

Five Years of IWI: From Podcast to Platform

Description

Episode 128 marks a special milestone as the [Irregular Warfare Podcast](#) celebrates its five-year anniversary. Our guests reflect on the journey from a simple podcast idea in a graduate school classroom to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with over 70 volunteers worldwide. They share the origin story of IWI, trace its evolution from podcast to comprehensive platform including written content and fellowship programs, and discuss the strategic vision for the next five years—including new initiatives like a peer-reviewed journal and expanded efforts to reach broader audiences across the interagency and international community.

[Kyle Atwell](#) is an IWI Co-founder and current Chairman of the Board. An active-duty Army officer and Atlantic Council Senior Fellow, he holds a PhD from Princeton University and previously served as an Assistant Professor at West Point. Kyle co-founded the Irregular Warfare Initiative while in graduate school, recognizing the need to make academic insights accessible to practitioners in the field.

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[Guido Torres](#) is IWI's Executive Director and a Harvard National Security Fellow alumnus. A U.S. Army veteran with extensive experience in Latin America and special operations, he also serves as an Atlantic Council Senior Fellow. Guido's journey with IWI began as an avid listener of the podcast before joining as a volunteer and ultimately assuming executive leadership of the organization.

[Laura Jones](#) hosts this special anniversary episode. Please reach out to her with any questions about this episode or the [Irregular Warfare Podcast](#).

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The Irregular Warfare Podcast is always seeking motivated prospective hosts. If youâ??re a military officer on an educational sabbatical, contact us and get involved.

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