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Nationality: British

Qualifications

2006-2007 Msc Global Governance and Diplomacy (Distinction), University of Oxford

2000-2003 Bsc Politics (First Class), University of Bristol

Areas of expertise:

Governance and service delivery; aid, accountability and democracy promotion; support to fragile states and post-conflict countries

Country experience:

Kenya, Malawi, South Sudan, Uganda, China, Nepal

Posts held:

April 2009- **Research Fellow (previously Research Officer), Overseas Development Institute**
Researcher and policy analyst in the Politics and Governance Programme.

June 2008- **Research and Development Officer, Education Action**
March 2009 Conducted research and scoping, managed programmes and contributed to the development of new programmes for an NGO which aims to test out new approaches to education in countries affected by conflict. Managed the delivery of programmes in Northern Uganda, Sierra Leone, and Gaza.

Jan 2008- **Freelance Consultant, Global Partners and Associates**
April 2008

Sept-Dec **Executive Assistant to the Regional Representative for China and Mongolia,**
2007 **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR),** Regional Office Beijing (Internship)

Oct 2003- **Research Fellow (previously Research Assistant), Institute for Public Policy**
June 2007 **Research (ippr)**

Selected recent and ongoing ODI assignments

Fragile states

- *Capacity Gaps at Centres of Government in Fragile and Post-Conflict States – for OECD (2010-2011)*
Lead author of literature review and contributor to methodology for study in Liberia and Rwanda, for OECD PDG
- *Women’s Citizenship and State Building – Sudan case study, for NORAD (2010)*
Contributor to final report examining opportunities and challenges for women’s citizenship as part of state building processes in Sudan
- *Study on Joint Donor Engagement with Southern Sudan, for Joint Donor Partners (2010)*
Contributor to paper which examined possible options for joint donor engagement to the 2011 referendum and beyond (first author)
- *The impact of the global financial crisis: What does this tell us about state capacity and political incentives to respond to shocks and manage risks? for DFID (2010)*
Contributor to new research to understand the political and governance factors which affect states’ ability to effectively respond to external shocks, particularly the global financial crisis
- *Policy Guidance on State-Building in Fragile States for OECD (2010)*
Contributor to state-building guidance for OECD DAC INCAF

Governance and accountability

- *Political economy analysis of community scorecards in Malawi, for Plan (2011)*
Lead researcher for political economy analysis of community scorecards in education and agriculture, including fieldwork research, political economy training and production of final report
- *Donor support to domestic accountability, for OECD (2010-2011)*
Lead researcher for Uganda case study, and lead author of overall study methodology and final report for OECD GOVNET
- *Joint Evaluation of Programmes on Women’s Participation in Political Processes, for UN Women and UNDP (2011)*
Contributor to evaluation design which adopts a theory of change approach, lead researcher for South Sudan case study
- *Strengthening policy constituencies for equity in Kenya, for UNICEF (2011)*
Contributor to fieldwork and analysis on the new constitutional context in Kenya, including a political economy analysis of the prospects for implementing the rights of women and children
- *Country case studies on the effectiveness of international assistance to political party and party system development, for DFID (2010) – Nepal and Uganda*
Lead researcher for case study based research into the effectiveness of international assistance to political parties, including case studies in Nepal and Uganda
- *Analysing governance and political economy in sectors – Joint donor workshop (2009)*
Assisted with management of a joint donor workshop on political economy and governance analysis at sector level and co-wrote final workshop report
- *Guidance Note on Parliaments and aid effectiveness, for Inter-Parliamentary Union (2009)*
Contributor to practical guidance on aid and development effectiveness for Parliaments and parliamentarians, aimed at parliamentarians in the Asia-Pacific region

Aid effectiveness and accountability

- *ODI Event Series: Busan and beyond – Aid effectiveness in a new era (2011)*
Co-organiser of major event series, with speakers including Brian Atwood, Chair of the OECD DAC, Sarah Cliffe, author of the 2011 World Development Report and Tony Blair, former UK Prime Minister
- *Informing the future of Japan's ODA, for JICA (2011)*
Contributor to project exploring how to make Japan's ODA more effective in the future, examining their potential strengths and weaknesses, their engagement in sub-Saharan Africa and options for the future
- *Aid and accountability in health, for DFID Uganda (2010)*
Lead researcher for a project examining insights from the health sector in Uganda for aid and accountability, to inform the development of a new Partnership Policy for Uganda
- *Aid and accountability in the health sector, for World Vision UK (2009-10)*
Lead researcher for new research into aid and accountability (domestic and mutual) in the health sector, with case studies in Zambia and Uganda
- *Domestic and mutual accountability for aid, for the Commonwealth Secretariat (2009)*
Contributor to a review of international knowledge and experience of domestic and mutual accountability in the context of aid effectiveness, and to the development of a conceptual framework for examining the potential links between the two

Other selected publications and reports

- Wild, Leni (2008) *Democracy in the age of modern communications – An outline*, Global Partners and Associates
- Khan, Sadiq, Wild, Leni (2007) *Securing the Future*, in Pearce, Nick, Margo, Julia, *Politics for a New Generation – The Progressive Moment*, London: Palgrave Press
- Wild, Leni, Williams, Paul, (2007) *Redesigning UK foreign policy* in Held, David, Mepham, David, *Progressive Foreign Policy*, London: Polity Press
- Wild, Leni, Mepham, David (eds.) (2006) *The New Sinosphere: China in Africa*, London: ippr