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Air Commodore Dr. Frans Osinga (born 1963) is the Chair in War Studies as well as Head of the Military Operational Art and Science Section at the Faculty of Military Sciences of the Netherlands Defence Academy. As Chair he is responsible for the Ba program in War Studies and the Master Program Military Strategic Studies. He is member of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Military Sciences of the Netherlands Defence Academy.

His previous assignments include a tour at NATO Allied Command Transformation (Norfolk, Va) from 2005-2007 as the Liaison Officer for the Germany based newly established Joint Air Power Competence Center. Prior to that he was the MoD Research Fellow at the Clingendael Institute of International Relations, the premier think tank in the Netherlands on international security, where he also completed his PhD. He was director of the Air Power and Strategy Department of the Netherlands Defence College from 1999-2000 and lecturer in Air Doctrine at the same institute from 1997-1998. He has held a number of staff positions at the Netherlands Air Force Air Staff. From 1987-1994 he served in a number of NF-5 and F-16 squadrons, also as an F-16 instructor.

ACdre Osinga is the author of more than 50 publications. In 2015 the book *Targeting, the Challenges of Modern Warfare* that he conceptualized and co-edited, was published by Springer. This follows a co-edited volume, also published by Springer, *The Dilemma of Leaving: Political and Military Exit Strategies*. In 2014 his article 'Getting' A Discourse on Winning and Losing: A Primer on Boyd's 'Theory of Intellectual Evolution' was shortlisted for best article in 2013 of the journal *Contemporary Security Policy*. In 2013 Stanford University Press published a co-edited volume (with Theo Farrell and James Russell) title *Military Adaptation and the War in Afghanistan*. In 2011, a decade after the terrorist attacks on

New York and Washington, he co-edited a retrospective on the impact of 9/11. In 2010 he published *A Transformation Gap? American Innovations and European Military Changes* (co-edited with Theo Farrell and Terry Terriff). Other publications include 'European Security and the Significance of the F-35', 'Air Warfare', a chapter in the *Oxford University Press Handbook of War* (edited by Julian Lindley-French and Yves Boyer), and *Cyberwarfare, Critical Perspectives* co-edited with Paul Ducheine and Sjo Soeters. Recently he has contributed to MoD White Papers. Currently he is co-chairman of the Geopolitics & Defence drafting committee of the Telders Stichting, a major Dutch liberal think tank. In the past he authored several reports for major political parties to which he has acted as a consultant, and a volume of poetry. In 2007 the paperback edition was published of his book *Science, Strategy and War, the Strategic Theory of John Boyd*, which has sold over 4000 copies worldwide (with translations in Italian and Estonian) and has received very positive reviews.

He teaches courses in contemporary warfare, contemporary security and strategy, coercive diplomacy, military innovation, and peace operations at BA and MA level. In addition he is a frequent lecturer at the Netherlands Defence College and various universities. He is the Vice-Chairman of the Royal Netherlands Society for War Studies. For a variety of national and international audiences he regularly lectures on international security, contemporary military operations, strategic thought, air power, and defence policy.

He is a graduate of the Netherlands Defence Academy and the Netherlands Defence College. From 1998-1999 he attended the School of Advanced Airpower Studies at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He holds a PhD in political science from Leiden University.

He is married to Ankie Elders with whom he has a son and two daughters.