

The Politics of Special Forces Podcast Show Notes

Episode 1

Summary

This episode lays the foundation for this limited series by presenting a conceptual framework for understanding what Special Operations Forces (SOF) does and how that might need be recast in light of the refocusing of security attention to great power competition. Co-hosted by Kevin D. Stringer and H. Christian Breede, the series discusses what is meant by competition and teases some of the future areas that will be examined through interviews with special guests and discussions. This series is sponsored in part by the Kingston Consortium on International Security through the Centre for International and Defence Policy (CIDP) at Queen's University.

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