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Julian Thomas Hottinger is a Senior Mediator attached to the Human Security Division of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. After having graduated from the University of Lausanne, he obtained his PhD degree in Political Science and specialised as an International Conflict Mediator at the Canadian International Institute for Applied Negotiations (CIAN) in Ottawa, and at the Lester Pearson Peace Keeping Centre in Canada.

Julian Thomas Hottinger has worked as an expert and consultant on various projects covering conflicts in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Nicaragua, Northern Ireland, Rwanda and Sri Lanka. Some of his longer-term engagements were: Burundi (1997- until September 2000); directing a "Constitutional Think Tank Workshop for the Transitional National Government of the Republic of Somalia and the Federative Government of Puntland [North Eastern Somalia]" (December 2000 – October 2002); acting as one of the Resource Persons for the 1st Committee on "The Federal Charter", within the Somali National Reconciliation Conference in Eldoret & Mbagathi, Kenya (October 2002 – April 2004); taking part in the 2002 negotiations of "The Nuba Mountains Ceasefire Agreement", which was signed in Bürgenstock [Switzerland] by the Government of the Republic of Sudan and the SPLA [Nuba]; being a member of the "Resource Team" working on the Machakos Peace Protocol/Naivasha Peace Negotiations – between the Government of Khartoum and the SPLM/A- in Sudan, for the Intergovernmental Authority on Development [IGAD] Secretariat (January 2003 – January 2005); working with the Gerakan Aceh Medeka [GAM] to help prepare their positions on "self-government/self-governance" within the negotiations with the Government of Indonesia, under the Facilitator President Maarti Ahtisaari (until July 2005); being attached to the African Union (AU) Facilitation Team in Abuja, working on the Inter-Sudanese Negotiations on the Darfur (until mid-February 2006); being one of the mediators within the Facilitation Team in Juba [Southern Sudan], working on the negotiations between the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army [LRA] (July 2006 – March 2008); working on various Somali issues, such as the drafting of the Somali Constitution, while helping with the implementation of the Sudanese North/South CPA and the preparation of the Referendum [January 2011] and post-referendum options between the North and South of Sudan (until January 2012).

His most recent work has had to do with establishing processes and designing models for future negotiations, while helping parties prepare for future talks, mainly in Mali, Colombia, and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, while taking part in consultations on the OSCE Minsk Ceasefire in Ukraine. Since November 2013, Julian Thomas Hottinger has been working (off and on) on Syria, in collaboration with the UN Office of former JSR Lakhdar Brahimi, and today with Staffan Domingo de Mistura, the United Nations special envoy for Syria.

In parallel, Julian Thomas Hottinger has worked as a member of the International Standing Hostage Negotiation Team (ISHNT) and has collaborated in various activities over the last ten years, mainly within the private sector.