

Biography: Daniel Mahanty, Division Director for Learning, Civilian Protection Center of Excellence

Mr. Dan Mahanty is the Division Director for Learning at the Civilian Protection Center of Excellence, where he leads the Center's research and analytic agenda, and drives the exploration of technology solutions for civilian harm mitigation. Prior to his service at the Department of Defense, he served as a Director of Research, Learning and Innovation and US Program Director for seven years at the international non-profit, Center for Civilians in Conflict, where he led research initiatives focused on civilian protection and civilian harm mitigation. He also spent sixteen years at the U.S. Department of State, where he started and led the Office of Security and Human Rights, leading efforts to integrate US leadership on human rights in security policy and practice. He is a non-resident associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and was an adjunct associate professor at Georgetown University and with the Kansas University program at the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth. His research on civilian harm mitigation has been cited by the New York Times and Washington Post, and his writing has appeared in Foreign Policy, Defense One, War on the Rocks, and USA Today. He holds a master's degree from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree from George Mason University. He is from Greeley, Colorado and now lives in McLean, Virginia.