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# U.S. International Development Assistance and How it Contributes to National Security

*Presented by*  
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In this sixth presentation for academic year 2022 of the Interagency Brown-Bag Lecture Series co-hosted by the U.S. Army Command and General Staff School and the Simons Center for Ethical Leadership and Interagency Cooperation, Dr. Mark Sorensen, the CGSC Distinguished Chair for Development Studies, will lead a discussion on how the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) leads America’s development assistance abroad and how USAID coordinates with defense professionals.



Dr. Mark G. Sorensen is an economic and business development specialist with more than 40 years of experience to include almost 20 years with the USAID. At USAID he has served in a variety of supervisory roles and assignments to include duty in Pakistan, Brazil, South Sudan, Iraq, Georgia, Mongolia, and Sri Lanka as well in Washington, D.C. While in Iraq from 2009-2011 he served on a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) and directed USAID programs in the Divala Province. His most recent assignment was as the Supervisory Education Officer in Pakistan managing USAID’s \$350 million education portfolio for the country.

Dr. Sorensen holds a doctorate in education from the University of Houston, an MBA from Texas A&M at Kingsville, a master’s from the University of Florida, a Masters of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Air War College, and a B.S. and a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. His language proficiency includes fluency in both Spanish and Portuguese. He is also the author of several publications and the recipient of several meritorious honor and exemplary service awards.

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