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Simms has also been a member of the Strategic Advisory Panel of the Chief of the Defence Staff between 2010 and 2013, a Nobel Fellow in Oslo in 2012 and a Fellow of the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung in Munich in 2012-2013. He has also been involved in policy work through the (Conservative) BOW Group, the (Labour) Foreign

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