

CURRICULUM VITAE conflict analyst, terrorism expert, independent scholar

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My specialty lies in the analysis of armed conflicts, including applying my own lucid definitions of terrorism, banditry and rebellion. My expertise makes me suitable as researcher, lecturer, policymaker, mediator and/or lobbyist on issues like terrorism, democratisation, human rights and migration. My qualities—thoroughness, commitment and self-reliance—are best realised in a small organisation or in a team in a large organisation.

Education

2011 - present PhD research ‘Ways to Rebel: Testing a theory of Brutalisation on the Chechen and Albanian insurgents 1979-2001’.

1988 - 1997 Political Science (IR) at Leiden University. MA thesis ‘Fragile peace in Macedonia’. Prof. Alex Schmid, 20/10/1997: “high-quality work”.

1993 ERASMUS certificate at Århus University. Prof. Mette Skak, 4/03/1994: “*scientific contribution*” paper ‘Separatist vs Centrist forces in USSR’.

1987 - 1988 International Baccalaureate (IB) degree, A. Thijm College, Netherlands.

1985 - 1987 High School & 1st year IB at American High School, São Paulo, Brazil.

1980 - 1985 Secondary and higher scientific education (VWO) at ‘Werkplaats Kindergemeenschap’, Bilthoven & ‘Herman Jordan Lyceum’, Zeist.

Work experience

2011 - present Analyst, advisor, editor, illustrator, and translator of manuscripts, since 2014 through CT Dam Consultancy (www.ctdamconsultancy.com).

2010 - present Secretary Association for the Study of EthnoGeoPolitics; executive editor *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* (www.ethnogeopolitics.org).

2004 - 2013 Author study materials at Joho Company Leiden for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year BA, on e.g. human rights law, criminology and political science.

2007 Tutorial assistant for 1st year BA module ‘Social and Cultural Contours of Europe’, School of Politics Queen’s University Belfast (QUB).

2002 - 2005 Representative Tasso Publishers (<https://tassointernational.com>) at book fairs, and handling book orders by individual customers and bookstores.

1998 - 2002 Researcher at Interdisciplinary Research Programme on Root Causes of Human Rights Violations (PIOOM), Leiden University; for e.g. project 'Principles and Practices of International Migration'; country reports for e.g. Dutch Defence ministry; confidential Kosovo report for UN Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP), Vienna.

Voluntary work and activities

2004 - present Chairman & co-founder of the International Committee for Humanitarian Intervention (www.ichuminterv.org).

2000 - 2004 Secretary & Treasurer Society Kosova-Netherlands in The Hague.

1993 - 2017 Leading member Political Committee 'Stari Most'—Justice and Peace on the Balkans (www.starimost.nl). Chair 1999-2003, 2010-2017.

Publications

Book publications

'The Limitations of Military Psychology: Combat-stress and Violence-values among the Chechens and Albanians' (pp.577-627) in: U. Bläsing, V. Arakelova & M. Weinreich (eds.), *Studies on Iran and The Caucasus—Festschrift in Honour of Garnik Asatrian* Leiden: Brill, June 2015.

Research articles (peer-reviewed)

'Brutalisation Theory Part I: Current State of Formulation and Development' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.7 No.1, Spring 2019 (earmarked).

'Brutalisation Theory Part II: Current State of Application and Falsification in Research' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.7 No.2, Summer/Autumn 2019 (ibid).

'Conflict Patterns Revisited: Trends, Frequencies, Types and Brutalities in both Ethnic and Non-Ethnic Conflicts' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.5 No.1, Summer 2017, pp.41-62.

& Tomasz Polanski, 'Brutalities in Anti-Imperial Revolts' *Politeja—Ethnicity, Culture, Politics* Vol.31 No.2, Winter 2015, pp.199-237.

'Looking at Conflict Patterns: Declining Frequencies yet Persistent Brutalities in both Ethnic and Non-Ethnic Conflicts' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.3 No.2, Autumn 2015, pp.9-25.

'Private Military Contractors: Deplore or Deploy?—Lessons from the 'Blackwater Scandal' in Iraq' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.1 No.2, Autumn 2013, pp.20-47.

'How to Feud and Rebel:

1. Violence-values among the Chechens and Albanians' *Iran and the Caucasus* Vol.14 No.2, November 2010, pp.331-365;

'2. Histories, Cultures and Grievances of the Chechens and Albanians' Vol.15 Nos.1-2, June 2011, pp.234-273;

'3. Combat-stress and Violence-values among the Chechens and Albanians' Vol.16 No.2, July 2012, pp.225-245.

& Pavlos Koktsidis, 'A Success Story?—Analyzing Albanian Ethno-Nationalist Extremism in the Balkans' *East European Quarterly* Vol.42 No.2, 22 June 2008, pp.161-190.

Book reviews; review essays

'The Tribes of Albania: History, Society and Culture' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.6 No.2, Autumn 2018, pp.38-45.

'The Tragedy of the Chechen Conflict' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.5 No.2, Winter 2017, pp.42-53.

'The Chechen Conflict' *Iran and the Caucasus* Vol.21 No.4, 2017, pp.431-440.

'Conflict and Peace in Central Eurasia—Towards Explanations and Understandings' (Brill, 2015) *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* Vol.23 No.3, July 2017, pp.372-374.

'Mosaic Ethno-Geographic Configurations and Other Factors accounting for Ethno-Territorial Conflict' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.5 No.1, Summer 2017, pp.71-75.

'The Tragic Tale of the Chechen Independence Struggle' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.4 No.2, Winter 2016, pp.57-73.

' "We Are Here to Stay"—Pashtun Migrants in the Northern Areas of Pakistan ...' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.4 No.1, Spring 2016, pp.58-65.

' "We Are Here to Stay"—Pashtun Migrants in the Northern Areas of Pakistan' (Klaus Schwarz Verlag, 2010) *Journal of International Migration & Integration* Online January 2014; Vol.16, No.3, August 2015, pp.841-844.

'Strategic Rebellion: Ethnic Conflict in FYR Macedonia and the Balkans' (Peter Lang, 2012) *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* Vol.19 No.3, August 2013, pp.375-378.

'Exploring the Caucasus in the 21st Century: Essays on Culture, History and Politics in a Dynamic Context' (Amsterdam University Press, 2010) *Iran and the Caucasus* Vol.16 No.3, 2012, pp.369-374.

'An Endless War: The Russian–Chechen Conflict in Perspective' (Peter Lang, 2007) *Ethnopolitics* Vol.8 No.2, June 2009, pp.268–269.

Other articles: editorials, short articles, etcetera

'The comic book *The Expert: A strange academic world we live in!* ...—A Teaser' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.6 No.2, Autumn 2018, pp.14-22.

'Democratic Transition, Transformation and Development in times of War and Peace' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.4 No.2, Winter 2016, pp.5-18.

& Babak Rezvani, 'Relevance of Human Security in the Field of Ethnogeopolitics' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.3 No.3, Winter 2015, pp.5-6.

& Edwin Giltay, 'Lost in Translation: Srebrenica, an interpreter, a secret deal and a conference in The Hague' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.3 No.2, Autumn 2015, pp.83-85.

'Let's be Clear: A Call for Tripartite Action-Actor-Motivation Conceptualisations in Social-Scientific Research' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.3 No.1, Spring 2015, pp.5-18.

& Sahin Sisić, '*Life Against Death: Srebrenica*—Digest of ... Kadir Habibović's book in the Netherlands' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.3 No.1, Spring 2015, pp.91-93.

'Patriotism and Brutality vis-à-vis Nationalism, Ethnicity and other Identity Formations' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.2 No.2, Autumn 2014, pp.5-19.

& B. Rezvani, *et al.*, 'The Iran Nuclear Interim Deal: Analysis & Debate' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.2 No.1, Spring 2014, pp.45-53.

& B. Rezvani, 'Foundational Declaration, with a Summary of EGP's Activities' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.1 No.1, Spring 2013, pp.7-8.

Conferences

Major participations as e.g. lecturer, discussant a/o keynote speaker:

Lecture 'Brutalisation in Armed Conflict', Institute of History Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, 29 March 2018

'Tragedy of the Chechen Conflict', 2nd RUCARR and 'Circassians in 21st century' conf. (<http://wpmu.mah.se/rucarr>), Malmö University, Sweden, 22-24 November 2017

Keynote 'English-Language Accounts Chechen Conflict', 4th conf. English Language & Literature (ICELL), Bedër University, Tirana, Albania, 19 May 2017

Participant International Data Responsibility Group 3rd Annual Conference (www.responsible-data.org), The Hague, 3 March 2017

Participant Launch Event Protecting Politics by International IDEA, Clingendael Institute (www.clingendael.nl), The Hague 11 October 2016

Rezvani's 'Mental Mapping Caucasus & Central Asia', IUAES conf. 'Everyday Life Middle East', Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, 9-10 September 2015

Keynote 'Patriotism, Loyalty and Honour', conf. 'Patriotism and Problem of Education and Teaching', Jan Kochanowski University, Kielce, Poland, 10-11 October 2014

Special guest Subcarpathian Museum of Krosno, conf. Krosno and the Krosnowian District in 1944-1956, Poland, 17-18 December 2013

Paper 'Brutalities in Anti-Imperial Revolts', conf. 'Ethnicity, Culture, Politics', Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, 18-19 April 2013

Discussant 7th Annual South East European Doctoral Student conf., City College Thessaloniki, Greece, 24-25 September 2012.

Participant Knowledge Platform Security & Rule of Law (www.kpsrl.org), The Hague: Annual Conference 2018 on Inequality, 13 September 2018.

Lecture Marina de Regt 'Yemen–The Forgotten War', 5 September 2018

Lecture Zahed Yousef on visual platform Dialectiq, 5 June 2018

Lecture Mary Kaldor on 'Second Generation Human Security', 27 February 2018

Conference 'Syria under Assad', 6 February 2018

Seminar 'Political parties in fragile and conflict-affected settings', 15 September 2016

Seminar 'International Law Practice: Georgia and Ukraine', 27 August 2015

Annual Conference 2015, 24 June 2015

Seminar 'Local Research Capacity', 28 May 2015

Papers/Chairs in conferences organised by *Iran and the Caucasus* (Brill):

Paper 'Brutalities in Anti-Imperial Revolts', conf. Shirvan, Arran, and Azerbaijan: Historical-Cultural Retrospective, Yerevan State University, Armenia, 1-2 Nov 2013

Paper 'Chechnya, Kosovo, Nagorno-Karabakh', conf. Autochthonous Peoples Caucasian-Caspian Region, Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia, 5-7 October 2012

Paper 'Nagorno-Karabakh conflict', 2nd conf. Talishi Studies, Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia, 12-13 November 2011

Chair 'History, Political Issues', celebrating 15th anniversary' journal, Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia, 1-2 July 2011.

Papers/presentations as representative of *EthnoGeoPolitics* (EGP):

Special guest KNAW-LIAS conf. 'Political Violence: Beyond the Secular/Religious Divide', Leiden University, 19 September 2014.

'Post-separatist transitions', at CERES summer school 2013, University of Amsterdam, 24 June 2013

'Combat-stress among Chechens and Albanians', CERES summer school 2012, University of Amsterdam, 26 June 2012

'Success and Failure armed opposition movements', CERES summer school 2011, Utrecht School of Economics, 30 June 2011

'Violent separatism', CERES summer school 2010 (<http://ceres.fss.uu.nl>), International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, 24 June 2010

'Violence-values Chechens Albanians', symposium Central Eurasia: Islam, Culture and Conflict, University Amsterdam, 17 May 2010.

Presentations PhD research at *Central Asian Studies Society* (CESS):

9th annual conf.: Georgetown University, Washington DC, 18-21 September 2008

8th annual conf.: Washington University, Seattle, 18-21 October 2007

7th annual conf.: Michigan University, Ann Arbor, 28 Sep. – 1 October 2006.

Papers for *Political Studies Association of Ireland* (PSAI):

'Conflict resolution Chechens-Russians, Albanians-Serbs', PSAI conf. Galway University, Ireland, 17-19 October 2008

'Defining political violence', Postgrad conf. QUB, 19-20 May 2006.

Papers at School of Politics of Queen's University Belfast (QUB):

'Incumbent vs Separatist', Beyond Nation conf., 12-14 September 2007

Postgrad lecture 'Ways to rebel', 15 November 2006

'Terrorism & Insurgency', Farewell to Arms conf., 12 May 2006.

'Terrorism and the film *Paradise Now*' (Golden Globe 17 January 2006), 22 December 2005 in Zaandam, the Netherlands (www.de-fabriek.nl).

'Islamist terrorism in the Balkans', Amsterdam University, 20 March 2003.