



Conflict and Humanitarian Response

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Course Programme

An intensive course for humanitarian professionals taught by the Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG) and London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). The course provides an opportunity for mid-career and senior professionals to learn and reflect on critical issues in preparing for, responding to and transitioning out of humanitarian crises. The course is designed to foster peer-to-peer learning, and will feature lectures by distinguished academics and practitioners, with an opportunity for small group discussions and exercises.

Course Speakers and Organisers

Christina Bennett

Head of Humanitarian Policy Group, ODI

Christina Bennett is Head of the Humanitarian Policy Group. Prior to joining HPG, she was the Chief of Policy Analysis and Innovation at OCHA, where she led analytical efforts on a range of humanitarian issues, including aid effectiveness, risk and resilience and civil military issues. She was also OCHA's intergovernmental liaison and was part of the team that launched the UN's humanitarian reform initiative in 2005 and developed the concept for the World Humanitarian Summit.



Dr Stuart Gordon

Associate Professorial Lecturer and Programme Director, LSE

Stuart Gordon is the Programme Director for the International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies MSc, an Associate Fellow at the Royal Institute for International Affairs (Chatham House) and a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. He also coordinates the International Development department development and humanitarian consultancy programmes. He is a research adviser to both the Humanitarian Forum and the Moslem Charities Forum. He sits on the editorial board of the Disasters journal and co-directs, with Sara Pantuliano, the LSE-ODI Senior Level Course on Conflict and Humanitarian Response. He writes on the roles of institutions in conflict and complex emergencies with a particular focus on the interactions between humanitarian and security organisations (state militaries and non-state armed groups).



Sarah Adamczyk

Research Fellow, ODI

Sarah is a human rights lawyer with extensive experience working in legal and protection humanitarian programming, primarily in the Middle East. Prior to joining HPG, Sarah worked with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) implementing legal assistance programmes for displaced populations in the Gaza Strip, Jordan, Ukraine and Syria. Sarah additionally worked as a lecturing fellow and supervising attorney with the International Human Rights Clinic at Duke Law School, where she co-authored the March 2017 report, 'Tightening the Purse Strings: What Countering Terrorism Financing Costs Gender Equality and Security', analysing the impact of counter-terrorism and preventing/countering violent extremism on gender equality. Her research has primarily focused on protection of civilians, humanitarian principles, human rights, forced migration, legal identity, housing, land and property (HLP) rights, and the securitisation of humanitarian aid.



Professor Tim Allen

Professor in Development Anthropology, LSE

Tim Allen is inaugural Director of the Firoz Lalji Centre for Africa and Professor in Development Anthropology in the Department of International Development at LSE. He has carried out long-term field research in several African countries, mostly in East Africa. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. He is currently the Principal Investigator for the five-year ESRC-funded Centre for Public Authority and International Development, as well as several other grants funded by the UK research councils (ESRC, AHRC, GCRF).



Hannah Bond

Director, GAPS-UK

Hannah Bond is Director of Gender Action for Peace and Security (GAPS). Hannah has worked with CSOs and government in the UK and Global South. In the early stages of her career, Hannah worked for the Women's National Commission, focusing on violence against women. She has since worked for humanitarian and development NGOs in the UK and Global South and for the British Embassy in Addis Ababa where she worked on Ethiopia, Djibouti and Somaliland. Hannah lived and worked for six years in Ethiopia, where she specialised in conflict, gender, human rights, community-based development and economic empowerment.



Professor Charles Garraway CBE

Fellow, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex

Professor Charles Garraway is a Fellow at the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex. After retiring from the UK armed forces, he accepted the Stockton Chair in International Law at the United States Naval War College. Since returning to the UK, he has lectured and written extensively on international humanitarian law, human rights law and international criminal law. He was a Member (Vice-President 2012-2015) of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission between 2007 and 2017.



Professor Mary Kaldor CBE

Director of the Conflict and Civil Society Research Unit, LSE

Mary Kaldor is a Professor of Global Governance and Director of the Conflict and Civil Society Research Unit in the LSE Department of International Development. She also directs the unit's largest research project, the Conflict Research Programme (CRP), an international DFID-funded partnership investigating public authority across a range of countries in Africa and the Middle East. She was a founding member of European Nuclear Disarmament (END), a founder and Co-Chair of the Helsinki Citizen's Assembly and a member of the International Independent Commission to investigate the Kosovo Crisis, established by the Swedish Prime Minister.



Professor David Keen

Professor of Complex Emergencies, International Development, LSE

David Keen is Professor of Complex Emergencies in the International Development Department at the London School of Economics and Political Science. His study of the political economy of famine was published by Princeton University Press as *The Benefits of Famine*. He is also the author of *The Economic Functions of Violence in Civil Wars* (Oxford University Press) and *The Best of Enemies: Conflict and Collusion in Sierra Leone* (James Currey/Palgrave Macmillan, scheduled for 2004). He formerly worked as a researcher, consultant and journalist.



Professor Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou

Professor of International History, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou is Professor of International History, with a PhD in Political Science from the City University of New York. He was Scholar-in-Residence at the Harvard University Centre for Middle Eastern Studies in Cambridge, Massachusetts before becoming a Research Associate at the Ralph Bunche Institute on the United Nations in New York. He was Director of Research at the Geneva-based International Council on Human Rights Policy, prior to returning to Harvard where he was Associate Director of the Programme on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research. He served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mauritania before returning to the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) where he was Deputy Director and Academic Dean.



Dr Sara Pantuliano

Acting Executive Director, ODI

Sara Pantuliano is a Managing Director at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), where she has led the humanitarian team for six years. She is a member of the Global Future Council on the Humanitarian System of the World Economic Forum (WEF), the Editor-in-Chief of *Disasters Journal*, a Trustee of SOS Sahel and IRIN News, and serves on a range of advisory boards, including Oxford University's Refugees Studies Centre and the UN Association of the UK. She previously led a high-profile UN response in the Nuba Mountains, acted as an observer at the IGAD Sudan peace process and lectured at the University of Dar es Salaam. She has written extensively on Sudan, conflict and humanitarian affairs.



Katie Peters

Senior Research Fellow, ODI

Katie Peters has been a Senior Research Fellow at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) since 2011. Leading ODI's portfolio on the intersection of natural hazard-related disasters, climate change and conflict, her research focuses on disaster risk reduction in fragile and conflict affected states, the relationship between climate change and conflict, and the securitisation of climate change.



Ben Ramalingam

Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies (IDS)

Ben Ramalingam is a researcher, author, advisor and facilitator focusing on global development and humanitarian issues. His research agenda includes economy and inequality; government and service delivery; citizenship, activism and rights; sustainability, resilience and humanitarianism; and digital practices, tools and methods. He previously served as Head of Research and Development at ALNAP, a unique multi-stakeholder network for aid effectiveness, performance and learning. Prior to this, he led the Knowledge and Learning research programme at the Overseas Development Institute and was Deputy Director of the Humanitarian Futures Programme based at Kings College London. He has also worked in strategy consulting and investment banking.



Dr Iavor Rangelov

Global Security Research Fellow, LSE

Dr Iavor Rangelov is Assistant Professorial Research Fellow at the Civil Society and Human Security Research Unit in the Department of International Development, London School of Economics and Political Science. He is Chairman of the Executive Board of the Humanitarian Law Center in Belgrade and Co-Chair of the London Transitional Justice Network. He is the author of 'Nationalism and the Rule of Law: Lessons from the Balkans and Beyond' (2014), and co-editor of 'The Handbook of Global Security Policy' (2014).



Dr. Julian Sheather

Dr Julian Sheather is special adviser in ethics and human rights to the British Medical Association and an ethics adviser to Médecins Sans Frontières. His particular interests lie in health and human rights, medical ethics in times of conflict, humanitarian ethics, public health ethics and mental health and mental capacity. He is the BMA's policy lead on resource allocation and NHS change. He is a co-author of *Medical Ethics Today*, the BMA's handbook on medical ethics and medical law, *Assessment of Mental Capacity* (with the Law Society) and is a regular contributor to the *British Medical Journal* and *The Journal of Medical Ethics*. He sits on the *British Medical Journal's* ethics committee and the Institute of Medical Ethics



Dr Rim Turkmani

Senior Research Fellow, Director of Syria Conflict Research Programme (CRP), LSE

Dr Turkmani is a Senior Research Fellow at the Conflict and Civil Society Research Unit in the Department of International Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She directs the Syria conflict research programme at the Unit. Her policy-oriented research work focuses on identity politics, legitimate governance, transforming war economy it into peace economy and the relationship between local and external drivers of the conflict. She is a member of the Women's Advisory Board to the UN special envoy to Syria and sits on the advisory board of airwars.org which monitor the International coalition strikes against ISIS. She directed the project: 'Crowd-sourcing Conflict and Peace 'Events' in the Syrian conflict' which produced a detailed database of instances of violence and peace-making.



Professor Alex de Waal

Executive Director, World Peace Foundation and Research Professor, Tufts University

Prof De Waal is Executive Director of the World Peace Foundation and Research Programme Director with the Conflict Research Programme at LSE. He also contributes to CPAID research at the Firoz Lalji Centre for Africa. Prof de Waal is one of the foremost experts on Sudan, South Sudan and the Horn of Africa with particular reference to humanitarian crisis and response, conflict, mediation and peacebuilding. He has served with the African Union mediation team on Darfur and as an advisor to the African Union High Level Implementation Panel for Sudan



Barnaby Willitts-King

Senior Researcher Fellow, ODI

Barnaby Willitts-King's current research focuses on humanitarian financing, the foreign policy and decision making of both DAC and rising donors including the UK and China, and the role of emerging actors such as the private sector and regional organisations. He has worked in humanitarian action for over 19 years, including for the UK Department for International Development (DFID), Save the Children, and as a consultant to international agencies including the World Food Programme, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).



Agenda

Day 1: Sunday 7 July 2019		
19:30 – 21:00	Welcome drinks. The Trinity, 202-206 Borough High St, London	Course staff
	note Course staff will be at the venue with your welcome packs	
Day 2: Monday 8 July 2019		Location: LSE Campus; Vera Anstey Rm.
09:00 – 11:00	Welcome, introductions and course overview	Dr. Stuart Gordon and Christina Bennett
11:00 – 11.30	Break	
11:30 – 13:00	The changing humanitarian landscape and challenges for global humanitarian action	Dr. Sara Pantuliano
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15.30	Responding to complex crises: conflict, fragile states and political transitions	Dr. Stuart Gordon
15.30 – 16:00	Break	
16:00 – 17:30	Panel discussion: the humanitarian implications of climate change	Katie Peters and Sheri Lim*
17:30 – 18:00	Wrap up	Course staff
18:30 – 21:00	Dinner, Li Veli Winery and Bistro, 69 Long Acre, WC2E 9JS	TBD
Day 3: Tuesday 9 July 2019		Location: LSE Campus; Vera Anstey Rm.
09:00 – 09.30	Housekeeping and introductions	Course staff
09:30 – 11.00	Conflict and humanitarian crises: a political economy approach	Prof. David Keen
11:00 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 13:00	The Syrian conflict economy and the humanitarian response	Dr. Rim Turkmani
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30	Transitional justice	Dr. Iavor Rangelov and Prof. Tim Allen
15.30 – 16:00	Break	
16:00 – 17:30	Debate: The impact of counter-terrorism on humanitarian principles	Roland Pearce, Kate McGrane and Michelle Russell*

Day 4: Wednesday 10 July 2019		Location: ODI Office
09:00 – 09:30	Housekeeping and introductions	Course staff
09:30 – 10:30	Humanitarian principles and international law	Prof. Charles Garraway
10:30 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 13:00	Analysing conflict and responding to humanitarian crises	Prof. Mary Kaldor
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	Debate: Opportunities and risks in use of technology in crises	Delphine van Solinge, Ben Ramalingam and Barnaby Willitts-King
16:00 – 16:30	Break	
16:30 – 17:00	Group work	TBD
Day 5: Thursday 11 July 2019		Location: ODI Office
09:00 – 10:30	Panel discussion: changing gender norms in humanitarian contexts	Hannah Bond and other panellists tbc
10:30 – 13:30	Group work: humanitarian ethics	Dr. Julian Sheather
13:00 – 14:00	Break	
14:00-16:00	ODI report launch	TBD
19:00 – 21:30	Pub quiz. Old Bank of England, 194 Fleet St, London, EC4A 2LT	
Day 6: Friday 12 July 2019		Location: ODI Office
09:00 – 09:10	Housekeeping and introductions	Course staff
09:10 – 11:30	Implications of the shifting political and security landscape in the Middle East and North Africa	Prof. Mohammad Mahmoud Ould Mohammedou
11:30 – 12:00	Break	
12:00 – 13:30	Starvation crimes: Addressing the political causes of Famine	Dr. Alex de Waal
13:30 – 16:00	Lunch and group work	
16:00 – 18:00	Group work presentations	
18:00 – 19:00	Reflections and feedback on the course	
19:00 – 21:30	Dinner, Tas, 33 The Cut, London SE1 8LF	TBD

* Invited speaker not yet confirmed.