

Curriculum Vitae

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Senior Research Fellow

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KEY EXPERIENCE

- Widely published author on violent conflict and its resolution, conflict prevention and peacebuilding, civilian-military relations, subnational conflict, media and information technology in conflict, Rule of Law in conflict contexts, civilian and human security, transitional justice and international justice for war crimes, and the use of evidence and knowledge for policy-making in international development
- Experienced field researcher (qualitative and quantitative data collection methods) and team leader in hostile environment fieldwork conditions
- Trained and proficient programme and project manager
- Effective intellectual convener with wide international network in academia and practice
- Effective communicator of research knowledge to practitioners, policy-makers, mass media and academic researchers; extensive on-camera experience
- East/ Central Africa expert with 10+ years experience in conducting empirical social and policy-relevant research in Uganda and South Sudan

COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

- Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda

QUALIFICATIONS

2013	PhD International Development London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
2013	Level 5 Extended Diploma in Management & Leadership Chartered Management Institute, UK
2012	Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
1999	MA in Sociology, German and American Studies University of Bremen, Germany
1998	MSc in Journalism Columbia University, USA
1995	Graduate Diploma in American Studies Smith College, USA

CAREER/EXPERIENCE/POSITIONS HELD

- 2013-2015** **Assistant Professorial Research Fellow**
London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2011-2013** **Chief Executive Officer**
The Justice and Security Research Programme
London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2005-15** **Research Consultant**
USAID/ OTI AECOM VISTAS Program
Heinrich-Böll-Foundation
The World Bank
The Carter Center Democracy Program Sudan/ South Sudan
Pact Sudan
Conciliation Resources
Small Arms Survey
Unicef
- 2007-2012** **Higher Education Teaching (lectures, seminars, guest lecturer)**
London School of Economics and Political Science
Tufts University
University of Ghent
Paderborn University
- 1990-2008** **Broadcast Journalist** (ARD, BBC, Deutsche Welle, Discovery Channel)

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

English	Near-native
German	Native
French	Intermediate
Software	Qualitative data analysis (MaxQDA), Audio and video editing, various databases (FileMaker, Devonthink), Office Suite
Training	Hostile environment training (2017); Emergency first aid at work (2017)
Professional Memberships	Editorial board Zed Press: <i>Politics and Development in Contemporary Africa</i> ; African Borderlands Research Network, Conflict Research Society

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles and Working Papers

- “There was a third man...’: Tales from a global policy consultation on indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals” (with Deval Desai). *Development and Change* 49(1): 1–27. DOI: 10.1111/dech.12360 (2017).
- “South Sudan’s Civil War Will Not End with a Peace Deal” (with Lotje de Vries). *Peace Review* 29 (2017).
- “Fettered Self-determination: South Sudan’s Narrowed Path to Secession” (with Lotje de Vries). *Civil Wars* 19:1 (2017).
- “The fear factor is a main thing’: How radio influences anxiety and political attitudes” (with Anouk S. Rigterink). *Journal of Development Studies* (2017).
- Seeking answers in times of crisis: Navigating current pitfalls of conflict research and practice.* London: ODI (2016).

“Probing for proof, plausibility, principle and possibility: What systematic evidence reviews taught us about framing ‘evidence’ for policy-making” (with Anouk S. Rigterink), *Development Policy Review*, 34/1 (2016).

Evidence-based policymaking in Myanmar? Considerations of a post-conflict development dilemma (with Hakan Seckinelgin) London: LSE (2015).

“International criminal law in peace processes: The case of the ICC and the Lord’s Resistance Army” in: *Historical origins of international criminal law: Volume 4*, M. Bergsmo, W. L. Cheah, T. Song & P. Yi (eds.). Brussels: Torkel Opsahl Academic EPublisher (2015).

“And then he switched off the phone:’ Mobile phone coverage, political ‘voice’ and the power of information in South Sudan’s Western Equatoria State” (with Anouk Rigterink), *Stability Journal* (Special Issue on ICTs in Peacebuilding and Statebuilding in Africa), 4/1, (2015).

“Improvising border Security: ‘A situation of security pluralism’ along South Sudan’s border with the Democratic Republic of Congo” (with Lotje de Vries), *Security Dialogue*, 45/3, (2014).

Practice without evidence: Interrogating conflict resolution approaches and assumptions (with Tatiana Carayannis, Vesna Bojicic-Dzelilovic, Nathaniel Olin, Anouk Rigterink). London: London School of Economics, Justice and Security Research Programme (2014).

Climate change and conflict: A systematic evidence review (with Tim Forsyth) . London: London School of Economics, Justice and Security Research Programme (2013).

“‘They forget what they came for’: Uganda’s army in Sudan”, *Journal of East African Studies*, 6/1 (2012).

“Deals and dealings: Inconclusive peace and treacherous trade along the Sudan/Uganda border” (with Kristof Titeca), *Africa Spektrum*, 47/2-3, (2012).

“Searching for solutions in Juba: An overview” (with Betty Ogwaro), *Accord*. London: Conciliation Resources (2010).

“Uganda: International involvement and incentives for peacemaking in northern Uganda”, *Accord*. London: Conciliation Resources (2008).

Reports and Book Chapters

Countering violent extremism: A topic guide (with Sherine Eltaraboulsi-McCarthy and Jass Sandhar). Birmingham: GSDRC (2017).

Understanding trajectories of radicalisation in Niger (with Aoife McCullough and Abdoutan Harouna). London: ODI (2017).

Comprendre les trajectoires de la radicalisation à Agadez (with Aoife McCullough and Abdoutan Harouna). London: ODI (2017).

“Arrow boys, armed groups and the SPLA: Intensifying insecurity in the Western Equatorial states” (with Charles Taban) in *Informal armies: Community defence groups in South Sudan’s civil war*, V. Brereton (ed.), London: Saferworld (2017).

Considering the state: Perspectives on South Sudan’s subdivision and federalism debate (eds., with Lovise Aalen). London/Bergen: ODI/CMI (2016).

Non-state security providers and political formation in South Sudan: The case of Western Equatorias arrow boys (with Anouk S. Rigterink). Guelph: Center for Security Governance (2016).

Report of the Justice and Security Research Programme survey in Ezo and Tambura Counties, South Sudan (first round May 2013//second round January-February 2015) (with Anouk S. Rigterink and John Justin Kenyi). London: London School of Economics (2016).

“‘Make him famous’: The single conflict narrative of *Kony2012*” in: *Reclaiming Activism: Western advocacy in contention*, Alex de Waal (ed.). London: Zed (2015).

“Policy of government and policy of culture: Understanding the rules of law in the ‘context’ of South Sudan’s Western Equatoria State” in: *The international rule of law movement: A crisis of legitimacy and the way forward*, David Marshall (ed.). Cambridge: Harvard University Press (2014).

“Chasing the Kony story” and “A terrorist Is not a person like me: An interview with Joseph Kony”, in Tim Allen and Koen Vlassenroot (eds.) *The Lord’s Resistance Army: Myth and reality*, London: Zed Books (2010).

Southern Sudan at odds with itself: Dynamics of conflict and predicaments of peace (with Tim Allen et al.) London: LSE (2010).

After Operation Lightning Thunder: Protecting communities and building peace (with Kennedy Tumutyegereize). London: Conciliation Resources (2009).

Violent legacies: Insecurity in Sudan’s Eastern and Central Equatoria. Geneva: The Small Arms Survey (2008).

Perilous border: Sudanese communities affected by conflict on the Sudan/ Uganda border. London: Conciliation Resources (2008).

The Lord’s Resistance Army in Sudan: A history and overview. Geneva: The Small Arms Survey (2007).

A hard homecoming: Lessons learned from the reception centre process on effective interventions for former ‘abductees’ in northern Uganda (with Tim Allen). Washington DC/ Kampala: USAID/ UNICEF (2006).

Books

Secessionism in African Politics: Aspiration, Grievance, Performance, Disenchantment (with Lotje de Vries and Pierre Englebort, eds.). New York: Palgrave/Macmillan, forthcoming.

The borderlands of South Sudan: Authority and identity in contemporary and historical Perspectives. (with Christopher Vaughan and Lotje de Vries, eds.). New York: Palgrave/ Macmillan (2013).

AWARDS

Cedric-Smith-Prize for Conflict Research, Conflict Research Society (UK), Runner-up (2014)

Walter-Isard-Award for the Best Dissertation in Peace Science (USA), Nominee (2014)

The Guardian International Development Journalism Competition (UK), Longlisted in category ‘professional’ (2012)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

Development Research Institute, New York University

USAID

Institute of Advanced Studies, Nantes

European Conference on African Studies

Conflict Research Society

CERI, Paris

Centre for Poverty Analysis, Colombo

Oxford Programme on Comparative Media Law and Policy, Oxford

New York University

Center for International Law Research and Policy, New Delhi

International Council on Human Rights, Geneva

UNDP Rule of Law Unit, New York

Harvard Law School Human Rights Program, Cambridge

Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen

Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge

Chatham House, London, UK

The World Bank

Rift Valley Institute, Nairobi

Egmont Institute, Brussels

UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, New York

The Royal African Society, London

Social Science Research Council, New York

Columbia University, New York

Clingendael Institute, The Hague