

Edward P. Joseph

A veteran of the Balkans conflicts, Edward P. Joseph has served in every conflict theatre in the region, during the war years as well as in post-war implementation. This includes service with the UN, OSCE, US Army/NATO, International Crisis Group, and Catholic Relief Services. In a dozen years on the ground, Edward served as a senior official in all three of the region's divided cities: Mostar, Brcko and Mitrovica.

In May, 2012, as the US-nominated, Deputy Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, Edward negotiated the eleventh-hour agreement between Belgrade and Pristina to hold Serbian national elections in Kosovo, averting a confrontation.



A key moment of his war-time service occurred in July, 1995 – contemporaneous with the massacres in neighboring Srebrenica – when Edward and one UN colleague coordinated the evacuation of women, children and wounded soldiers from the fallen Žepa ‘safe area.’ This entailed face-to-face dealings with Generals Ratko Mladić and other senior Bosnian Serb officers; Edward testified in two Hague Tribunal trials that resulted in convictions.

Outside the Balkans, Edward has served in missions in Iraq (2007), Afghanistan (2008-9), Pakistan (2007-8) and Haiti (2005-6; 2010.) He has led the Institute of Current World Affairs and the National Council on US-Libya Relations.

Edward earned his J.D. at the University of Virginia School of Law, and his B.A. and M.A. from Johns Hopkins University, and its School of Advanced International Studies. He teaches, convenes events and researches at SAIS. Trained as a helicopter pilot in the US Army Reserve, Edward is a veteran. He speaks Bosnian /Croatian / Serbian; and French, Italian and Spanish.

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