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## EDUCATION

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| <b>PhD in International Relations and Political Science</b>                       | <b>Expected graduation: 2021</b> |
| Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva, Switzerland) |                                  |
| <b>Master's in Public and International Affairs</b>                               | <b>2016</b>                      |
| University of Ottawa (Ottawa, ON, Canada)   |                                  |
| <b>Bachelor with Honours Specializing in Conflict Studies and Human Rights</b>    | <b>2014</b>                      |
| University of Ottawa (Ottawa, ON, Canada)   |                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduated <i>cum laude</i></li> </ul>    |                                  |

## PRIMARY RESEARCH

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### Investigating the sovereign-subject relationship through the discursive analysis of who fights and does not fight for their state

This research main's impact will be through the understanding of warfare literature. It challenges several commonly-held assumptions about different socio-technological military inventions in the field of international security studies (conscription, the loyalty of the citizen towards the state, the public-private differentiation of the use of force). Through the use of discourse analysis and by investigating the monumental architecture of war, it investigates the empirical cases of foreign fighting, the 'mass citizen army,' and the invented traditions of warfare.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Published

- Leduc, Raphaël "Are Returning Foreign Fighters Dangerous? Re-investigating Hegghammer's assessment of the impact of foreign fighters on the operational effectiveness of domestic terrorism in the West," *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies* 17 no. 1 (2016).  
 Available at <http://jmss.org/jmss/index.php/jmss/article/view/651>
- Leduc, Raphaël "Bombs at Home or Fighters Abroad: Domestic Security Policy and its Impact on the Migration of Foreign Fighters," Conference of Defence Associations Institute, *Vimy Paper* 28 (March 2016).  
 Available at [http://www.cdainstitute.ca/images/Vimy\\_Papers/Vimy\\_Paper\\_28.pdf](http://www.cdainstitute.ca/images/Vimy_Papers/Vimy_Paper_28.pdf)

### In Preparation

- "The Imaginary Threat of Returnee Foreign Fighters: From South America to Syria"
- "From Methodology to Pedagogy: Applying Critical Security Research Insights to the Classroom"

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

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- Doctoral excellence scholarship, Graduate Institute of Geneva (Approximately 80,000 CHF over four years)
- University of Ottawa undergraduate scholarship (Approximately 20,000 CAD)

Canadian Army Scholarship (8,000 CAD)

Awarded best presenter at the 2015 Conference of Defence Association Symposium

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Research Assistant

January 2019-Present

SNF Project: Machine learning using semantic and syntactic information (2.3 million CHF)

- Position taken at personal request from project's principal investigator.
- Part of a 12 researcher interdisciplinary network including political sciences, economists, and computer scientists.
- Code and interpret news articles as well as governmental policy documents to generate a predictive model of government action.

### Teaching Assistant

Fall 2018

- International Security Studies
- Security in the Post-Soviet space
- International Negotiations

### Reconnaissance Armoured Soldier

2007 – 2017

Royal Canadian Armoured Corps  
Régiment de Hull (Gatineau, QC, Canada)

- Ten years career with multiple promotions, ultimately leading a troop of 30 reconnaissance soldiers in disaster operations in Canada.
- Led teams of soldiers in combat operations in Afghanistan, Kuwait, the Guld of Aden, and Egypt.
- Became Regimental senior instructor in charge of designing junior leadership courses, training junior instructors, and supervising the quality of instruction in Regimental and Divisional combat schools.

### Treasurer

2013 – 2015

Board of Directors  
FDB Inc. (Gatineau, QC, Canada)

- Small business co-owner of a chain of board game stores in the Ottawa capital region.
- Grew the business to upwards of 1 million CAD in annual sales.
- Employed up to 12 employees.
- Produced financial reports, managed purchases and acquisitions.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

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### Papers

“Analysis of the Politics Surrounding Foreign Fighter Returnees through the use of Parliamentary Discourses,” International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, 27 March 2019.

“The Imaginary Threat of Foreign Fighter Returnees,” Swiss Political Science Association, Zurich, Switzerland, 14 February 2019.