

# New leader to contribute political economy expertise to School of Strategic Landpower

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## New Chair takes leadership of National Security, Strategy teaching department

Dec. 9, 2015 – A political economist will add his academic expertise and experience to the leadership team of the Army War College's School of Strategic Landpower.

Dr. Mark Duckenfield became chair of the School's department of National Security and Strategy, on the heels of his experience in a dual role at the Air War College, as professor in International Security Studies Department and Course Director for the Global Security curriculum. Previously, he taught at University College London from 2000 to 2004 and the London School of Economics from 2004 to 2009.



“My experience of spending 12 years abroad as a professor and focusing on economic policy right in the middle of an economic crisis is of great importance to the management of the military enterprise,” Duckenfield said. “Knowing how we are situated within the broader federal budget, within the wider economy and the pressure we are under there I think are quite important.”

“Now we have the issue of rising economic powers and what that means economically, politically and military,” he said. “China and India’s rise is something I look forward to helping our students appreciate, he said about the challenges and the opportunities related to those developments.”

**Dr. Mark Duckenfield settles into the USAWC battle rhythm as the Chairman of the Department of National Security and Strategy. Duckenfield has previously taught at University College**

## **London, the London School of Economics, and the U.S. Air War College.**

He said he looks forward to meeting and getting to know the professors whose work he has read and the scholars whose work contributes to both the education of Army War College students and the broader debates within American society.

Duckenfield holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University where he specialized in European political economy. Duckenfield's research has focused on European monetary union, gold, financial crises and the economics of national security. He has given invited lectures on topics ranging from European economic policy and the euro to the ongoing financial crisis in the United States, Europe and Asia. Recent articles on international political economy include "Fiscal Fetters: The Economic Imperatives of National Security in a Time of Austerity" can be found in the Strategic Studies Quarterly and "The Baltics and the Political Economy of Regional Integration," which is included in the volume "The Baltic Security Puzzle." He authored the 2006 book, "Business and the Euro: Business Groups and the Politics of EMU in Germany and the United Kingdom.

## **The Department of National Security and Strategy**

"The chairman of NSS is an administrative position and a professor as well," said Duckenfield. "Along with the Dean and senior members of the department, I am here to provide intellectual leadership for the department in the development of its main programs."

"We have quite a range of programs," he said. "Theories of War and Strategy which introduces students to general concepts of strategy; National Security Policy Studies that looks at the strategy of one particular country, the United States, and the Regional Studies program which looks at different regions for American national interests in which students have the opportunity to discuss and debate how U.S. strategy and U.S. goals can best accomplished in places such as East Asia, in the Middle East or Europe," said Duckenfield .