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Areas of Expertise

- Strategic Competition
- China
- Disinformation
- Hybrid Threats
- European Union

Academic Degrees

- Habilitation (Prof.), International Relations and Political Science, Jacobs University Bremen and University of the Bundeswehr Munich
- Ph.D., Political Science, Free University, Berlin
- Master of Science in European Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science
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May-Britt U. Stumbaum, Ph.D., habil., joined the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in December 2023 as a professor of security studies and strategic competition, with a focus on strategic competition with China. Stumbaum also serves as a reservist lieutenant colonel in the German Air Force.

Prior to joining the Marshall Center, Stumbaum served as team lead for Asia-Pacific at the University of the Bundeswehr Munich (2020–2023). From 2016 to 2020, she led the EU's internal Asia-focused think tank, Asia-Pacific Research and Advice Network. She was also part of an international research group on Asia–EU security issues at the Free University Berlin (2010–2016) and served as executive director of the China and Global Security Program, a Minerva Initiative project titled "Technology and National Security in China," funded by the U.S. Department of Defense.

She has conducted research at leading institutions across the globe, including the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, Academia Sinica and National Taiwan University in Taipei, and Harvard University. In Europe, her affiliations include the European Policy Centre and the German Council on Foreign Relations.

Stumbaum is the director of the Strategic and Policy Engagement for Asian Regional Security (SPEAR) Institute, an independent institute that provides research, analysis, and policy engagement on security developments in the Indo-Pacific region. She advises both the EU and the German government and testified before the U.S. Congress in 2012.

Stumbaum has received numerous honors and awards, including the highly competitive European Foreign and Security Policy Studies Grant, as well as fellowships from the European Union Institute for Security Studies, the German Academic Exchange Service and American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Fritz Thyssen Foundation at Harvard University.