

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### KRISTIAN FISCHER

Director, Danish Institute for International Studies



#### Employment

- **Director, DIIS, 2016-**
- **Ministry of Defence, 2001-2016** (During the Iraq, Afghanistan, Mali and Libya military interventions/armed conflicts)  
**Deputy Permanent Secretary of State for Defence/Political Director** and in charge of international cooperation as well as national and international operational engagements. Also chairman for national interagency working group on cyber and information security.
- **Danish NATO mission, Brussels, 1998-2001** (during the Kosovo-crisis)  
**Minister Counsellor and Defence Advisor (head of MoD)**
- **Ministry of Defence, 1994-1998** (during the first Balkan armed conflicts)  
**Head of Minister's Private Cabinet**  
**Head of NATO and EU Department**  
Associate professor, University of Aarhus, Political Science
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1991-1993**  
Security policy / Southern Africa.
- **Ministry of Defence, 1989-1991**  
Head of Section, Ministry of Defence.

#### Board memberships in academic institutions

- **DIIS – Danish Institute for International Studies / DUPI – Danish Foreign Policy Institute (2002-2010)**. Very much involved in the DIIS government commissioned report – “New threats and the use of force” (2005).
- **CMS – Centre for Military Studies, Copenhagen University (2010-2014)**.

- **Danish Defence Academy** – Advisory Board (2016 -).
- Former member of Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) Foundation Council.
- Former member of Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)

### **Educational background**

- Masters degree (political science), University of Aarhus, 1989
- Masters degree (international relations), Australian National University, 1987-1989.

### **National Awards/Decorations:**

Denmark, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia and Poland.

### **Civil status:**

Married (Helle Bjørnskov Fischer, General Council Egmont Inc), two children (12 and 15).

### **Recent publications:**

DIIS Foreign Policy Review 2020 (co-edited with Dr. Hans Mouritzen, DIIS)

DIIS Foreign Policy Review 2019 (co-edited with Dr. Hans Mouritzen, DIIS)

DIIS Foreign Policy Review 2018 (co-edited with Dr. Hans Mouritzen, DIIS)

DIIS Foreign Policy Yearbook 2017 (co-edited with Dr. Hans Mouritzen, DIIS)

DIIS Foreign Policy Yearbook 2016 (co-edited with Dr. Hans Mouritzen, DIIS)