

CV - Dr Edward Stoddard

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Highlights: 2013 – present: Reader in International Security, University of Portsmouth (2021-present). Principal Lecturer in International Relations and Contemporary Security, University of Portsmouth (2017-2021). H2020 Marie Curie Skłodowska Actions Individual Fellow – Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa (2018-2020). Research Fellow Freie Universität Berlin (2014-2015). Fellow of the Nigerian Society for Peace Studies and Practice (FSPSP). Affiliated Research Fellow, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa.

Specialisms: Changing character of armed conflict. Authoritarianism and security. Security in West Africa, the Middle East and Europe. Operations of contemporary non-state armed groups and responses.

Academic Qualifications and Languages

Oct 2009 - April 2014 – University of Portsmouth - PhD in International Relations - Thesis on the political economy of EU energy security policy in authoritarian regions (Central Asia) - Funded by the ESRC.
2006 – 2008 (part time) – University of Portsmouth - MA European Studies - Classification: Distinction - Dissertation: *Europe and ‘Al Qaeda’: Understanding and Conceptualising the Multi-layered Jihadist Threat*
2003 - 2006 – University of Portsmouth - BA (Hons) International Relations with Languages Classification: First Class (Hons) - Dissertation: *Islam, Al Qaeda and September 11th*

Languages: Italian and French, Arabic (elementary), Russian and German (basic)

Academic Publications and Outputs

- 2021. Practising Remote Warfare: Analysing the Remote Character of the Saudi/UAE Intervention in Yemen. *Defence Studies*. [with Sorina Toltica].
- 2020. Assessing Misaligned Counterinsurgency Practice in Niger and Nigeria. *The International Spectator: The Italian Journal of International Affairs*. [With Laura Berlingozzi].
- 2020. Overcoming Area Studies’ Policy-Relevant Research Problem: The Case of the Sahel. *New Area Studies* [with Tony Chafer and Sorina Toltica].
- 2020. Maoist Hybridity? A Comparative Analysis of the Links Between Guerrilla Practice and Tactical Hybridity Among Contemporary Non-State Armed Groups (Boko Haram, IS and the Houthis). *Studies in Terrorism and Conflict*.
- 2020. *If the Whole World is Dealing with Coronavirus, Will There be Less War?* *The Conversation*.
- 2020. *Are Some Sahelian Jihadist Groups ‘Antifragile’?* Invited blog on IR website *Security Praxis*.
- 2020. *Revolutionary Warfare and the Islamic State West Africa Province* – invited blog post on the *Africa @ LSE Blog*.
- 2019. Revolutionary Warfare? Assessing the Character of Competing Factions within the Boko Haram Insurgency. *African Security*.
- 2018. (With Alessandra Russo). Why do Authoritarian Leaders do Regionalism? Ontological Security and Eurasian Regional Cooperation. *The International Spectator: The Italian Journal of International Affairs*.
- 2017. European Energy Security and the Caspian Region, in M. Mannin & P. Flenley. (eds). *The EU and its Eastern Neighbourhood*. Manchester: Manchester University Press.
- 2017. Autocratic States in Democratic Regional Organizations? Exploring Regional Dimensions of Authoritarianism and Democracy in West Africa’. *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*.
- 2016 ‘Shifting Times, Shifting Roles: Examining the Growing EU Role in Commercial Energy Diplomacy’. *Journal of European Public Policy*.

- 2016: So far, So Functional? Examining Functional/Counter-Functional Dynamics in Authoritarian Regional Cooperation (West Africa, Eurasia, the Gulf). *KFG Transformative Power of Europe Working Paper Series - Freie Universität Berlin*.
- 2015: Between a Rock and a Hard Place? Internal–External Legitimacy Tensions and EU Foreign Policy in the European Periphery. *Journal of European Integration*.
- 2014. Thriving under Uncertainty: Towards a Talebian IR? Invited blog on IR website *Security Praxis*
- 2014: (With Tony Chafer) The EU, ECOWAS and the Multiple Dimensions of European - West African Relations. In A. Akoutou, R. Sohn, M. Vogl & D. Yeboah (eds). *Understanding Regional Integration in West Africa – A Multi-Thematic and Comparative Analysis*. WAI/ZEI. pp.41-69.
- 2012: The Resource Curse – Resource Nationalism Nexus: Implications for Foreign Markets, *Journal of Energy Security*.
- 2012: *Capturing Contestation in Caspian Energy: Regime Complexity and EU Eurasian Energy Governance. Political Perspectives*.

Research Grants Awarded (External = E and Internal = I)

- (E) 2020 – Won as Principal Investigator a British Academy/GCRF research grant ‘The Sahel Crisis in Historical Perspective: Supporting a Conflict-Sensitive Approach Through Interdisciplinary Research’. (£49,345).
- (I) 2019 - Won (with Melita Lazell) a one-year Faculty-funded Post-Doctoral Research Associate to be attached to our current Faculty-funded project on West African Security (£48,268).
- (I) 2019 - 2021 Successful bid for Faculty strategic research project: ‘The West Africa Peace and Security Network: Impact, Innovation and Income’ (£18,000).
- (I) 2019/20 – Successful bid for a University of Portsmouth GCRF strategic project 2019/20 ‘Natural Resources and the Political Economy of Sahelian Jihadism’ (£5500) – Joint project with Chatham House.
- (I) 2018/19 – Successful bid for a University of Portsmouth GCRF strategic project ‘Knowledge Exchange for Impact on West Africa’ (£12,000) – Joint project with Chatham House.
- (E) 2017 - 2-year EU-funded Horizon 2020 Marie Curie Fellowship at the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa (€180,277)
- (E) 2017 – (with Prof. Tony Chafer) Won an incoming Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship for Dr Lopez-Lucia (c.£71,720).
- (E) 2017 – (with Prof. Tony Chafer) Awarded South Coast Doctoral Training Partnership ESRC PhD bursary post for a project looking at US/UK security strategy in the Sahel region (later applied for and won by Sorina Tolteca) (circa £43k from the SCDTP).
- (I) 2016 -2019 – Successful bid for a 3-year Faculty Strategic Project on West African Security “Assessing the Changing Character of Intervention in West Africa” (£59,265.50).
- (E) 2014 - Awarded post-doctoral fellowship at the Freie Universität Berlin (€30,000).

Research Leadership

I have led a number of research projects/groups. These include:

- 2021-2023: Lead on the BA/GCRF research project: The Sahel Crisis in Historical Perspective: Supporting a Conflict-Sensitive Approach Through Interdisciplinary Research (10 colleagues in 6 research institutes in UK, Italy, Nigeria, Senegal and Canada)
- 2019-2021: Former Lead of the Peace, Security and Conflict Research Group at the University of Portsmouth
- 2019/20-2020/21: Joint-PI (with Melita Lazell) Faculty-Funded Strategic Project - ‘The West Africa Peace and Security Network: Impact, Innovation and Income’
- 2018/19: PI/lead: UoP GCRF Research Project Fund - ‘Natural Resources and the Political Economy of Sahelian Jihadism’

- 2018/19: PI/Lead: UoP GCRF Research Project Fund - 'Knowledge Exchange for Impact on West Africa'
- 2016/17-2018/19: PI/Lead: Faculty-Funded Strategic Project - 'Assessing the Shifting Character of Intervention in West Africa'
- I am first supervisor to three PhD students.

Employment

September 2013 - Present – University of Portsmouth. Currently: Reader in International Security (Sept 2021-present). 2017-18 and 2020-21 - *Subject Leader for Politics and IR and International Development.* 2017 promoted to Senior lecturer. Appointed Lecturer in 2013 (on research leave 2014-15 and 2018-2020).

- Conduct research in the field of international security (especially non-state actors and changing character of warfare)
- Academic lead on Faculty research funding training (general training and research funding bootcamp).
- Mentor on the ECR to Mid-Career Academic development course
- Mentor to colleagues in my department
- I teach on the following modules: Contemporary Security in IR (Level 7 – Module Coordinator), Security Challenges in the 21st Century (Level 6), Exploring IR (Level 7), The Making of the Global South (Level 4). Terrorism and Political Violence (Level 7).
- Previously have coordinated: Regional Powers, Politics and Security (level 6) and Introduction to International Relations (level 4).
- Previously have taught on: Global Capitalism (Level 6), International Politics (Level 5), Conflict and Disaster (Level 5), IR Theory (Level 5), Global Issues (Level 4), Current Political Issues (Level 4)
- Runner up for a University of Portsmouth Teaching Award 2018 “best overall lecturer” and nominated in 2014 for “most innovative lecturer”.

2017-2018 and 2020-2021 *I was Subject Leader for Politics and IR and International Development / Principal Lecturer in International Relations and Contemporary Security (on research leave 2018-2020). This involved:*

- Leadership of the Politics and IR and International Development teams. 27 permanent academic staff and 5 part time colleagues.
- Over 800 students and 11 UG and PG courses.
- Overall responsibility for curriculum development and quality, day to day staff management and well-being, student recruitment and student satisfaction.
- Timetabling and workload planning
- PDRs and coaching
- Membership of School Executive
- Course Leadership of the BA Politics, BA IR and BA IR and Politics courses.

September 2018 - September 2020 – Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna (Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies), Pisa - EU-Funded H2020 Marie Curie Research Fellowship.

- Highly competitive EU-funded research fellowship at a top-ranked Italian research university (overseen by Prof. Francesco Strazzari).
- Title: ‘Non-Western Powers and the Changing Character of Warfare’ (case studies include Nigeria, Yemen, Ukraine, Syria/Iraq).

- Taught on the combined MA in International Security Studies (Sant'Anna/University of Trento).
- Taught on the combined Political Science PhD Programme with the Scuola Normale di Pisa.

October 2014 – September 2015 - Otto-Suhr Institute for Political Science - Freie Universität Berlin

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

Visiting post-doctoral research fellowship funded by Kolleg-Forschergruppe 'The Transformative Power of Europe' overseen by Prof. Tanja Börzel and Prof. Thomas Risse. Project explored the security politics of Authoritarian regional cooperation (West Africa, Eurasia, Middle East [the Gulf]).

Membership of Academic/Professional Bodies and External Research Groups

- Lead of the West Africa Peace and Security Network.
- Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy (HEA)
- Fellow of the Society for Peace Studies and Practice (SPSP), Nigeria
- Affiliated Research Fellow, Emerging Research in International Security Group – Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa