

LTC Steven Oluić PhD, U.S. Army retired



Dr. Steven Oluić is a retired U.S. Army officer whose career spanned over 27 years. His last assignment prior to retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2010 was as the Associate Dean of Strategy and Policy at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. He also served as an Assistant and then Associate Professor of Geography in the Department of Geography & Environmental Engineering. Dr. Oluić served ten plus years overseas, in both combat and construction engineer battalions, including assignments and/or deployments to Bosnia, Germany, Iraq, Korea, and Mauritania. He is a graduate of the Army's Command & General Staff College and the German Armed Forces Staff College. Dr. Oluić is a highly decorated officer whose awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, seven Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, and an Air Force Achievement Medal.

Dr. Oluić received his B.A. from Case Western Reserve University in 1983, his Master of Science from the University of Cincinnati in 1991, and his doctorate from Kent State University in 2005. He is the author of a book, numerous articles and chapters in various journals and books. Dr. Oluić is an aggressive scholar who has received overseas presentation and research travel grants and has been invited to speak at the Department of State, the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), the National Counter-Terrorism Center (NCTC), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Columbia University, and numerous other agencies and institutions. He was selected as a Fulbright Scholar and traveled to Russia in 2016.

Dr. Oluić's research interests include border control, national identity, radical Islam in the Balkans and among Balkan Muslim Diaspora communities, transnational organized crime, and their geopolitical threats to the United States. He has taught with the Combating Terrorism Center (CTC), West Point and has presented at many FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) training events across the U.S. These endeavors and his counter-terror expertise led to Dr. Oluić being retained as an expert witness in the (1) 2012 bombing attempt of the Route 82 Bridge, near Cleveland, Ohio, and (2) the 2012 "NATO 3" trial in Chicago, both involving alleged anarchists/domestic terrorism. He has consulted for AFRICOM, instructing courses on strategic leader development and strategic planning for security force senior leaders in Ghana (2018), Kenya (2019), Cote d'Ivoire (2021), and Lebanon (2023). Dr. Oluić is a frequent guest on local news stations on topics relating to national security and geopolitics.