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Dr. Spencer B. Meredith III serves as an Associate Professor of National Security Strategy at the National Defense University (NDU) / College of International Security Affairs (CISA) / Joint Special Operations Master of Arts (JSOMA) program. With two decades of research and support to governance and conflict mitigation, his principle areas of expertise include Russian, Eastern European, Eurasian, and Middle Eastern politics, and how those regions factor into emerging Great Power Competition. Dr. Meredith also works closely with the Special Operations community, assisting with education and capabilities assessments, as part of broader goals to address adversary hybrid warfare activities. He is a Subject Matter Expert for several Geographic Combatant Command, Intelligence Community, and Joint Special Operations efforts. He has briefed at the National Security Council and presented at multiple USG and NATO senior leader events. He co-leads several Joint Staff Strategic Multilayer Assessments, including the “SOF Paradigm in Great Power Competition” project, the subject of his forthcoming book.

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