

Tom Brister

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Brister is an expert in terrorism, globalization and intelligence trends.

Biography

Tom Brister's current research focuses on “information warfare” – a type of unconventional conflict involving diverse domains like international finance, media manipulation, covert action, and propaganda - with a particular focus on its use by Russia and China. This relates more broadly to the larger theme of cyber-war and cyber-terrorism.

Having lived and studied all around the world – including Germany, Morocco, India, Japan, Mexico, and the United Kingdom – Brister can also discuss the cross-cultural implications of global political change.

His work has been published in the Oxford Companion to American Politics, among other places, on topics ranging from Middle Eastern and U.S. domestic terrorism to cyberwar and espionage. philanthropy. Another area Brister has followed in recent years is the impact of global media on international politics. In particular, he has analyzed how terrorists use media to gain attention as well as the rise of new global media competitors such as al-Jazeera.

Areas of Expertise

Terrorism, Intelligence, Globalization, International Relations, Comparative Politics, Religious Groups, Terrorism and Political Violence, Intelligence and International Politics

Education

University of Virginia

Ph.D. International Politics

Georgetown University

B.S.F.S. Foreign Service

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