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 **“Understanding INDOPACOM’s Geopolitical and Military Environment:**

 **Where Sino, Russian, and American Interests Collide”**

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Dr. Babb was commissioned from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine in 1973 as a US Army Military Intelligence Officer. After serving in the Defense Intelligence Agency as a ground forces analyst, he was assigned to Monterey, California, Hong Kong, and Beijing for language and area studies training. He was then assigned to Joint and Army Headquarters in Hawaii. In 1991, he joined the Command and General Staff College faculty at Fort Leavenworth. After retiring from the military, he earned a Masters in East Asian Languages and Cultures, and a Doctorate in History from the University of Kansas. He has published numerous book chapters and articles on China and Asia. He currently serves as a professor in the Department of Military History as its China hand.

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LTC Holly Maness is an instructor in the Department of Joint, Interagency, and Multinational Operations (DJIMO) since 2020. She graduated from Hawaii Pacific University and commissioned in 2002 as an Engineer officer, serving as an Engineer at Fort Hood, TX, Schofield Barracks, HI, and three combat deployments to Iraq. In 2010, she transitioned to the Foreign Area Officer (FAO) career field, Northeast Asia area of concentration. She studied Japanese at the Defense Language Institute, attended the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force Command and Staff College in Tokyo, Japan, and served as a FAO in Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Defense Intelligence Agency prior to her current assignment at Fort Leavenworth, KS. …

* ***LTC David C. McCaughrin, Department of Joint Interagency and Multinational Operations, U.S. Army CGSC, Fort Leavenworth.***

LTC David C. McCaughrin is a United States Army Foreign Area Officer, with China as his Area of Concentration. He serves as an instructor in the Department of Joint, Interagency, and Multinational Operations (DJIMO) at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He assumed this position in July, 2021. In this capacity, LTC McCaughrin educates mid-career officers in the U.S. Army, sister services, and select foreign officers to serve as members of the Joint Staff, service staffs, combatant command staffs, and service component staffs. He teaches specific competencies related to understanding the global security environment and how to develop strategies within this environment to accomplish national and military objectives.LTC McCaughrin is a native of Bixby, Oklahoma and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Field Artillery from Texas A&M University in May of 2000. He served in several positions in the 3rd Battalion, 16th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, with whom he deployed to OIF 1 in 2003. He further served as the Battalion Fire Support Officer for 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment in OIF 05-07 and later commanded A Battery, 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Infantry Division. He deployed to Afghanistan in OEF 08-09 as part of 3rd Brigade Staff, 1st Infantry Division. After becoming a Foreign Area Officer, LTC McCaughrin served as a China Desk Officer, J5, USINDOPACOM, and later as Senior Policy Analyst, China Strategic Focus Group, USINDOPACOM. He also served as Indo-Pacific Branch Chief, International Affairs Division, G3, Headquarters, Department of the Army, at the Pentagon. LTC McCaughrin is a graduate of the Field Artillery Basic and Advanced Courses at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He also studied Chinese Mandarin at the Defense Language Institute and holds a Masters of International Policy and Practice from George Washington University.His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal, the NATO Medal, and Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals.LTC McCaughrin is married to the former Tierney Bruce of Cypress, Texas and has two sons, Kyle and Grant.

* ***Major Frederik Wintermans, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC), Fort leveanworth.*** After studying, working, and traveling for a few years after high school, I enlisted for the Dutch Royal Military Academy in 2006. I branched to the infantry, and after completing basic training, I started as a platoon commander in 2009 for the 3rd platoon, Charly company, 45th Battalion, 43rd Brigade. I learned a lot during this first function, depending on the more experienced NCOs in my platoon. The years after, I had positions as an anti-tank platoon commander and a second in command of a maneuver enhancement company. In 2014, I switched to intelligence and worked in collection and analysis for five years. Before I traveled to Kansas, United States, my last posting was that of ADC to the now Chief of Defense in The Netherlands. During the past 11 years, I was sent abroad three times for various tasks. In 2011, I was a platoon commander in Curacao, where the Dutch military presence assists local government and posturing vis-à-vis Venezuela. I learned here that navigating a platoon during nighttime is one of the most difficult things to do. In 2017, I worked at Multinational Corps North-East in Szczecin, Poland, in the J2 section. Here, I developed my love for large-scale combat, deterrence, and Russian military power further. Finally, in 2018 I was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, which introduced me to the complexities of counterinsurgency of the Resolute Support mission. In 2020, I applied for the Dutch management development career path. After being selected for the 2021 class, I started the Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth, Kansas.