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Jeff Fischer currently serves as a Senior Electoral Advisor for the Electoral Education and Integrity Practice Area at Creative Associates International, Inc. Mr. Fischer has held three election directorships in internationally supervised elections where electoral security was one of his responsibilities. In 1996, he was appointed by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to serve as Director General of Elections for the first post-conflict elections in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 1999, Mr. Fischer was appointed by the United Nations (UN) as Chief Electoral Officer for the Popular Consultation for East Timor. And, in 2000, Mr. Fischer received a joint appointment from the UN and OSCE to head the Joint Registration Taskforce in Kosovo and served as the OSCE's Director of Election Operations for municipal elections held that year. He has also served as an election official in the United States as a Commissioner with the Kansas City Board of Elections (1985 – 1990) and a Commissioner on the Missouri Political Finance Review Commission (1991 – 1992).



Mr. Fischer also served as a Senior Advisor to the Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan and the UN for its audit of the 2014 presidential election results; and as a member of the Experts Verification Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS), auditing the results of the 2010 presidential election in Haiti.

At Creative Associates, Mr. Fischer's professional focus is on electoral security and education. Mr. Fischer is currently a coordination for the *Electoral Violence Prediction Market*, a violence forecasting project funded by the Bureau of Conflict Stabilization Operations (CSO) of the United States Department of State. Mr. Fischer was the lead writer for the *Electoral Security Framework – Technical Guidance Handbook for Democracy and Governance Officers*, a methodology for electoral conflict analysis; and co-author of the *Best Practices in Electoral Security – A Guide for Democracy and Governance Programming*, both for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and developed by Creative Associates. Mr. Fischer has conducted electoral security programming in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, Ghana, Guatemala, El Salvador, Haiti, Niger, Philippines, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Togo, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. And, Mr. Fischer was a co-investigator on an electoral violence research project *Explaining and Mitigating Electoral Violence* with King's College London.

Mr. Fischer has also served in various capacities with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems including as its first Executive Vice President (1993 – 2006); and as an expert consultant with such international organizations and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), International IDEA, and the OAS.

He is a Senior Advisor to the Sant 'Anna School of Advanced Studies and its on-line Master in Electoral Policy and Administration (MEPA). For MEPA, Mr. Fischer developed the courses on *Elections and Voting as Instruments of Governance* and *Electoral Security and Conflict Prevention*. He also serves as a dissertation supervisors for the students. Fischer teaches graduate-level courses in the Democracy and Governance Studies Program at Georgetown University on *International Electoral Policy and Practice* and a course on *Electoral Integrity – Managing Disinformation, Violence, and Malpractice*. Mr. Fischer has also established *Electoral*

Policy Study Groups in cooperation with USAID where Georgetown students research policy issues for USAID. Mr. Fischer has been a Visiting Lecturer at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, teaching a Policy Workshop on *Managing Elections in Fragile States* (2007 – 2010, 2014, 2016, 2019) and *Elections and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa* (2012).

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