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International conflict resolution and international security specialist with experience in negotiation, mediation and management of complex international agreement and disputes. Expertise in providing holistic advice and strategic solutions for various stakeholders or interest groups based on political and geo-political risk, as well as regulatory and public policy considerations associated with conflict and post-conflict scenarios.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

December 2012-Present

UCL, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

SENIOR TEACHING FELLOW IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION & INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

LONDON, ENGLAND

Currently teaching masters level courses in Conflict Resolution and Post-War Development, Governing Divided Societies, International Negotiation, Technology and the Future of Conflict, and International Peace and Security; as well as undergraduate courses in Introduction to International Relations, and International Security. These cover a broad range of contemporary, global issues from a practical and theoretical perspective including: terrorism & counter-terrorism; new technologies & cyber security; negotiating & mediating peace agreements; preventing agreement breakdown; international military & civil intervention; strategic deterrence, environmental security; transitional justice; inclusion; post-conflict reconstruction & reconciliation; governance structures and political institutions. Departmental Alumni tutor.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

August 2004 – February 2008

FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER

ASSOCIATE, DISPUTE RESOLUTION DEPARTMENT

LONDON, ENGLAND

Member of the Commercial Disputes Group with experience in public international law, international arbitration, and international corporate investigations. Designed and developed two-day mediation simulation programme as part of the dispute resolution department's new associate training programme and lectured on techniques for principled negotiation. Coordinated and edited a multi-jurisdictional book on Corporate Internal Investigations produced by 9 Freshfields offices in conjunction with a leading US law firm.

July 2001-July 2002

CENTRE FOR JEWISH ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CJAED)

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & NEW PROGRAMS

HERZLIA, ISRAEL

CJAED is an NGO dedicated to the promotion of equal economic opportunity for the Israeli Arab Community.

Managed monitoring, evaluation and financial analysis of existing projects to large institutional supporters including the European Union, U.S. Government, and the Bank of America. Developed and designed new programmes to promote the Centre's mission including women's micro enterprise, joint Jewish Arab business ventures, as well as public policy initiatives to gain awareness for the unrecognised Bedouin, and to promote equal access to public resources.

July 2000-February 2001

PEACEWORKS LLC

NEW YORK, NY

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

PeaceWorks is a "not-only-for-profit" company that promotes peace through doing business by fostering joint business ventures in conflict regions.

Oversaw all external communication, media outreach and public relations strategy. Prepared market analyses and implemented marketing and promotional activities for new product launches.

1999

ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOUNDATION (ECF)

TEL-AVIV, ISRAEL

ASSISTANT TO PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR (SUMMER INTERNSHIP)

Mediated cooperative Palestinian - Israeli project meetings for 6-30 participants and aided independent joint negotiation of new project proposals. Created new cross-border programs to prepare cooperative infrastructure to encourage private sector investment. Designed budgets incorporating equitable division of project funds between Palestinian and Israeli institutions. Wrote proposals for international government grants, for professional and technical cooperation.

1997-1998 UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION of USA
PROGRAMME ASSISTANT, EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

NEW YORK, NY

Designed and implemented educational programmes and conferences teaching basic concepts of peaceful conflict resolution and negotiation, through simulations of the UN General Assembly.

EDUCATION

September 2008-2016

UCL, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

PHD

LONDON, ENGLAND

The thesis “The Third Pillar: The Role of Reconciliation in Supporting Peace Agreements” is a mixed-method study that utilises quantitative analysis to examine the impact of reconciliation clauses in peace agreements and subsequent reconciliation activity on the sustainability of peace agreements. The thesis then uses the cases of Israeli-Palestine, Northern Ireland, and Bosnian conflicts to examine the effect of reconciliation strategies in preventing agreement breakdown and rebuilding the social fabric of post-conflict zones.

2002-2004 BPP LAW SCHOOL

LONDON, ENGLAND

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LAW & LAW PRACTICE COURSE

1998-2000 THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY, TUFTS UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF ARTS IN LAW AND DIPLOMACY

MEDFORD, MA

Specialised study in International Negotiation & Conflict Resolution, and International Technology & Policy Management. Course-work included Negotiation, Mediation, Crisis Management, International Criminal Law, International Organisations, and International Intellectual Property Law, Telecommunication Modelling and Policy Analysis, Global Internet Economics. Attended the Harvard Programme on Negotiation. Masters’ thesis focused on “*Creating Sustainable Peace: Transformational Thinking and the Role of Indigenous NGOs.*”

1993-1996 UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, GIRTON COLLEGE

CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND

B.A. (HONS.) ORIENTAL STUDIES

Awarded grade: II:1. Specialized in Hebrew Studies, including ancient Semitic languages. 1994 Girton College Award for Exam Performance

1992-1993 TEL-AVIV UNIVERSITY

TEL-AVIV, ISRAEL

Overseas Student Programme. Courses included Arabic, Islam and Middle Eastern History.

LANGUAGES

English: Mother tongue; Hebrew: Fluent; French: Fluent; Spanish: Good; Italian: Good; Russian: Basic; Arabic: Basic.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Solicitor and Member of the Law Society of England and Wales (SRA No. 375267)

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Accredited Mediator, London School of Mediation

MEDIA APPEARANCES

July 2016: BBC Radio 5 Live: Raising the Bar with Rob Rinder – International law.

July 2016: BBC World News: Interview on terrorism and counter-terrorism in response to Nice terrorist attack.

June 2015: The Middle East Report: Interview on reconciliation in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

August 2014: BBC Radio 5 Live: Interview on Gaza conflict and prospects for reconciliation.

AWARDS

School of Public Policy Departmental Teaching Award 2015-2016

Nominee UCLU Student Choice Award for Outstanding Teaching 2016-2017; 2015-2016; 2014-2015.

School of Public Policy Departmental Teaching Award 2012-2013.

Cedric Smith Prize 2012, Runner Up, “Has Reconciliation Really Failed? The Impact of Israeli-Palestinian Joint Activities.”