

EXPERIENCE

Belgian Military

He has served at all levels of operational command and also at the strategic level at NATO HQ as the Military Assistant to the Belgian Military Representative to the NATO Military Committee. Most of his assignments were in a multinational environment such as several NATO Forces Headquarters, the French-German Brigade and the Eurocorps. Serge deployed to the Balkans for an aggregated period of more than two years and he also had the opportunity to collect African experience during deployments to Rwanda, Benin and the Cabo Verde Islands. He participated in a NATO Response Force and an EU Battlegroup training, preparation and stand-by phase. Serge has been awarded several national orders decorations, the NATO medal and the Medal of Honor of the German Armed Forces.

Expertise

He is a visiting Professor at Vesalius College in Brussels, the Riga graduate School of Law and Blanquerna University in Barcelona, teaching courses on peace and security and on Global terrorism and radicalization. He is a senior academic specialist on global terrorism and radicalization with numerous interventions in conference and media on these topics. He has served as an expert on the Parliamentary Commissions on the impact of terrorism both in France after the 13 November 2015 Paris attacks and in Belgium after the 22 March 2016 Brussels attacks. He is involved in the support of the victims of terrorist acts.

He is a senior visiting fellow at the Irish College of the KU Leuven and the Global Governance Institute, and a senior associate at the European Institute for Asian Studies and the Global Institute for Cybersecurity Technologies.

He is an alumnus of the International Visitors Leadership Program of the US State Department.

PERSONAL

About

He is 50 years old and the founder and director of BANTS Consulting, his own strategic security consultancy company.

Serge is married and has a daughter and a son. In his spare time, rugby is his passion and life.



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PROFILE

Serge Stroobants is the Director of Europe and the MENA region at the Institute for Economics and Peace. His academic specialization is in political sciences, international relations, security and defence, global risk analysis, foresight and crisis management. He holds degrees from the Belgian Royal Military Academy, the Free University of Brussels, Université Jean Moulin Lyon III (France), the German General Staff College and Vesalius College.