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### Research Interests

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- Civil War
- War-to-Peace Transition
- Strategy and Operational Art

David H Ucko, Ph.D., is an associate professor at the College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University. His research areas include civil war, insurgency and counterinsurgency, and war-to-peace transitions. He is the author of *Counterinsurgency in Crisis: Britain and the Challenges of Modern Warfare* (Columbia University Press, 2013), *The New Counterinsurgency Era: Transforming the U.S. Military for Modern Wars* (Georgetown University Press, 2009) and co-editor of *Reintegrating Armed Groups after Conflict* (Routledge, 2009). He has also published on insurgency, counterinsurgency, and third-party intervention in civil wars, in a wide range of peer-reviewed journals.

Dr Ucko is also an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University, where he teaches a class on social movement theory and armed mobilization. He is an adjunct fellow at the Department of War Studies, King's College London, where he participates and advises on a multi-year research project on the

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He obtained his Doctoral and Masters degrees at the Department of War Studies, King's College London, examining the U.S. military's institutional learning of counterinsurgency during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He obtained his B.Sc. in International Relations at the London School of Economics & Political Science.

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