

## DANIEL RUIZ LOPEZ

### PERSONAL DATA:

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### ACADEMIA

**PhD in International Peace and Security** (IUGM, Madrid, Summa Cum Laude, 2018); **Masters in Sociology** (UNED); **Masters in International Relations** (Instituto Ortega y Gasset, Madrid, 1991); **Bachelor's in Engineering** at the Spanish Military Academy (1986). Courses: Advanced Conflict Transformation (Transcend University, 2009); Head of Mission (UN: 2006, 2018); Early Recovery (UNDP, 2008); Advanced Civil-Military Coordination (UN-OCHA, 2003); Environmental Studies (*Planning and Management in a Climate Change Scenario; Theoretical Ecology and Climate Change*, UN ICTP Trieste, 2009; *Planetary Boundaries*, 2019; *Environmental Security and Sustaining Peace*, 2019, SDG Academy); Affiliations: Affiliate Researcher at the Institute of Law, Politics and Development of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Pisa; Member of the Academia of the UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute; Member of the Board of the UNESCO Club in Lucca; Senior Fellow at the Interdisciplinary Centre for Peace Science of the University of Pisa; Participant of the International Military Council on Climate and Security; Member of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association; Member of the International Association for the Study of Organized Crime.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**Affiliate Researcher** at the Institute of Law, Politics and Development of the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Pisa, Italy (March 2018-present). Research on the threat of the Anthropocene, lectures on peacekeeping.

**UN Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo** (2015-2020): Director of the Goma office. Coordinator of UN agencies and civilian, military and police sections.

**UN Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo** (2010-2014): Director of the Department of Political Affairs. Analysis and operations, particularly during the M23 and FDLR crises.

**International Organization for Migration in Haiti** (2010): Coordination of post-earthquake needs assessment and formulation of reconstruction plans and resource mobilization.

**PhD research and lecturing** (2009-2011): IUGM, Bradford University and Trieste University. Research in Peace Studies, focused on the nexus between transnational organized crime and violent conflict. Lecturing at bachelor's and Master's degrees at the Faculty of Politics and Diplomacy of the University of Trieste. Member of the CUSRP (Centro Universitario di Studi e Ricerche per la Pace), where he organized seminars on environmental crime cinema.

**UNDP Somalia**, (2008-2009): Coordination of UN agencies and support programme to the interim government.

**UN Office in West Africa** (2007): Political and diplomatic strategies for the implementation of the decision of the International Court of Justice on the border demarcation between Nigeria and Cameroon.

**UN Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau** (2006-2007): Political Director and Head of Mission a.i. Consolidation of the constitutional regime, political dialogue, national reconciliation, respect for the rule of law and human rights, coordination of international efforts to reform the security sector and the control of transnational organized crime.

**UN Assistance Mission in Iraq** (2003-2006): Coordinator for Southern Iraq. Advise on governance to the local administration; Reconstruction and development programs. Coordination of the return to south Iraq of the UN Agencies in 2004. Support to the recovery of the Mesopotamian Marshes.

**UN Joint Logistics Centre in Afghanistan** (2002-2003): head of the northern Afghanistan office. Coordination of the Central Bank operation for the introduction of the new currency.

**Office of the High Representative in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Special Envoy to Trebinje** (1999-2002): Coordination of international efforts to implement the Dayton Peace Agreement in Eastern Herzegovina; Political and diplomatic strategies for the return of displaced persons and refugees. Promotion of cross-border reconciliation between Trebinje (BiH), Dubrovnik (Croatia) and Herceg-Novi (Montenegro). Facilitation of the stable return of communities to the three zones, including the reconstruction of a mosques and churches.

**Spanish Army International Relations Office** (1998-1999). Deputy head. Coordination of the foreign action of the Land Force.

**European Corps of Army, Strasbourg - France** (1994-1998): Chief of Cabinet of the first Spanish general.

**UNPROFOR, Mostar** (1994): Deputy head of the civil affairs office of the Spanish Battalion.

**Army Operational Command, Madrid** (1990-1994): Analysis of the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Coordination of the Spanish peacekeeping missions.

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs** (1989-1990): Reconstruction of the Columbus Caravels; Underwater Archaeology; Orinoco expedition; Academic exchange in Japan.

**Head of Military Construction Unit**, Mallorca - Spain (1986-1989). Construction and maintenance of buildings, roads, ports and airports.

### LANGUAGES

Excellent level: **English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian**. Good level: Serbo-Croatian, German, Catalan. Basic level: Russian, Arabic.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

The Anthropocene as an existential threat to Humanity and the Biosphere; The geopolitics and conflicts of the Anthropocene; The nexus between transnational organized crime and conflict; Greed or grievance as a cause of conflict; The nexus between land tenure and conflict; Environmental organized crime; The resource curse; Financial crime and corruption; The crimes of the powerful; The inequality-conflicts nexus; Critical Political Economy; Theories of Power in International Relations; Theories of Harm in International Relations; Investigative Journalism as Peace Journalism; Environmental Peacebuilding; The militarization of nature conservation; Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding; Peacekeeping management; Peace Studies; Earth System Sciences; Cosmopolitan governance; Interdisciplinary research; Protection of the World Heritage during conflict; International Humanitarian Law; International human rights law; Peace and Conflict Ideologies.

### PUBLICATIONS

**Book chapters:** *Drugs, Destabilization and UN policy in Guinea-Bissau* (2011, in Richard Keeble: *Investigative journalism: Dead or Alive*);

**Articles:** *El nexo entre la delincuencia organizada y la violencia*, (Relaciones Internacionales 38, June 2018, <http://dx.doi.org/10.15366/relacionesinternacionales2018.38.008>, under the pseudonym Victor Lopez); *Restaveks and child trafficking in Haiti* (F3,2010); *Ecocide in the Iraqi Marshes* (F3,2010); *Environmental Crime Cinema* (F3,2010);

**Academic papers:** *Transnational Organized Crime: Its Nature and Threats to Peace* (2018, PhD thesis UNED); *Crimen Organizado y Construcción de la Paz* (2009, UNED); *Influencia de los Medios de Comunicación en las Decisiones del Consejo de Seguridad* (2009, UNED); *Destrucción del Jardín del Edén* (2008, UNED);

**Handbooks:** *Civil-Military Coordination* (UN-OCHA 2004); *Ex-Yugoslavia for Peacekeepers* (1991); *Mozambique for Peacekeepers* (1991); *Kurdistan for Peacekeepers* (1991).

### PRESENTATIONS

Rovira I Virgili University (Tarragona, Conference on Landgrabbing, 11 July 2019): *Acaparamiento de tierras y conflicto en la RDC*.

Nebrija University (Madrid, International Congress: Global Security Challenges, 18 June 2019): *Anthropocene: an existential threat?*

Oxford University (Peace in the Anthropocene: Humanity, Environment, Sustainability; 18 May 2019): *Transboundary environmental peacebuilding in the Great Lakes Region of Africa in the Anthropocene*.

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (Masters in International Relations, 18 October 2018): *The causes of conflict in Post-Cold War Africa - a focus on the resource curse*

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Pisa (Masters in Human Rights and Conflict Management: June 2017, March 2018, October 2018): *Peacekeeping in the African Great Lakes Region*.

Kinshasa University (Democratic Republic of the Congo, 26 April 2012): *Criminalité Transnationale Organisée*.

Rhodes University (Grahamstown, South Africa, Masters in African Studies and Development, 29 March 2012): *Security and Development in Globalized Africa*.

Oxford University (Conference: *Media in Conflict and Peacebuilding*, 7 May 2011): *Drugs, destabilization and UN policy in Guinea-Bissau: the role of investigative journalism*.

Tilburg University (Netherlands, Cross-Border Crime Colloquium, 14 March 2011): *Influence of The Media on The Security Council's Perception Of Drug Trafficking In Guinea-Bissau*.

Ljubljana University (Slovenia, Congress of the International Association for the Study of Organized Crime: *Policing in Central and Eastern Europe – Social Control Of Unconventional Deviance*, 23 September 2010): *Ecocide in the Mesopotamian Marshes*.

Trieste University (Italy, Conference on Peace, 28 October 2009): *Criminalità Organizzata E Costruzione Della Pace*.

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Signed: Daniel Ruiz Lopez