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Through 12 years of counter-terrorism experience, he has conducted field work across 50 nations, engaging all manner of sources including terrorists, extremists, insurgents, foreign intelligence officers, non-governmental organization leaders, and academics. From 2004 to 2009, he led the CSIS open source counter-terrorism project, designing and directing two major studies on threats in Europe and Southeast Asia. In the course of this work at CSIS, Sanderson has published ten major reports, as well as articles in *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *West Point CTC Sentinel*, and *Harvard Asia-Pacific Review*.

He also serves as a course instructor and consultant for the US government and the private sector. In 2005, he completed a fellowship at the American Academy in Berlin, with research on US-German counter-terrorism cooperation and threat perception.

Prior to CSIS, Mr. Sanderson was an analyst with Science Applications International Corporation, where he conducted extensive studies of terrorist groups for the US Defense Intelligence Agency. He also held the 2001 Henry L. Stimson Center Fellowship at Fudan University in Shanghai, China, where he researched the Chinese perspective on US Ballistic Missile Defense; he also has four years of NGO development experience focused on Central Asia and Russia.

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