

BIOGRAPHY: Lieutenant General (Ret.) Dr Dennis Gyllensporre

Lieutenant General (Ret.) Dr Dennis Gyllensporre is an Associate Professor in Security Policy and Strategy at the Swedish Defence University, currently at Oxford University as a Visiting Fellow. His research is focused on strategy, military diplomacy, and peacekeeping. He also holds office as the Vice President of the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences. LTG (Ret.)

Gyllensporre has 38 years of service in the Swedish Armed Forces. In 2021, he completed three years of service as the Force Commander for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). He came from a four-year appointment as the Chief of Defence Staff and Director of Special Forces of the Swedish Armed Forces. He was promoted to Lieutenant General in 2014.

Gyllensporre has served as a staff officer in various positions, including tours abroad in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Sudan, and served as a military advisor in international crisis management at the MoD. He has also served as chief of staff at the Swedish Joint Operations Command and later as head of the Doctrine and Concepts Branch at the European Union Military Staff. In 2008, he was deployed to Afghanistan as the Chief of Staff at Regional Command North of the NATO-led operation (ISAF).

He has studied at multifold military institutions and holds several academic degrees, including a Master of Science in Computer Science (Royal National Institute of Technology, Sweden), Master of Business Administration (Warwick University, United Kingdom), Master of Military Arts and Science (US Army Command and General Staff College), as well as a Ph.D. in Policy Analysis and Governance (Maastricht University, the Netherlands). He is the author of several books and academic articles on military strategy and security studies.

His leadership has been recognized nationally and internationally. Gyllensporre is the recipient of the Swedish Royal Order of the Sword for leadership excellence as the UN commander in Mali and the Swedish Armed Forces Medal of Merit in gold for distinguished leadership during combat and war-like situations. He was awarded the French *Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur* and the *Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mali* for outstanding leadership in combat, and the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award (2001) for academic achievements at U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He was awarded the 'Leader of Change 2022' in Sweden for successful work as an adaptation manager. Gyllensporre is inaugurated to the Hall of Fame at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (2017) and the U.S. National Defense University (2022).