

The Politics of Special Forces Podcast Show Notes

Episode 2

Summary

In this episode we have a wide-ranging discussion on the concept of counter-threat finance. We are joined by the US Army Special Operations Command Comptroller, COL Sara Dudley, who explains the security implications of finance and the role the SOF can play in this space. In particular, COL Dudley explains how threat finance is part of the broader intelligence function within defence and security. 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.

About the Guest

COL Sara Dudley is a Finance and Comptroller officer in the U.S. Army. She currently serves as the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Comptroller. She holds a bachelor's in economics from the United States Military Academy at West Point, a Master of Business Administration from Harvard University, and a Master of Financial Integrity from Case Western Reserve Law School. Additionally, she served as a War College Fellow at Yale University for one year studying Threat Finance.

Further Reading

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