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Professor Hehl began his teaching career in 1989 instructing US Army Officers and Senior Non-Commissioned Officers on Soviet military doctrine and tactics as an intelligence instructor at the US Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, GA, and has taught Homeland/National Security-related topics at graduate and undergraduate levels since 2014.

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