

DOMINIK BALTHASAR

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ACADEMIC EDUCATION

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| SEP'07 - PRES. | PhD, Department of International Development, London School of Economics (LSE) (UK)
- Working title: 'Warfare, Administration and State Fragility in Somalia and Somaliland'
- Supervisors: Prof J. Putzel, Director of the <i>Crisis States Research Centre</i> (CSRC), LSE (UK) and Prof T. Debiel, Director of the <i>Institute for Peace and Development</i> (INEF), UDE (DE)
- Visiting Research Fellowships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o FEB-MAR'11: Centre on Conflict, Dev't. & Peacebuilding, Graduate Institute, Geneva (CH) o MAR-JUN'10: Centre d'études et de recherches internationales, Sciences Po, Paris (FR) o JUL-AUG'08, JAN-APR'10, JUN- AUG'11: Academy for Peace and Development, Hargeysa (SO) - Training in quantitative/qualitative research methods; exam average: 71.3 (distinction)
- Official PhD program deadline: SEP'12, Expected completion: AUG'12 |
| SEP'05 - JUL'06 | MSc, Development Studies Institute, London School of Economics (LSE) (UK)
- Dissertation topic: 'State of the Displaced - The Role of Returning Displaced Persons for Post-Conflict State Reconstruction' (Grade: Distinction, Mark: 74 - <i>Best Dissertation Prize</i>)
- Courses: i.a. Complex Emergencies (Prof. D. Keen), African Development (Dr. R. Jeffries) |
| APR'04 - JUL'05 | Post-Graduate studies, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg (DE)
- Studies of Human and Physical Geography as well as Cultural Anthropology/ Ethnology
- Facultative consultation of courses in Political Science, Economics and International Law
- Grade average of essays, presentations, and exams: 1,1 ¹ (distinction) |
| OCT'03 - FEB'04 | Intermediate studies, Universités II, III et IV de Bordeaux (FR)
- Studies in Geography, Ethnology and Politics at the <i>Université Victor Segalen, Bordeaux II</i> ; <i>Université Michel de Montaigne, Bordeaux III</i> and <i>Université Montesquieu, Bordeaux IV</i> .
- Grade average of essays, presentations, and exams: 1,3 ¹ (distinction) |
| OCT'01 - JUL'03 | Under-Graduate studies, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg & Universität Basel (DE/CH)
- Intermediate examination Cultural Anthropology, Apr 2003; Grade: 1,3 ¹ (distinction)
- Intermediate examination Geography, Jul 2003; Grade: 1,7 ¹ (high merit) |

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS (SELECTED)

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| MAY'11 | KPMG Poster Prize & National Union of Students (NUS) Popular Poster Prize (LSE)
- Poster title: <i>Kalashnikovs & Calculators: Warfare, Administration & State Making in Somalia</i> |
| MAR'10 - JUN'10 | Global Public Policy Network Award, London School of Economics/ Sciences Po
- For a three-month fellowship with the CERI/CNRS, Sciences Po, Paris |
| MAR'09 | Newby Trust Award, London School of Economics (LSE)
- For field research in Somaliland awarded for outstanding academic performance |
| OCT'07 - JUN'10 | Dual scholarship of the Studienstiftung (German National Academic Foundation) and the Cusanuswerk (Episcopal Foundation for Academic Excellence)
- For research and living costs awarded for academic excellence and personal aptitude |

¹ in a system with 1 being the highest and 6 being the lowest grade to achieve

AUG/SEP'08	Scholarships of the Studienstiftung (German National Academic Foundation) - For intensive Arabic language course at the LSI, Bochum
OCT '07 - PRES.	Studentships of the London School of Economics (LSE) - For research and living costs in support of my PhD-project at the LSE
AUG'06 - SEP'07	Scholarship of the Robert Bosch Foundation, the German National Academic Foundation and the German Federal Foreign Office - For the project 'Bridging the Gap – Post-Conflict State Reconstruction between Relief and Development' conducted within the <i>Post-Graduate Program for International Affairs</i>
SEP'06	'Best Dissertation Price' of DESTIN/LSE for the academic year of 2005/06 - Best DESTIN dissertation of the 2005/06 academic year
AUG'03 - SEP'06	Scholarships of the Cusanuswerk (Episcopal Foundation for Academic Excellence) - For studies at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, the the <i>Universités II, III, and IV</i> of Bordeaux, as well as the <i>London School of Economics and Political Science</i>
SEP'03	Scholarship of the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg - For intensive French language course at the <i>Université Stendhal, Grenoble</i>

WORK EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

Policy

JUN'11 - AUG'11	United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Hargeysa: Consultant (SO) - Advising on the conceptualization and implementation of UNDP's 'youth-at-risk' program for north-western Somalia/ Somaliland in cooperation with the Geneva-based <i>Small Arms Survey (SAS)</i> and the Somali <i>Observatory for Conflict and Violence Prevention (OCVP)</i>
JUN'07 - SEP'07	Department for International Development (DFID), Kathmandu: Consultant (NP) - Strengthening post-conflict support initiatives on democratization through monitoring and coordinating projects of the <i>Rights, Democracy and Inclusion Fund (RDIF)</i> - Exploration of initiatives on post-conflict political party reform and state building
APR'07 - JUN'07	World Bank, Dili: Consultant (TL) - Supporting composition of the TFET (<i>Trust Fund for East Timor</i>) Report of the trustee - Conducting research on socio-economic parameters in preparation of the Timor-Leste Development Partners Meeting background paper
FEB'07 - APR'07	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Kinshasa: Consultant (CD) - Assisting UNDP in implementing the third wave DDR programme for Ituri - Composition of an analysis of the role of DDR processes and programmes for war-to-peace transitions and post-conflict state reconstruction on the case study of Ituri
OCT'06 - DEC'06	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva: Consultant (CH) - Composition of an inventory of handbooks, tools and guidelines on early recovery - Diverse analyses for the Peace-Building, Livelihoods and Partnerships Section - Compilation of UNHCR-learning units on early recovery, reintegration & self-reliance

Academia & Research

OCT'11 - PRES.	London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE): Teaching Fellow (UK) - Teaching MSc students in the Department of International Development on the compulsory post-graduate core course of <i>History, Theory and Policy of Development</i>
JUN'11 - AUG'11	Small Arms Survey (SAS): Researcher (CH/ SO) - Researching armed groups in Somalia/ Somaliland and supporting data analyses at the Somali <i>Observatory for Conflict and Violence Prevention (OCVP)</i>

SEP'09 - FEB'10	School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS): Teaching Fellow (UK) - Teaching MSc course <i>War-to-Peace Transitions</i> , Dept. for Development Studies - Course convenors: Prof Christopher Cramer (on sabbatical) and Dr Jonathan Goodhand
OCT'08 - PRES.	Stanhope Centre for Communication Policy Research, LSE/Oxford: Research Coordinator (UK) - Leading the <i>Somaliland Information Flows Research and Support Project</i> research team - Surveying, researching and analysing media & communication ecology in Somaliland
OCT'04 - JUL'05	Geography Department, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg: Graduate Assistant (DE)

TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS (SELECTED)

JAN'07	Bundeswehr (German Armed Forces): Security training for civilian peacekeeping (DE)
SEP'06 & JAN'07	Rational Games Inc., Cambridge, MA: Training in international negotiation and diplomatic code of conduct received in the framework of the <i>Postgraduate Program for Int'l. Affairs</i> (DE)
MAR'06 - APR'06	Harvard Model United Nations (WorldMUN), Beijing: Head-Delegate (CN) Training and guiding 20 gifted scholars, selected by the Cusanuswerk (Episcopal Foundation for Academic Excellence), for and through the UN simulation of Harvard University
APR'04	National Model United Nations (NMUN), New York: Delegate (US)

AFFILIATIONS & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

NOV'10 - PRES.	Conflict Research Group (LSE): Member
FEB'10 - PRES.	Department of International Development (LSE): PhD student representative
OCT'08 - NOV'08	Nations and Nationalism: Journal reviewer
FEB'08 - PRES.	Goodenough College: Alumni & Co-Director of the Goodenough Photographic Society
JAN'08 - PRES.	Crisis States Research Centre (LSE): Research Associate
AUG'06 - PRES.	Network of the Postgraduate Program for International Affairs: Member

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

LANGUAGES	German: native; English: fluent; French: advanced; Spanish: basic; Arabic & Somali: beginner
COMPETENCES	- IT literacy in the following programs: Microsoft Office, Endnotes, Adobe Photoshop, etc. - Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and strong ability to work in multicultural teams; flexible and adaptable to changing working conditions; self-motivated, proactive with good judgement and initiative; self-reliant, goal-oriented and well-humoured; pronounced sense of responsibility as well as strong organizing ability and stress management.
INTERESTS	Photography, reading, travelling, playing oboe & saxophone, diverse sports (i.a. scuba diving)
MEDIA	Interview and broadcasting experience with i.a. BBC World Service and Al-Jazeera

PUBLICATIONS

- Balthasar, Dominik (under review): "Somaliland's Best Kept Secret – Shrewd Politics and 'War Projects' as Means of State Making"; In: Special Issue of the *Journal of East African Studies*, 2012; Routledge: London.
- Balthasar, Dominik and Janis Grzybowski (forthcoming): "State and Non-State Actors: Somaliland's Emerging Security Order"; In: *Small Arms Survey Yearbook 2012*; Cambridge University Press: Cambridge.
- Helling, Dominik (2010): "Tillyan Footprints Beyond Europe: War-making and State-making in the Horn of Africa - The Case of Somaliland"; In: *St. Antony's International Review*: Oxford.

Helling, Dominik (2009): "Anatomy of a 'Political Chameleon': Re-Examining Fluid Shapes and Solid Constants of Nationalism and Nation-Building"; *CSRC Discussion Paper* No. 17 (series 2); LSE: London.

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_____. (2007): "DDR in Ost und West"; In: *Ad Hoc International*, Vol. 1, No. 5: 10, Netzwerk des Stiftungskollegs für internationale Aufgaben: Berlin.

_____. (2007): "State of the Displaced: The Role of Returning Displaced Persons in Post-Conflict State Reconstruction"; Working Paper No. 07/80 of the *Working Paper Series of the Development Studies Institute (DESTIN)* of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE); ISSN: 1470-2320.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

state making & state fragility; nation building & nationalism; war, peace & war-to-peace transitions; civil war & secession; conflict resolution & post-conflict reconstruction; democracy & decentralization; taxation & resource mobilization; public administration & bureaucracy; development assistance & international intervention

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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