

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### ACADEMIC EDUCATION

SEP'07 - PRES.	<b>PhD, Department of International Development, London School of Economics (LSE)</b> (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"><li>o FEB-MAR'11: <b>Centre on Conflict, Dev't. &amp; Peacebuilding, Graduate Institute, Geneva</b> (CH)</li><li>o MAR-JUN'10: <b>Centre d'études et de recherches internationales, Sciences Po, Paris</b> (FR)</li><li>o JUL-AUG'08, JAN-APR'10, JUN-AUG'11: <b>Academy for Peace and Development, Hargeysa</b> (SO)</li></ul>
	- 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	<b>MSc, Development Studies Institute, London School of Economics (LSE)</b> (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	<b>Post-Graduate studies, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg</b> (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 <sup>1</sup> (distinction)
OCT'03 - FEB'04	<b>Intermediate studies, Universités II, III et IV de Bordeaux</b> (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 <sup>1</sup> (distinction)
OCT'01 - JUL'03	<b>Under-Graduate studies, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg &amp; Universität Basel</b> (DE/CH)
	- Intermediate examination Cultural Anthropology, Apr 2003; Grade: 1,3 <sup>1</sup> (distinction)
	- Intermediate examination Geography, Jul 2003; Grade: 1,7 <sup>1</sup> (high merit)

### AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS (SELECTED)

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

<sup>1</sup> in a system with 1 being the highest and 6 being the lowest grade to achieve

AUG/SEP '08	<b>Scholarships of the Studienstiftung (German National Academic Foundation)</b> - For intensive Arabic language course at the LSI, Bochum
OCT '07 - PRES.	<b>Studentships of the London School of Economics (LSE)</b> - For research and living costs in support of my PhD-project at the LSE
AUG '06 - SEP '07	<b>Scholarship of the Robert Bosch Foundation, the German National Academic Foundation and the German Federal Foreign Office</b> - 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	<b>'Best Dissertation Price' of DESTIN/LSE for the academic year of 2005/06</b> - Best DESTIN dissertation of the 2005/06 academic year
AUG '03 - SEP '06	<b>Scholarships of the Cusanuswerk (Episcopal Foundation for Academic Excellence)</b> - 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	<b>Scholarship of the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg</b> - For intensive French language course at the <i>Université Stendhal, Grenoble</i>

## WORK EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

### Policy

JUN '11 - AUG '11	<b>United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Hargeysa:</b> 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 <i>Somali Observatory for Conflict and Violence Prevention (OCVP)</i>
JUN '07 - SEP '07	<b>Department for International Development (DFID), Kathmandu:</b> 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	<b>World Bank, Dili:</b> 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	<b>United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Kinshasa:</b> 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	<b>United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva:</b> 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.	<b>London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE):</b> 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	<b>Small Arms Survey (SAS):</b> Researcher (CH/ SO) - Researching armed groups in Somalia/ Somaliland and supporting data analyses at the <i>Somali Observatory for Conflict and Violence Prevention (OCVP)</i>

SEP'09 - FEB'10	<b>School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS):</b> 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.	<b>Stanhope Centre for Communication Policy Research, LSE/Oxford:</b> 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	<b>Geography Department, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg:</b> Graduate Assistant	(DE)

### TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS (SELECTED)

JAN'07	<b>Bundeswehr</b> (German Armed Forces): Security training for civilian peacekeeping	(DE)
SEP'06 & JAN'07	<b>Rational Games Inc., Cambridge, MA:</b> 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	<b>Harvard Model United Nations (WorldMUN), Beijing:</b> 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	<b>National Model United Nations (NMUN), New York:</b> Delegate	(US)

### AFFILIATIONS & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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

### ADDITIONAL SKILLS

LANGUAGES	<b>German:</b> native; <b>English:</b> fluent; <b>French:</b> advanced; <b>Spanish:</b> basic; <b>Arabic &amp; Somali:</b> 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. <b>BBC World Service</b> and <b>Al-Jazeera</b>

### 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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