

**CASO Panel Bios.**  
**“Strategic Implications of China’s Global Power Projection”**  
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- **COLONEL (GS) Michael G. Kopp, German Liaison Officer, Combined Arms Center (CAC)**

COL (GS) Michael G. Kopp assumed duties as Germany’s Liaison Officer at Combined Arms Center (CAC) on November 01, 2021. However, COL (GS) Kopp is not a newcomer in Fort Leavenworth. Previously, he served as Exchange Instructor in the Department of Army Tactics from 2013 to 2021 and then returned to Fort Leavenworth in 2019. He is a graduate of the Advanced Strategic Leadership Program in the Academic Year 2020 and subsequently served as a seminar leader at the School for Advanced Military Studies (SAMS). COL (GS) Kopp is an educated German General Staff Officer and served during his career in various command positions and in staffs at the tactical, operational and strategic level. COL (GS) Kopp’s operational deployments include two deployments to the Balkans in support of the KFOR mission and one deployment to Afghanistan in support of the ISAF mission.

COL Kopp earned a diploma in social sciences (1992) from the University of the Bundeswehr in Munich, a master’s degree of political sciences (2012) from the University of Haifa (Israel), and a master’s degree in strategic studies (2020) from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.

COL (GS) Kopp is married and has three children.

- **Mr. Terry D. Mobley, Diplomacy Chair, Department of State Representative, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC)**

Terry Mobley is Diplomacy Chair at the Army’s Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He is a career foreign service officer and has served with the Department of State for 20 years. Terry has served in China, Indonesia, Laos, Taiwan, Washington DC, and at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. His assignments have ranged from Consular, Management, Political, and Law Enforcement Development, to Counterterrorism.

His most recent Washington DC assignment was as Acting Director of the Office of Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism in the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation. His most recent overseas assignment was as Consular Section Chief in Wuhan, China.

Terry earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and History and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, a Masters of Asian Studies from Florida State University, and Chinese Language and Cultural Studies Certificates from Beloit College. Terry attended the Air War College from 2018 to 2019, where he earned a Master of Strategic Studies degree and received the Commandant’s Award, the General Charles G. Boyd Award, and the Air War College Research Excellence Award.

- **LTCOL Paul Mostafa** is a graduate of the Royal Military College – Duntroon. He is a Royal Australian Engineer who has commanded at Troop, Squadron and Regimental levels within Australian Special Operations Command, as well as a range of staff officer appointments in both Special Operations and Forces Command. He has also served on the Military Attaché’s staff at the Australian Embassy in

Washington DC, and is currently posted as the Australian Army exchange officer to the Department of Joint Interagency and Multinational Operations at the US Army Command and General Staff College.

- **Dr. Mahir J. Ibrahimov (Dr. I.), Director, Cultural and Area Studies Office (CASO), U.S. Army Command and General Staff College.**

He was previously the first senior Army culture and foreign language advisor. Mahir served in the Soviet Army as deputy field commander and witnessed the breakup of the Soviet Union. Ibrahimov also provided vital assistance to US forces in Iraq as a multi-lingual cultural adviser. He supported the Army chief of staff's 'Study', which required him to travel to Ukraine and provide follow-on recommendations to Army leaders. By invitation of NATO's Partnership Consortium, Dr. Ibrahimov has lately travelled to several European countries to assist with NATO's policy development, based on his extensive regional expertise.

Mahir is the author of several books and numerous other publications, including in foreign languages. His latest, his fifth "Across Cultures and Empires" gained significant international traction among scholars, public and movie industry. He is fluent in multiple languages and cultures. He is married with one daughter, who is an active duty officer with the U.S. Army.