

# Advanced Course on Conflict, Crisis and Transitions

## York, UK

### 18–25 July 2012

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 partnering to offer the third 'Advanced Course on Conflict, Crisis and Transitions', a week-long programme targeting mid-career and senior professionals.

The past decade has seen a surge in attention to supporting countries affected by and recovering from conflict. A parallel growth has also occurred in the number of professionals working in the fields of humanitarian, development and post-conflict recovery policymaking and practice. They are faced with a myriad of challenges associated with contexts transitioning from conflict to peace, yet rarely have the opportunity to reflect upon the critical concepts, practical challenges and policy dilemmas involved in supporting effective transitions.

The Advanced Course on Conflict, Crisis and Transitions aims to facilitate learning and guided reflection on these crucial issues. The course will bring together mid-career and senior professionals in York for one week each summer. Course participants will engage in a participatory learning process that combines lectures with small group discussions and exercises, with the possibility of publishing an analytical piece.

#### Participants

The Advanced 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. Participants will come from

bilateral and multilateral policymaking and aid financing institutions, foreign ministries, the military, United Nations agencies, NGOs, research centres and private firms, including independent consultants.

#### Content

The Advanced Course will revolve around seven core themes. These are:

- Key concepts: conflict, fragility, risk, humanitarian action and recovery
- Analysing context, conflict and fragility
- Peace processes and political settlements
- Humanitarian principles, international law and the protection of civilians
- Forced displacement and durable solutions
- Stabilising fragile states
- Learning from evaluations

Topics will be addressed through presentations and lectures by leading experts, followed by small group discussions facilitated by experts from ODI and the University of York. While assignments will not be required of participants, all will have the option to draft a short analytical piece. The strongest papers will be considered for publication in *Humanitarian Exchange*, a publication of the Humanitarian Practice Network at ODI, or *Revival*, a publication by the PDRU.

#### Dates & Logistics

The 2012 Advanced Course will take place between 18 and 25 July on the campus of the University of York. Participants are responsible for their own travel to York, though on-site costs, including accommodation (half board), are included within the course fee (see below).

## How to Apply

Applications can be made by downloading the application form and sending it to [d.white@odi.org.uk](mailto:d.white@odi.org.uk).

Please provide information on your current employment, previous experience and sectoral or thematic specialisation. The deadline for applications is 31 March 2012. There are a limited number of bursaries for applicants from non-OECD countries. Please indicate on your application form if you are interested in applying. The bursaries cover the course fees and are awarded on a competitive basis.

For further information, contact David White ([d.white@odi.org.uk](mailto:d.white@odi.org.uk)), Humanitarian Policy Group, Overseas Development Institute.

## Fees

**£2,500** Institutional Participant: A participant who is employed and sponsored by a governmental, international or non-governmental organisation

**£2,000** Individual Participant: A participant who is 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, 8 nights' accommodation (half board), three group dinners and a day excursion. Individuals applying before 15th March 2012 will receive a £100 early registration discount. Fees are refundable if attendance is cancelled before 30th April 2012 and can be transferred to another participant prior to 15th June 2012.

## Programme

Tuesday 17 July 2012		
12:00 – 20:00	Arrival and Registration University of York, Market Square/Information Centre	Course Staff
Wednesday 18 July 2012		
09:00 – 11:00	Arrival and Registration (if not done on 17 July) University of York, Ron Cook Hub, Heslington East Campus	Course Staff
11:00 – 12:30	Welcome, Introductions and Course Overview University of York Innovation Centre	Course Organisers
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:00	Key Concepts: Humanitarian Action and Post-Conflict Transitions	Prof. Sultan Barakat and Dr Sara Pantuliano
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Break</i>	
16:00 – 17:30	Exercise: Key Concepts	Samir Elhawary and Dr. Claire Smith
19:00 –	Departure for dinner in York city centre	
Thursday 19 July 2012		
09:00 – 11:00	Analysing Context, Conflict & Fragility	Dr Tom Waldman and Dr Claire Smith
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Break</i>	
11:30 – 12:30	Exercise: 'Analysing Context, Conflict & Fragility'	Dr Tom Waldman and Dr Claire Smith
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:30	Peace Processes and Political Settlements	Prof. Nicholas Haysom
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Break</i>	
16:00 – 17:00	Peace Processes and Political Settlements	Prof. Nicholas Haysom
Friday 20 July 2012		
09:00 – 11:00	Humanitarian Principles, International Law and the Protection of Civilians	James Darcy
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Break</i>	
11:30 – 12:30	Humanitarian Principles, International Law and the Protection of Civilians	James Darcy
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:30	Dealing with the Legacy of the Past: Transitional Justice & Human Rights	Dr Lars Waldorf
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Break</i>	
16:00 – 17:00	Dealing with the Legacy of the Past: Transitional Justice & Human Rights	Dr Lars Waldorf
19:00 – 20:30	Evening Lecture: Windows of Opportunity in Conflict Resolution: The Case of Afghanistan	Francesc Vendrell, CMG

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**Saturday 21 July 2012**

09:30 – 11:30	Forced Displacement and Durable Solutions	Dr Sara Pantuliano and Victoria Metcalfe
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Break</i>	
12:00 – 13:30	Forced Displacement and Durable Solutions	Dr Sara Pantuliano and Victoria Metcalfe
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:30 – 16:00	Group Exercise	ODI and PRDU Staff
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Break</i>	
16:30 – 17:30	Group Exercise	ODI and PRDU Staff

**Sunday 22 July 2012**

10:00	Depart for Yorkshire Dales Hiking Trip or Guided Civic Tour of York	
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**Monday 23 July 2012**

09:00 – 10:30	Stabilising Fragile States: Somalia Case Study	Prof. Ken Menkhaus
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	Stabilising Fragile States: Somalia Case study	Mark Bowden
12:30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.30 – 15:00	Stabilising Fragile States: Libya Case Study	Ian Martin
15:00 – 15.30	<i>Break</i>	
15.30 – 17:00	Stabilising Fragile States: a panel discussion	Prof. Ken Menkhaus, Mark Bowden, Ian Martin Dr Sean Deely and OIC speaker (tbc)

**Tuesday 24 July 2012**

09:00 – 10:30	Learning from Evaluations	Anthony Vaux
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	Learning from Evaluations	Anthony Vaux
12:30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.30 – 17:00	Group Exercise: Bringing It All Together	ODI & PRDU Staff
19:00 –	End-of-course dinner	

**Wednesday 25 July 2012**

09:00 – 11.00	Next Steps: Taking Course Content Forward (Presentations)	ODI & PRDU Staff
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	Closing Remarks	ODI & PRDU Staff
12:30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>	

## Speaker biographies

### Professor Sultan Barakat

(Director, Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit)



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.

Professor Barakat 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 United Nations, the World Bank, the European Union, DFID, the ILO, the IFRC, 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)



Sara 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, Sara 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 on humanitarian action and is a regular media commentator on these issues. Her current work focuses on underexplored dimensions of displacement, particularly the role of land in return and reintegration processes and displacement in urban contexts. She is the Managing Editor of the journal *Disasters* and a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Disaster Management.

### Mark Bowden

(UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia)



Mark Bowden is the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia, UNDP Resident Representative and Designated Official for Somalia. His long career has included posts with the UK Ministry of Overseas Development, King's College London, where he was a Research Fellow, and Save the Children, where he spent

20 years in a number of roles, including Field Director in Bangladesh, Head of Regional Office in East Africa and as Africa Director. In 1999, Mr. Bowden was seconded to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as the UK government's first Conflict Management Adviser. In July 2001 he was appointed Chief of Policy Development and Studies Branch in OCHA, where he was extensively involved in the development of UN humanitarian reforms. Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Bowden was the Director, Civil Affairs Division with the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS).

## James Darcy

(Senior Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute)



James is an international lawyer with ten years of operational experience with Oxfam as programme coordinator in Central Africa, the Balkans, the Middle East and

South and South-East Asia. Formerly head of the Humanitarian Policy Group, he is currently Senior Research Associate at ODI, working on fragile states, aid risks, humanitarian engagement and the security–development interface. He also specialises in areas of policy relating to the protection of civilians and displaced people; and in the field of needs assessment and situational analysis, particularly with regard to food security. He currently sits on the Board of Oxfam GB.

## Dr Sean Deely

(Deputy Director, Postwar Reconstruction and Development Unit)

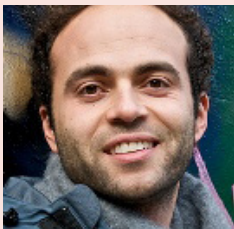


Sean Deely is Deputy Director of the Postwar Reconstruction and Development Unit (PRDU). Over the past 18 years he has worked in development assistance, humanitarian aid and political affairs programming in the Balkans, Africa, Asia

and the Middle East. He specialises in the design and planning of post-conflict recovery strategies and programmes and has wide experience in teaching and training on humanitarian and development programming. He has lectured at the University of York, the Instituto de Empresa, City University of New York (CUNY) and Spain's School of Industrial Organization (EOI). Between 1998 and 2002 he was Senior Officer for Post-Conflict Recovery at the Geneva HQ of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and has also worked for the United Nations, most recently as Senior Recovery Advisor in Libya.

## Samir Elhawary

(Research Fellow, Humanitarian Policy Group)



Samir is currently researching the evolving role of humanitarian action in conflict-affected emergencies, with a particular focus on the interface between humanitarianism and

politics. He is currently leading the Humanitarian Policy Group's work on humanitarian history and is a co-organiser of the Advanced Course on Conflict, Crisis and Transitions. Prior to joining HPG, his work focused on the role of natural resources in armed conflict and he was engaged in various initiatives to promote conflict sensitivity in the extractive industry.

## Professor Nicholas Haysom

(Political Director, Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations)



Professor Nicholas Haysom was appointed Director for Political Affairs in the Office of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in May 2007. Previously he served in Baghdad as the head of UNAMI's

Office of Constitutional Support from 2005 to 2007. Professor Haysom was closely involved in

the constitutional negotiations leading up to the interim and final constitutions in South Africa, and he served as chief legal advisor throughout Nelson Mandela's presidency. Professor Haysom has also advised on conflict resolution and constitutional reform in East and Central Africa and South and South-East Asia. He was also involved in the Burundi Peace Talks as the chairman of the committee negotiating constitutional issues (1999–2002), and served as the adviser to the IGAD Sudanese Peace Process (2002–2005). Professor Haysom 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.

### Ian Martin

(Special Representative of the Secretary General for Libya)



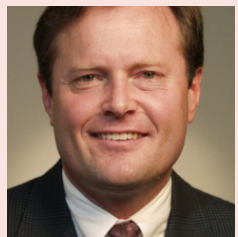
Ian Martin is Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Libya and head of the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL). His previous UN

appointments include Head of the Headquarters Board of Inquiry into certain incidents in the Gaza Strip, Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Nepal, Special Envoy for Timor-Leste, Representative in Nepal of the United Nations

High Commissioner for Human Rights, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the East Timor Popular Consultation, Special Adviser to the High Commissioner for Human Rights; Chief of the UN Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda and Director for Human Rights of the International Civilian Mission in Haiti. He also served in the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina as Deputy High Representative for Human Rights. He was Secretary General of Amnesty International (1986–92) and Vice President of the International Center for Transitional Justice (2002–05). His publications include *Self-Determination in East Timor: the United Nations, the Ballot, and International Intervention*.

### Prof Ken Menkhaus

(Professor of Political Science, Davidson College)



Dr. Ken Menkhaus is professor of Political Science at Davidson College, where he has taught since 1991. In 1993–94, he served as special political advisor in the UN Operation in

Somalia, and in 1994–95 he was visiting civilian professor at the US Army Peacekeeping Institute. He regularly serves as a consultant for the UN, the US government, non-governmental organisations and policy research institutes, and has provided expert testimony before Congressional subcommittees. He is the author of over 50 articles, book chapters and monographs, and he has been interviewed on the BBC, CNN, FOX, NPR, Voice of America and other media on the crisis in Somalia. He is currently a visiting scholar at the US Army Strategic Studies Institute.

### Victoria Metcalfe

(Research Fellow, Humanitarian Policy Group)



Victoria has substantial operational and policy experience working on protection of civilian populations in a range of settings, including conflict and post-conflict, and natural disasters. She worked extensively in

the occupied Palestinian territories with national human rights institutions, and then with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs coordinating multi-actor protection responses in the Middle East and Africa. Working in the Inter-Agency Internal Displacement Division in Geneva, Victoria supported crisis operations as well as policy development on protection and displacement with a wide range of humanitarian and development partners. Victoria's current research includes displacement in urban contexts and the engagement of military actors in humanitarian response.

### Dr Claire Smith

(Lecturer in Post-War Recovery Studies, Department of Politics, York University)



Dr Claire Smith is a Lecturer in Post-War Recovery Studies in the Department of Politics at York University. She previously taught at the London School of Economics (LSE) and

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS). Claire's research interests lie in the fields of politics of development, war, ethnic and religious conflict, statebuilding and corruption. Claire has extensive research and policy experience in Indonesia, and has also worked in Cambodia and Laos with the World Bank and the UN. She is currently writing a book on the politics of conflict and reconstruction in Indonesia and is developing comparative research on political transition and violence in Indonesia, Egypt and Sri Lanka.

## Tony Vaux

(independent consultant)



Tony Vaux was with Oxfam for nearly 30 years in a range of roles related to development and humanitarian work. He wrote *The Selfish Altruist: Relief Work in Famine and War* (Earthscan) summarising this experience, before

leaving Oxfam in 2000 to become an independent consultant working particularly on conflict analysis for aid agencies. He has conducted a wide range of studies relating to conflict, many of them published by DFID and others. He has also maintained a close interest in humanitarian response, conducting evaluations for the Disasters Emergency Committee, and has recently focused on Disaster Risk Reduction including a global evaluation for UNDP. Other recent work includes humanitarian policy analysis for NGOs and the multi-donor evaluation of conflict prevention and peace-building in Southern Sudan.

## Francesc Vendrell CMG

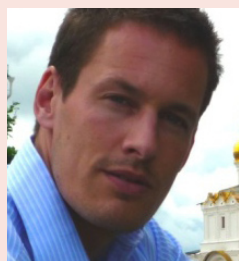


Francesc Vendrell is the former Head of the UN Special Mission to Afghanistan (2000–2001) and Special Representative of the EU for Afghanistan (2002–2008). He is currently chairman of the Afghanistan Analysis Network,

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 (1989–1991), Guatemala (1990–1992) 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).

## Dr Tom Waldman

(ESRC Research Fellow, Department of Politics, University of York)



Dr Tom Waldman completed his doctorate in International Studies at the University of Warwick in 2009. His thesis interpreted Clausewitz's theory of war in relation to modern conflict. Since completing his PhD, Tom

has worked for the development NGO Student Partnerships Worldwide, and was most recently Research Fellow at the Kabul Center for Strategic Studies in Afghanistan. Tom specialises in security sector issues in post-conflict countries, but has an interest in all issues surrounding contemporary wars, state-building and post-conflict reconstruction. He has experience working in war-torn countries such as Kosovo, Liberia and Afghanistan.

## Dr Lars Waldorf

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



Lars 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. Lars 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.