



## **Dr. Mahir J. Ibrahimov (Dr. I.) Biography**

**Dr. Mahir J. Ibrahimov** (also known as Dr. I.) is the Director of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC) Cultural and Area Studies Office (CASO), the U.S Army Combined Arms Command, the U.S. Department of War (The U.S. Department of Defense).

***Mahir is an accomplished author or editor of seven books, and many other publications. His latest just released book with the oldest global publisher, based in Berlin, Germany is "America and The World: Witnessing the End of The Last Empires in the 20th and 21st Centuries."***

***Dr. I. has achieved a notable reputation for deep expertise in international relations across Eurasia, the Middle East and Europe. He has been featured in BBC World News, Los Angeles Times, other major global venues, and movie industry, as well as U.S. Department of Defense documentaries, interviews, and newsreels.***

As the first U.S. Army Culture and Foreign Language Advisor, he established a successful Culture and Foreign Language Program. It was recognized as an Army-wide model, and he was promoted to become the Army's Senior Culture and Foreign Language Advisor. In that position, and later as Director of CASO, he continues developing and improving the program with an outreach extending across the Army and beyond with a variety of educational programs, including publishing, guest speakers, direct support to CGSC classes, live panels, video podcasts, international cooperation, and research.

***Mahir is known for his unique background.***

Dr. I. served as a deputy platoon commander in the Soviet Army (the Baltic Military District) and witnessed the breakup of the Soviet Union. Then he was a Senior Middle East Expert in Moscow, USSR. After the demise of the USSR, Mahir helped to open the first embassy of independent Azerbaijan and served as a senior diplomat in Washington, DC., then he served as the vice president of the newly established American University in Azerbaijan, which followed by his work at the Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State in Washington DC.

While providing vital assistance to U.S. forces in the Middle East as a front line multi-lingual senior cultural adviser, Dr. Ibrahimov was featured as the linguistic 'genius' in early years of Iraq war and during the U.S. and coalition counterinsurgency operations in the region. Upon his return, Dr. "I" was invited by Senator James Inhofe, then a high-ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who later became a Chairman of the Committee, for an appreciation of his service in Iraq and signed a joint photo "...you are a great American, Mahir..."

He has then served as the first senior U.S. Army Culture and Foreign Language Advisor, travelled to Ukraine as part of the U.S. Army Chief of Staff 'Study,' and provided follow-on recommendations in support of U.S. national security.

Based on his extensive first-hand knowledge, regional and global expertise, ***Mahir has been regularly invited to support U.S. European NATO partners' regional policy development*** over the last years.

***In addition to his extensive civilian, as well as military education and training below, it also includes*** various U.S. Department of Defense programs. His civilian and military education and training include: Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC; Joint Program of the Institute of World Politics and Boston University, Washington, DC; Academy of Social Sciences, Moscow, USSR; Peoples' Friendship University, Moscow, USSR; Soviet military school, Volgograd oblast (former Stalingrad) USSR. He is fluent in five languages and versed in many cultures.