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Mr. FitzGerald has wide experience across a range of strategic matters having led and contributed to projects on topics as diverse as interagency conflict prevention, UN peacekeeping doctrine, transitional law enforcement, the future of urban-littoral combat and the future role of the United States Marine Corps. A natural facilitator, he has designed and led a variety of wargames for military and civilian audiences ranging from action officers to four-star generals.

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