



CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME Dr. RICHARD BARLTROP

NATIONALITY British

LANGUAGES English (mother tongue)
Arabic (fluent)
French (fluent)

COUNTRIES OF EXPERIENCE Sudan and South Sudan; Iraq and Syria; Libya; Somalia; Yemen; North Africa and Middle East; Sahel.

EXPERTISE

Conflict resolution, mediation and peacebuilding; humanitarian relief, development and resilience in conflict–peace transition; politics, economy and governance; security sector.

QUALIFICATIONS & RESEARCH

- 2024** **Visiting Senior Fellow, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics.** Visiting fellowship for research on peace processes (2024-25).
- 2015** **Visiting Fellowship, Durham University.** Sir William Luce Fellowship, to research and write paper on insights from past approaches to peace and conflict in Sudan and South Sudan (Apr-Jun 2015).
- 2007** **DPhil (PhD) in International Relations; St Antony's College, Oxford University.** Thesis: *Help or Hindrance? Mediation and Relief in Sudan's Civil War, 1983-2004*. Research conducted in Sudan, Kenya, Egypt, UK and US; doctoral studentship (full funding) from UK Economic and Social Research Council.
- 2001** **MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies; St Antony's College, Oxford University.** Thesis: *The Arab States, Iran and the Sudanese Civil War, 1983-1999*. Papers: Economics, Politics, and International Relations of the Middle East; and Advanced Arabic language. Average mark distinction.
- 1995** **BA in Classics; Exeter College, Oxford University.** 1st Class in Honour Moderations in Greek and Latin Literature in 1993; Upper Second in Final Honour Schools in Philosophy and Ancient History in 1995. College scholarship.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

(i) United Nations

Consultant, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in Iraq, Libya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Yemen; and UNDP headquarters bureaux for crisis prevention and policy support. Focused on strategy, programme and project design for UN Country Teams and UNDP, e.g.:

- **UNDP South Sudan**, lead consultant for joint UNDP-WFP study on humanitarian assistance and statebuilding in South Sudan (Jan-Apr 2022).
- **UNDP Independent Evaluation Office**, consultant on governance, peace and Global Fund projects for [Independent Country Programme Evaluation of UNDP South Sudan](#) (2021).
- **UNDP Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (New York)**, consultant for SDG implementation facility in fragile and conflict-affected contexts (2019).

- **UNDP Sub-Regional Response Facility for Syria (Amman, Ankara, Beirut and home-based)**, [policy](#) and strategy support assignments for the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) for the Syria crisis (2014, 2015 and 2016), including [short papers](#).
- **UNDP Iraq (Baghdad, Dohuk, Erbil and Sulaimaniyah)**, e.g.: advisor on longer-term strategy for stability, peace and resilience in the Kurdistan Region (2016-17); ‘Surge’ support for managing and developing project options in the Kurdistan Region in response to post-June 2014 situation (2014-2015); developed projects to support Iraqi national human rights commission and board of human rights in the Kurdistan Region (2012).
- **UNDP Lebanon (Beirut and home-based)**: writing of “[Annual Report 2014: Challenges and Achievements](#)”, covering 2013-14 and future planning (2015).
- **UNDP Yemen (Sana’a and home-based)**: writing of 2012-14 ‘[Progress Report](#)’ (2013); revision of country programme action plan (2013); writing and revision of [Joint UN Framework to Support the Transition in Yemen](#) (2012).
- **UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa (New York)**, design of project on peace and good governance in the Sahel (2013).
- **UNDP Libya (Tripoli)**, e.g. political-economic research on public administration issues (2013) and governance and public administration assessment for UN inter-agency post-conflict planning in 2011; preparation of UNDP Libya Country Programme strategy, 2003-2005.
- **UNDP Somalia (Baidoa, Garowe, Hargeisa, Nairobi)**, e.g.: peacebuilding advisor to peacebuilding units in the governments of Puntland and Somaliland (2011-2012); lead consultant for UN Country Team multi-year strategies (2002-2007) and for UNDP country programme documents (2002-2007).
- **UNDP Sudan (Khartoum, Juba, Rumbek)**, e.g.: consultant for preparation of international donor and investor conference for Eastern Sudan, in support of Eastern Sudan Peace Agreement (2010); developed initial UNDP strategy for public sector capacity development in Southern Sudan (2005-2006); lead consultant for UN Sudan 2007 Country Analysis and UN Sudan 2005 Work Plan; preparation of UNDP Sudan strategy, 2002-2006.
- **UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (New York/Geneva)**, e.g. consultant on governance and public administration in Libya, supporting UN pre-assessment process for post-conflict planning (2011); lead consultant for four-day training workshop on conflict prevention and transformation in the Arab States (Amman, November 2008).

Assignments for UN missions:

- **Political Affairs Officer, Office of Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen (OESGY), Sana’a**. Engagement, advisory, reporting and management work in support of UN mediation; deputy head of office / officer-in-charge (2020, and 2022-2023).
- **Political Affairs Officer, UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), Juba**. Political engagement, advisory and reporting work for the peacekeeping mission (2017-2018).

Consultancies for other UN agencies:

- **UNDP and UNHCR (Geneva)**: Lead author for drafting underlying paper for the UNDP-UNHCR [Global Collaboration Framework for Inclusion and Solutions, 2023-2025](#) (Jan-Mar 2022) and subsequent [practice brief](#) (2023) and report (2024).
- **UN Women, Jordan (Amman)**, designing a three-year project to help increase women’s participation in politics in Jordan (Apr-May 2012).

(ii) Other assignments on governance, mediation and peacebuilding

UK Office for Conflict, Stabilisation and Mediation (formerly Stabilisation Unit):

- **Mediation and Training Advisor**. Mediation advisory work for the Mediation and Reconciliation Hub in the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (Dec 2020-Mar 2022).
- **Governance Advisor, Iraq (Baghdad, Erbil)**. Advising on future spending by UK Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) in Iraq, and preparation of an Iraq Country Governance Analysis for DFID and the CSSF (Oct 2015-Mar 2016).
- **Negotiations Advisor on Syria (Istanbul, Geneva)**. Negotiations advisor to the Syrian opposition National Coalition in the international efforts to seek a negotiated settlement to the conflict, leading up to the UN-mediated Geneva II talks and afterwards (Sep 2013-Jun 2014).
- **Advisor on Libyan politics and economy**. Short-term provision of Libya expertise to UK Stabilisation Unit (Mar 2011).

Mediation Advisor, European Resources for Mediation Support II, EU (Brussels, Tunis, Tripoli Libya): review of dialogue and mediation initiatives in Libya (May-Aug 2017).

Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (Geneva):

- **Mediation Advisor, Libya (Tripoli).** Advisor for project supporting reconciliation and local mediation of conflict in southern Libya (Jun 2013).
- **Consultant on negotiations, arms control and DDR.** Research in Burundi and Sudans on relationship between negotiations, disarmament, arms control and violence, and writing two reports for publication (2007-2008).

International Alert, London (Horn of Africa). Consultant for developing peacebuilding dialogue, research and advocacy proposals; author of report on peace in the Sudans, and senior researcher for peacebuilding assessment in South Sudan (Jul 2010-Oct 2011; Dec 2012).

Advisor on Somali context and politics for donor-commissioned evaluation by Adam Smith International of UNDP Somalia strategic partnership with donors, and governance and rule of law programmes (Feb-Mar 2009).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book

Darfur and the International Community: The Challenges of Conflict Resolution in Sudan, London, IB Tauris (2011), winner of the Association of Global South Studies 2011 Toyin Falola Africa Book Award; [paperback](#) 2015.

Articles, reports, papers

Libya, South Sudan, Sudan, Yemen: entries in [The Annual Register of World Events](#) (Cambridge: ProQuest, 2010-present)

'[Oil and Gas in a New Libyan Era: Conflict and Continuity](#)', Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES) paper MEP 22 (February 2019)

'[Lessons from the Past? Approaches to Conflict and Peace in Sudan, 1899-1955](#)', Sir William Luce Publication Series no. 16, Durham University (2015)

'[What Peace and Whose? Envisioning a More Comprehensive, More Stable Peace in South Sudan and Sudan](#)', International Alert (24pp, February 2012)

'[Leadership, Trust and Legitimacy in Southern Sudan's Transition after 2005](#)', working paper, UN Development Programme, New York (2010)

'[The Negotiation of Security Issues in the Burundi Peace Talks](#)', country study no. 1, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva (52pp, March 2008)

'[The Negotiation of Security Issues in Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement](#)', country study no. 2, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva (44pp, March 2008)

Other writing

Economist Intelligence Unit: Country Report analysis on the Sudans, and previously Chad and Libya.

Oxford Analytica: briefs on Libya, the Sudans, and sometimes Chad, Mali, Sahel, Syria, Yemen and other subjects.