

Benjamin P. Nickels, Ph.D. **Professor, Regional Security Studies**

Areas of Expertise

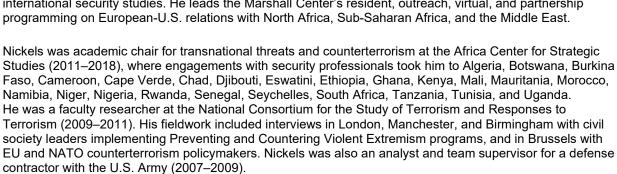
- European Relations with North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East
- Migration, Displacement, and Demography and Security
- Irregular Warfare, Counterterrorism, and Counterinsurgency
- Strategic Competition, Geopolitics, and Security Cooperation

Academic Degrees

- Ph.D. with distinction, History, University of Chicago
- Master of Arts, History, University of Chicago
- Bachelor of Arts with honors, triple major (History, French, History of Culture), University of Wisconsin

Ben Nickels, Ph.D., joined the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in 2018 and is course director of the European Security Seminar – South and a professor of

international security studies. He leads the Marshall Center's resident, outreach, virtual, and partnership



Nickels is co-author of "On the Periphery: Containing the Spread of Violent Extremism and Terrorism in Africa," and his policy pieces have been published by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, London School of Economics, West Point Combating Terrorism Center, and Wilson Center, among others. Fluent in French and familiar with Arabic, he has given hundreds of lectures and briefings in French and English at government meetings, international forums, and academic institutions such as Georgetown, Oxford, and Harvard.

Nickels has received numerous awards and fellowships, including a Fulbright scholarship to Morocco and a Chateaubriand Fellowship in France. He was awarded the Civilian Service Achievement Medal by the U.S. Army Southern European Task Force-Africa and earned his European Studies Certificate and Integrated Liberal Studies Certificate.

