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Education

- Ph.D., London School of Economics: International Relations
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Research Interests

- Identity construction, security, and insecurity
- Critical studies on terrorism/counterterrorism
- Discourse analysis, relational mechanisms
- Securitization theory
- International political sociology

Kathryn M. Fisher is an Associate Professor at National Defense University with their College of International Security Affairs's Joint Special Operations Master of Arts Program based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, USA. There she teaches members of the Special Operations community graduate level coursework on International Relations, critical security studies, and terrorism/counterterrorism, while also advising a range of thesis projects. Her research is located primarily around intersections of security, identity, and insecurity, with publications including her book *Security, Identity, and British Counterterrorism Policy* (2015) and co-authored chapter in *North American Strategic Defense in the 21st Century: Security and Sovereignty in an Uncertain World* (2018, edited by Christian Leuprecht, Joel J. Sokolsky, and Thomas Hughes). Current projects include a chapter "Time, Terror, and (in)Security" for *The Oxford Handbook of Time and Politics* (2019), co-authored work on the politics of temporality and critique for/in International Relations, and manuscript on security and identity. More specifically, for the manuscript, this project explores the extent to which spatial and temporal configurations of identity, and assumptions of distance and difference as danger, play a causally constitutive role in how border security and identity interrelate. A driver of her research is to try and make us more strategically effective and ethically committed by bridging theory, practice, and critical self-reflexivity. She holds a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science, MA in International Affairs from American University, and BA in Geography and French from the University of Colorado.