



Col. Matthew V. Sousa, U.S. Army

Deputy Director of Security Studies

College of International and Security Studies

George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

Col. Matt Sousa is the Deputy Director of Security Studies of the College of International and Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies.

Sousa is a Foreign Area Officer in the U.S. Army, specializing in Sub-Saharan Africa, and has been the SDO/DATT in Angola since 2014. Before that, he was the U.S. Army War College Fellow at the Italian Center for High Defense Studies in Rome, Italy and the Chief of Security Cooperation Programs at U.S. Army Africa in Vicenza, Italy. He served as the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché responsible for all U.S. military engagement in Senegal, Cape Verde, The Gambia, and Guinea-Bissau from 2009-2012. Prior to that, he was the U.S. Defense and Army Attaché accredited to Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea from 2006-2009. Previously, he was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy, where he taught *Politics and Development of Sub-Saharan Africa* and Comparative International Politics, and guest-lectured at Harvard University and universities in the Netherlands and Nigeria. He has also co-authored a book, *Oil and Terrorism in the New Gulf: Framing U.S. Energy and Security Policy in the Gulf of Guinea*.



Sousa served the first part of his career as an Armored Cavalry Officer, and his assignments included: Crazyhorse Troop Commander and Assistant Regimental Operations Officer in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colorado; Executive Officer in the 1-4 Divisional Cavalry Squadron, Bosnia-Herzegovina; Scout Platoon Leader in the 3-4 Divisional Cavalry Squadron, Schweinfurt, Germany; and Tank Platoon Leader in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Bad Hersfeld Germany.

Sousa has lived, worked, and traveled in more than thirty African countries, is fluent in French and Portuguese, and conversational in German, Italian, and Spanish. He received his graduate degree in Public Administration and International Development from Harvard University, and his undergraduate degree in Human/ Regional Geography from West Point. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Cavalry Leaders Course, the Armor Officer Advanced and Basic Courses, the Scout Platoon Leaders Course, the Dismounted Armored Scouts Course, the MOUT Instructors Course, and the NATO Special Operations SERI Course. Additionally, he attended the International Peace Support Operations Course at the KAIPTC in Ghana and the Managing Peace Processes Course at the UN's Institute for Conflict Resolution in Northern Ireland.

