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Dr. Sean McFate is an author, novelist and expert in foreign policy and national security strategy. Currently, he is a Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council, a think tank, and a professor of strategy at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and the National Defense University.

McFate's career began as a paratrooper and officer in the U.S. Army's storied 82nd Airborne Division. He served under Stanley McChrystal and David Petraeus, and attended elite training programs, such as the US Army's jungle warfare school in Panama.

After this, McFate became a private military contractor in Africa. Among his many experiences there, he demobilized warlords, raised small armies, worked with armed groups in the Sahara, transacted arms deals in Eastern Europe, and prevented an impending genocide in the Great Lakes region.

In the world of international business, McFate was a Vice President at TD International, a boutique political risk consulting firm with offices in Washington, Houston, Singapore and Zurich. Additionally, he was a manager at DynCorp International, a consultant at BearingPoint (now Deloitte Consulting) and an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton.

McFate co-wrote the novels *Shadow War* and *Deep Black* (William Morrow), part of the Tom Locke series based on his military experiences. *New York Times* bestselling author Mark Greaney said: "I was blown away.... simply one of the most entertaining and intriguing books I've read in quite some time."

He also authored the non-fiction book *The Modern Mercenary: Private Armies and What They Mean for World Order* (Oxford University Press) which details how war is changing in the 21st century. The *Economist* called it a "fascinating and disturbing book."

A coveted speaker, he has spoken at the British House of Commons, top universities and popular audiences. He has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *NPR*, *BBC*, *The Economist*, *Vice/HBO*, *The Discovery Channel*, *American Heroes Channel*, *Fox News* and other outlets. He has published articles in *Foreign Policy*, *The Atlantic*, *The New Republic*, *African Affairs*, *Military Review*, *Daily Beast*, *Vice*, *Salon* and *War on the Rocks*. As a scholar, he has authored eight book chapters in edited academic volumes, and published a monograph with the U.S. Army War College on how to raise foreign armies.

McFate holds a BA from Brown University, a MPP from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and a PhD in international relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He lives in Washington, DC.