



Advanced Course on Conflict, Crisis and Transitions

16-23 July 2014, York, UK

Introduction

The Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG) at the Overseas Development Institute and the Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit (PRDU) at the University of York are pleased to offer their fifth annual 'Advanced Course on Conflict, Crisis and Transitions'. The week-long programme targeting mid-career and senior professionals will be held on the parkland campus of the University of York.

The course aims to facilitate learning and guided reflection on the crucial issues of the political, strategic and operational challenges of nurturing transition from conflict to stability and peace. Course participants will engage in a participatory learning process that combines lectures from distinguished academics and practitioners, with small group discussions and exercises.

Participants

The course is targeted at mid-career and senior professionals with at least seven years' experience in humanitarian assistance, international development, post-conflict recovery, disaster management, foreign policy and/or the military.

Dates & Logistics

The course will take place from 16-23 July 2014 on the campus of the University of York. The final day is a half-day to allow for return travel. Participants are responsible for their own travel to York, though on-site costs, including accommodation for the duration of the course, are included within the fee. For further information, please contact us at hpgadmin@odi.org.uk.

How to Apply

Applications can be made by filling out the online application form. You can also download the form and email the application to hpgadmin@odi.org.uk. The application deadline is 30 April 2014.

Fees

Institutional Participant: £2,500
(Employed and sponsored by a governmental, international or non-governmental organisation).

Individual Participant: £2,000
(Currently self-employed, retired or unemployed, or who will be paying his or her fees separate from an employer or sponsoring organisation).

The fees cover the course tuition and materials, seven nights' accommodation and a day excursion. Individuals paying before 15 April will receive a £100 discount. Fees are refundable if attendance is cancelled before 30 May and can be transferred to another participant prior to 30 June.

Programme

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2014

Arrival and registration (09:00-11:00)

Welcome, introductions and course overview

Course staff

Key concepts in conflict, crisis and transitions

Dr Sara Pantuliano and Prof Sultan Barakat

DAY 2: THURSDAY 17 JULY 2014

Participant presentations

Analysing and responding to conflict

Dr Vesna Matovic

Gender in conflict, crisis and transition

Judy El Bushra

Conflict types and transition models

Dr Kenneth Bush

DAY 3: FRIDAY 18 JULY 2014

Participant presentations

Political settlements and peace processes

Prof Nicholas Haysom

The importance of diplomacy

Francesc Vendrell

Transitional justice and the legacy of the past

Lars Waldorf

DAY 4: SATURDAY 19 JULY 2014

Participant presentations

How does law protect in war? Protection of civilians, International Humanitarian Law and humanitarian principles

Dr Olivier Bangerter and Eva Svoboda

Counter-terror policy and humanitarian action

Dr Sara Pantuliano

Group exercise

DAY 5: SUNDAY 20 JULY 2014

Day trips (optional)

Visit of York Minster

Walking trip in Yorkshire dales

DAY 6: MONDAY 21 JULY 2014

Case study 1: Syria

Humanitarian challenges

Rae McGrath

Prospects for transition

Dr Radwan Ziadeh

Case study 2: South Sudan

Political dialogue and reconciliation

Dr Luka Biong Deng

Security, development and transition

Paul Murphy

DAY 7: TUESDAY 22 JULY 2014

Pathways towards transition

Dr Sara Pantuliano, Prof Sultan Barakat and Dr Martin Barber, chaired by Dr Kevin Watkins

Group exercise

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY 23 JULY 2014

Group presentations

Reflections and next steps

Dr Sara Pantuliano and Prof Sultan Barakat

Departure (13:00)

Speakers

Professor Sultan Barakat

Director, Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit, University of York



Professor Sultan Barakat (BSc University of Jordan, Amman, MA and DPhil University of York, UK) is the Founding Director of the Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit (PRDU). In 1996 he designed and launched the PRDU's innovative Master's course in Post-war Recovery Studies. He is the Director of the FCO Senior Chevening Fellows Programme on Conflict Resolution, and has served as a Visiting and Guest Lecturer at a number of European and North American universities.

He is also a Senior Adviser and Consultant to the UN, the World Bank, the European Union, Department for International Development, the International Labour Organization, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Dutch and Norwegian Ministries of Foreign Affairs, the United States Institute of Peace, the Higher Education Funding Council for England and a variety of governments and international non-governmental organisations including CARE and Tiri.

Dr Sara Pantuliano

Head, Humanitarian Policy Group, Overseas Development Institute



Dr Sara Pantuliano is the Head of the Humanitarian Policy Group at ODI. She is a political scientist with extensive experience in conflict and post-conflict contexts. Prior to joining ODI, she led UNDP Sudan's Peace Building Unit, managed a high-profile post-conflict response in the Nuba Mountains and was a resource person and an observer at the IGAD Sudan peace process. She holds a PhD in Politics and has lectured at the University of Dar es Salaam. She has written extensively on Sudan and South Sudan and

is a recognised public speaker and media commentator on Sudan, South Sudan and humanitarian issues. She is the Managing Editor of Disasters Journal and a Member of the Global Agenda Council on Catastrophic Risk of the World Economic Forum. She is also a Trustee of SOS Sahel and serves on a range of advisory boards, including the Humanitarian Innovation Fund, the Refugees Studies Centre and the UN Association of the UK.

Dr Kenneth Bush

Al-Tajir Lecturer, Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit, University of York



Dr Kenneth Bush is the Al-Tajir Lecturer in Post-war Recovery Studies in the Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit of the University of York. His work seeks to bridge the gap between peace studies and evaluation research and practice, particularly his work on Peace and Conflict Impact Assessment (PCIA), and on the ethical, political, logistical, and methodological challenges confronting evaluators in conflict zones.

He was a founding professor of the Conflict Studies Programme at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada. He has worked with a broad spectrum of policy, development and humanitarian organizations in the Global North and South. He and Colleen Duggan have recently completed an edited volume, *Evaluation in Extremis – The Politics and Impact of Research in Violently Divided Societies*.

Dr Olivier Bangerter

Lead, Humanitarian Policy Team at Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland



Dr Olivier Bangerter holds a PhD in theology from Geneva University. He worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) between 2001 and 2011 and served as an ICRC adviser on dialogue with armed groups from 2008 to 2011. He subsequently became a senior researcher at the Small Arms Survey. Through his work, he has met current and former members of more than 60

armed groups around the world. In 2012, he joined the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs as the Deputy Head of the Humanitarian Policy and Migration section. He led the Humanitarian Policy team, whose mandate is to further the protection of civilians in armed conflict (PoC). He also led the working group in charge of drafting the revised 2013 Swiss strategy on PoC.

Dr Martin Barber



Dr Martin Barber is a retired senior UN official with extensive experience in humanitarian affairs and peace operations. He served as Director of the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) from 2000 until his retirement from the UN in 2005. Previously, he was Chief of Policy Development and Advocacy in the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). From 1996 to 1998, he was Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in the UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), Sarajevo. He worked for UN OCHA from 1989 to 1996

serving as UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Afghanistan (1995–1996). Previously, he worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the British Refugee Council. Recently he served as Senior Adviser in the Office for Coordination of Foreign Aid in the Government of the United Arab Emirates. He is now a consultant and analyst on humanitarian issues. He holds a doctorate in South-East Asian Sociology from the University of Hull and is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Edinburgh. In 2006, he was made an OBE “for services to de-mining”.

Dr Veronique Barbelet



Dr Veronique Barbelet joined the Humanitarian Policy Group as a Research Fellow in September 2013. She has worked for several years in the Humanitarian Policy Unit of the World Food Programme focusing on protection in food assistance. Her background research includes a PhD from the Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit of the

University of York on humanitarian engagement with armed-non state actors. Prior to her PhD, she worked with Geneva Call, a Swiss NGO engaging armed groups on humanitarian issues. She has conducted research on humanitarian policy issues in Central African Republic, Chad, Kenya, Mali, South Sudan, and Sudan.

Dr Luka Biong Deng

Executive Director, Kush, Inc



Dr Luka Biong Deng is the Executive Director of Kush, a non-profit organisation promoting peace, stability and development, with a focus on South Sudan and Abyei area. He is also a fellow at Peace Research Institute of Oslo and associate fellow at Carr Centre for Human Rights Policy at Harvard Kennedy School. He is a recognised expert on Sudan, South Sudan, poverty, vulnerability, famine, civil wars and state-building. He served as a Minister in the Office of the

President of South Sudan and as a National Minister of Cabinet Affairs of the Sudan until he resigned in 2011. He also worked as a Senior Economist for the World Bank. He received his PhD from the Institute of Development Studies at University of Sussex, UK and earned a Master of Arts in Economics and a Master of Business Administration from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. He has published scholarly articles in a wide array of international journals.

Judy El-Bushra



Judy El-Bushra is an independent consultant specialising in research and programme design on conflict and peace. She has over 35 years' experience in the field of gender, peacebuilding and

development, the last 15 of which she has spent in senior-level management positions with International Alert and ACORD and engaging in African fragile state-focused consultancy work.

Professor Nicholas Haysom

Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Political Affairs in Afghanistan



Professor Nicholas Haysom was appointed Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Political Affairs in Afghanistan in 2012. He previously served as Director for Political Affairs in the Office of UN Secretary-General in New York (2007–12) and in Baghdad as the head of UNAMI's Office of Constitutional Support (2005–07). He was closely involved in the constitutional negotiations leading up to the interim and final constitutions in South Africa and served as chief legal advisor

throughout Nelson Mandela's presidency. He has advised on conflict resolution and constitutional reform in East and Central Africa and South and Southeast Asia, including as the chairman of the committee negotiating constitutional issues in the Burundi Peace Talks (1999–2002) and as the adviser to the IGAD Sudanese Peace Process (2002–05). He was a founding partner of a human rights law firm, and an Associate Professor of Law until he joined President Mandela's office in May 1994.

Dr Vesna Matovic

Head of Training and Learning, International Alert



Dr Vesna Matovic holds a doctorate in Psychology and has worked for many years as a consultant, trainer and facilitator on conflict issues. She has experience of working with organisations and networks around the world; particularly in the Balkans, the Middle East, and Asia. Her areas of interest are conflict analysis, conflict sensitivity, dialogue and mediation, integrating the theory and the practice of conflict

transformation, applying action research methodology to peacebuilding, and learning and change. Vesna has also taught on university courses in London, Birmingham and York in the UK, as well as in Cambodia and Serbia. Prior to her position at International Alert, Vesna was a Peace and Conflict Advisor with Responding to Conflict.

Rae McGrath

Mission Director, Mercy Corps



Rae McGrath founded the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), and, as a leading member of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), represented the organisation when it received the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1997. During the late 1980s he worked in Darfur and Afghanistan, advising non-governmental organisations and establishing landmine clearance operations. He founded the Mines Advisory Group in 1989, and co-founded the International Campaign to

Ban Landmines. He has also organised programmes responding to emergencies in Indonesia, Ethiopia and Somalia. He worked as Senior Programme Manager for emergency response with Save the Children UK from 2007 until 2012 and is now Mission Director for Mercy Corps. He lectures on conflict and humanitarian issues, and is an Associate at the Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit (PRDU) at the University of York.

Paul Murphy

Executive Director of the Saferworld



Paul Murphy is the Executive Director of the conflict prevention organisation, Saferworld. Before joining Saferworld in 2008, he spent 20 years living and working in Africa in support of a broad range of development and humanitarian initiatives with non-governmental organisations, the United Nations and as a freelance consultant. With a general focus on Eastern and the Horn of Africa, he spent considerable time working in Sudan/South Sudan.

His last post there was as Director of Pact's country programme that supported community peacebuilding efforts in the lead up to Sudan's 2005 Comprehensive Peace Agreement. Paul continues to work on conflict prevention and post conflict recovery themes with Saferworld. Previous positions with Saferworld included Head of their Europe and Central Asia region and as Director of Programmes, before becoming Executive Director in 2012.

Eva Svoboda

Research Fellow, Humanitarian Policy Group, Overseas Development Institute



Eva Svoboda joined the Humanitarian Policy Group in June 2012. Prior to joining ODI she worked with non-governmental organisations and the Swiss Development Agency in the West Bank. In 1999 she joined the International Committee of the Red Cross and has worked in various countries in Asia, Africa

and the Middle East. Her roles at ICRC included Protection Delegate, Head of Office and Head of Delegation. Eva holds Masters degrees in Middle Eastern Studies and Philology, and in Public International Law.

Francesc Vendrell, CMG



Francesc Vendrell is the former Head of the UN Special Mission to Afghanistan (2000–01) and Special Representative of the EU for Afghanistan (2002–08). He is currently chairman of the Afghanistan Analysis Network, Senior Consultant to the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue and Visiting Professor and Senior Fellow at SAIS and LSE respectively. Joining the UN diplomatic corps in 1968, he has, among other positions, been the

Representative of the Secretary-General of the UN in El Salvador and Nicaragua (1989–91), Guatemala (1990–92) and East Timor (1999). He has participated in diplomatic missions in the Caucasus (1992) and Haiti (1993), and was Director of Political Affairs for East Asia and the Pacific Division (1993–2000). In 2009 he was appointed (Honorary) Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St George (CMG).

Lars Waldorf

Senior Lecturer, Centre for Applied Human Rights, York Law School



Lars Waldorf is a senior lecturer in international human rights law at York Law School and the Centre for Applied Human Rights. He practiced as a civil rights and poverty lawyer in the US for nine years, including five years as a senior trial attorney with the Justice Department. After an interlude as a journalist reporting on genocide trials at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, he ran Human Rights Watch's field office in Rwanda in 2002 and 2003.

He was a Visiting Fellow at Harvard Law School's Human Rights Program in 2004. Lars previously taught at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies (University of London), The New School and Harvard College. He has also worked as a consultant for the International Center for Transitional Justice, the Committee to Protect Journalists, the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers and Front Line Defenders.

Dr Kevin Watkins

Executive Director, Overseas Development Institute



Dr Kevin Watkins is Executive Director of the Overseas Development Institute. He is a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and a senior visiting research fellow at the Global Economic Governance Programme at Oxford University. Previously, he was the director and lead author of UNESCO's Education for All Global Monitoring Report (2007–10) and the UNDP Human Development Report, where he led the research on reports covering global poverty and inequality, the global

water crisis, and climate change. Prior to working with the United Nations, he worked for thirteen years with Oxfam, where he authored major reports on African debt, international trade and Oxfam's Education Report. He holds a BA in Politics and Social Science from Durham University and a doctorate from Oxford University. His research interests include poverty and inequality, education, approaches to equity in public spending and inclusive economic growth.

Dr Radwan Ziadeh

Executive Director, Syrian Center for Political and Strategic Studies



Dr Radwan Ziadeh is the founder and director of the Damascus Center for Human Rights Studies in Syria and co-founder and executive director of the Syrian Center for Political and Strategic Studies in Washington, D.C. He is the managing editor of the Transitional Justice in the Arab World Project and is also a member of the Syrian National Preparatory committee for Transitional Justice. Since the Syrian uprising started in March 15, 2011 he was involved in documenting the ongoing human rights violations in Syria and testified at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva twice. In October 2011 he served as the director of the Foreign Relations Office of the Syrian

National Council until he resigned in November 2012. He has held visiting scholar and fellow positions at numerous academic and research institutions, including the Dubai Initiative at Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University, the Institute for Middle East Studies (IMES) in the Elliot School of International Affairs at George Washington University, the United States Institute of Peace and Chatham House. He has written and edited over 15 books, the latest being *Power and Policy in Syria: Intelligence Services, Foreign Relations and Democracy in the Modern Middle East*.