
- **Philip Hultquist, PhD is an Associate Professor, US Army School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS).** Dr. Philip Hultquist is an Associate Professor at the US Army School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). He teaches strategy and regional studies with a focus on India in the Advanced Strategic Leadership Studies Program (ASLSP)—SAMS Senior Service College seminar. He earned his PhD at the University of New Mexico in 2013 in political science, concentrating on international relations and comparative politics. Dr. Hultquist’s research explores the intersection of politics and strategy with a regional focus on India. His research has appeared in *World Development, Journal of Peace Research, PS: Political Science and Politics, Conflict Management and Peace Science, the Journal of Punjab Studies, Special Operations Journal, and Military Review.*
Dr. Hultquist is currently researching a book project, tentatively titled *The India Gamble*. The project evaluates theories of India’s foreign policy behavior to draw implications for US strategy in the Indo-Pacific.
- **Dr. Mahir Ibrahimov, also known as Dr. I., Director of the U.S. Army Cultural and Area Studies Office, CGSC.** Dr. I. has a unique background. He served in the Soviet Army and witnessed the breakup of the Soviet Union. Mahir provided vital assistance to US forces in Iraq as a multi-lingual cultural adviser, was the first Army senior Culture and Foreign Language Advisor during the coalition operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also travelled to Ukraine as part of an Army Chief of Staff’s ‘Study’ in support of U.S. national security. In recent years, Dr. I. has been regularly invited to Europe to support our NATO partners’ regional policy development. Mahir is the author of numerous publications, including his latest fifth book *“Across Cultures and Empires: An Immigrant’s Odyssey from the Soviet Army to the U.S. War in Iraq and American Citizenship,”* was published by University Press of Kansas in 2021.
Dr. I.’s expertise and experiences have been recently featured in the global media outlets such as BBC World News, as well as in several Army venues.