

Power Dynamics and High-Stakes Negotiation

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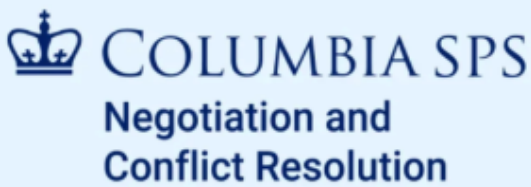
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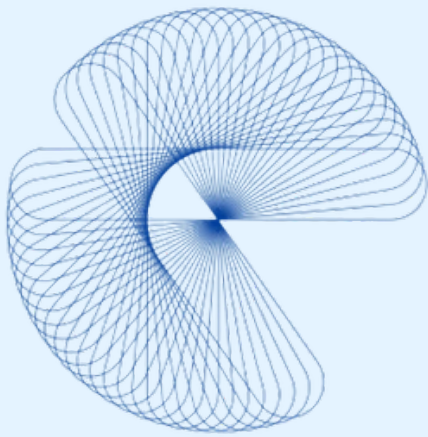
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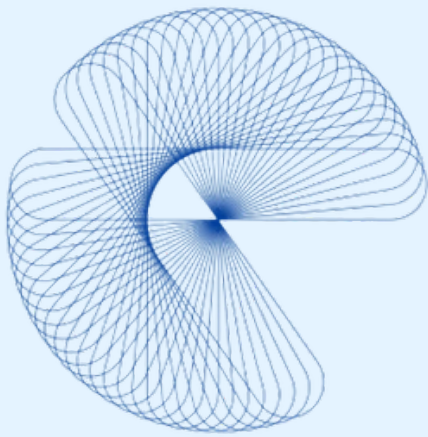


Evelin Lindner is a medical doctor and clinical psychologist with doctorates in both medicine (Dr. med., University of Hamburg, 1994) and psychology (Dr. psychol., University of Oslo, 2001). Her interdisciplinary work addresses humiliation as a complex, multilayered phenomenon operating at all levels — from individual and interpersonal, through group and organizational, to societal and global scales. She conceptualizes humiliation as involving personal experiences as well as systemic, cultural, and historical dimensions. Her research has focused in particular on the role of humiliation in war, mass atrocities, and global conflicts.

She is the founder and president of Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies (HumanDHS), a transdisciplinary academic field and global network dedicated to promoting dignity and addressing humiliation in all its forms. Lindner is also the co-founder of the World Dignity University. Through HumanDHS, she advances global solidarity and recovery from cycles of humiliation through research, education, and collaborative initiatives. She lives and teaches globally and has affiliations with the University of Oslo and Columbia University in New York.

Lindner is the author of several influential books, including *Making Enemies: Humiliation and International Conflict* (2006), named an Outstanding Academic Title in the United States; *Emotion and Conflict* (2009); *Gender, Humiliation, and Global Security* (2010); *A Dignity Economy* (2012); *Honor, Humiliation, and Terror* (2017); *From Humiliation to Dignity: For a Future of Global Solidarity* (2022); and *Towards a World Order of Dignity: Conflict-Related Sexual Violence as a Lens on Humiliation* (2026). Her upcoming book, *Letter to My Father*, explores how her work has been shaped by her family's experiences of war and displacement.

Her contributions have been widely recognised. She received an honorary doctorate from a university in India in 2025 and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2015, 2016, and 2017.



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David Eubank was born in Texas in 1960 and grew up as the son of Christian missionaries in Thailand before attending Texas A&M University and being commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army. At Texas A&M, he was the Army brigade commander, a member of the Ross Volunteers and Rudder's Rangers, earned his airborne wings and Ranger tab while a cadet, and earned a letter on the Texas A&M wrestling team.

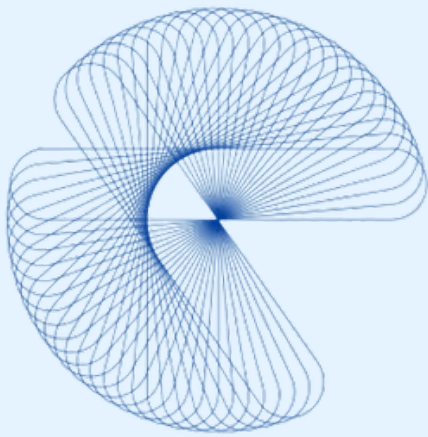
David married Karen Huesby—now Karen Eubank—in 1993, and they have three children: Sahalie (25), Suuzanne (23), and Peter (20). David's daughters, Sahalie and Suuzanne, are Texas A&M Class of '24, and Peter is Class of '28.

As a U.S. military officer, David served as a U.S. Army Special Forces and Ranger officer. He is the founder and leader of the Free Burma Rangers (FBR), a humanitarian service movement for oppressed ethnic minorities of all races and religions in the war zones of Burma, Iraq, Kurdistan, Syria, Ukraine, and Sudan. Along with relief work, his personal mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ and to help people be free from oppression.

FBR teams are comprised of men and women of different ethnicities and faiths who are united for freedom by the bond of love and service. David is joined on missions by his wife Karen and their three children. Together they work alongside more than 150 ethnic FBR relief teams in the conflict areas of Burma, Iraq, Kurdistan, Syria, Tajikistan/Afghanistan, Ukraine, and Sudan, giving help, hope, and love while bringing attention to the situation on the ground.

The Eubank family started the Global Day of Prayer for Burma and the Good Life Club family outreach program. In 2019, David Eubank was named to the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Hall of Honor. He has received humanitarian awards from France, the Czech Republic, and the United States.

Anything good that has happened to him is because of God's grace, a wonderful family, and good friends.



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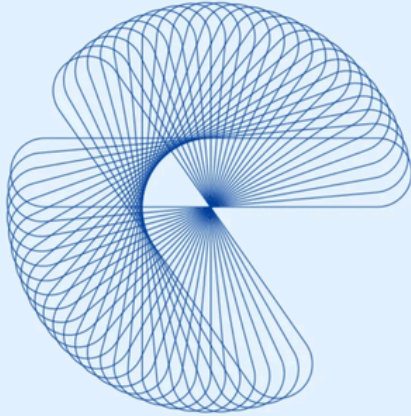
Kyle R. Vowinkel is a West Point graduate, former U.S. Army officer, and retired FBI executive with 33 plus years leading and negotiating in high consequence environments. He is a decorated FBI Special Agent and one of only five people in FBI history to serve on two of the Bureau's elite national assets, the Hostage Rescue Team, HRT, and the Crisis Negotiation Unit, CNU.

He persuaded the 2013 Boston Marathon bomber to peacefully surrender. Through Elite Mindsets, Kyle equips corporate teams with practical frameworks for communication, stakeholder alignment, and disciplined decision making under pressure. He regularly lectures at Cornell University's Executive Leadership Development Program and has worked with Fortune 500 organizations including Aon and Google.



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9:00 – 9:05 AM | Welcome

9:05 – 10:15 AM | Keynote Address by Dr. Evelin Linder

10:15 – 10:30 AM | Break

10:30 – 11:00 AM | Session 1

- Negotiating environmental conflicts: lessons learned from the fight for better air quality in Nuevo León, Mexico. *Eugenia Maria Pozas (Columbia University)*
- Geospatial analysis of Nigerian healthcare facilities and conflict events. *Enryka Christopher (Northeastern University)*

11:30 – 11:45 AM | Break

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM | Virtual Networking Lunch

12:45 – 1:15 PM | Session 2

- Negotiating transitional justice, poverty, and power in post-conflict Syria, *Siba Chehab (University of Baltimore)*
- Certain shortcomings of liberal peace: How the EU's inquiry on the 2008 Georgia-Russia War was compromised by ignoring local voices, *Gvantsa Dolbaia (University of Notre Dame)*

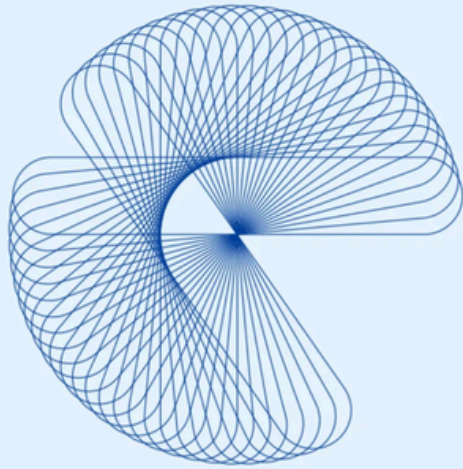
1:45 – 2:00 PM | Break

2:00 – 3:00 PM | Closing Keynote by Dave Eubank

3:00 - 3:15 | Day 1 Closing Remarks & Group Photo

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8:30 – 9:00 AM | Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 AM | Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:15 - 10:15 | Session 1

- Antisemitism, philosemitism, and the rise of the AfD in Germany. *Katherine Manning Kerman (Swarthmore College)*
- The Philippine peace process, Negotiation, conflict transformation, and power dynamics toward inclusive and sustainable peace. *Nurhati Tanggin (University of Massachusetts Boston)*

10:15 – 10:45 AM | Networking Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:30 | Session 2

- Forward marching through nonviolent action: Cultural resistance, power dynamics, and negotiation in West Africa and South Asia. *Afia Akbar, Sonia Arthur, & Matteo Totime (University of Massachusetts Boston)*
- Restoring safe Ground. *Mike Johnson, Columbia University, in conversation with John Moss (Humanitarian Mine Action Lead with Free Burma Rangers)*

12:00 – 1:15 PM | Lunch Break

Pick a discussion table for an interactive lunchtime reflection

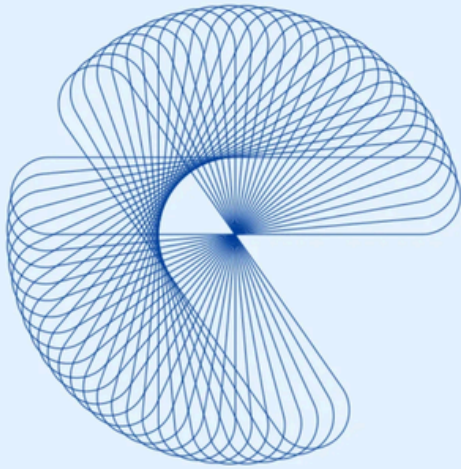
1:15 – 1:30 PM | Morning Reflections

1:30 - 2:30 PM | Keynote Address by Kyle R. Vowinkel

2:30 - 2:45 PM | Coffee Break

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2:45 - 3:30 PM | Session 3

- Co-Sponsor Leadership Panel: *Dr. Beth Fisher-Yoshida (AC4 + NECR), Isadora Caldas (MD-ICCCR), Nick Pozek (ACR-GNY), Melody Wang (ACR-GNY). Moderated by Daria Rodriguez Horita, Columbia University*

3:30 – 4:15 PM | Session 4

- Panel Conversation: When millions are on the table: a conversation about the highs and lows of high-stakes negotiations. *Lisa Vioni (Columbia University) Richard Kreger, Ashish Malviya moderated by Sebastian Andrew Santander (Columbia University)*

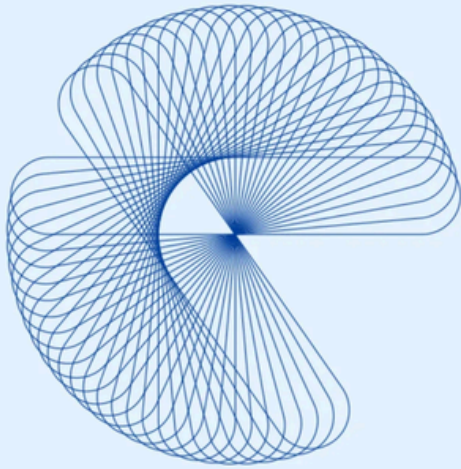
4:15 – 5:00 PM | Day 2 Closing Remarks & Group Photo

Optional - 5:15 – 7:00 PM | Informal Reception / Networking Hour

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