

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

10/2001 – 10/2004

University of Oxford
Degree: D.Phil. in Political Science and International Relations, October 2004
Field of study: D.Phil. thesis about links between resources and conflict:
Reinterpreting environmental scarcity and conflict: Evidence from Somalia

10/2000 – 9/2001

University of Oxford
Degree: M.Sc. in Politics Research, June 2001
Field of study: Quantitative and qualitative research methods in political
science and international relations

10/1999 – 6/2000

University of East Anglia (Norwich, England)
Field of study: First year Ph.D. about the correlation between conflict,
population displacement and the environment

10/1997 – 7/1999

Free University of Berlin
Degree: Diploma in Political Science (M.A.), July 1999
Field of study: political science; master thesis about cross-border corruption in
the context of developing countries

09/1996 – 1/1997

University of Ulster (Coleraine, Northern Ireland)
Field of study: Business and management

10/1995 – 7/1996

University of Konstanz (Konstanz, Germany)
Degree: Intermediate exam in public administration (Vordiplom in
Verwaltungswissenschaften), December 1998.
Field of study: public administration

EMPLOYMENT

08/2009 – present
Kristiansand, Norway

Associate Professor in Development Studies, Centre for Development Studies, University of Agder. My research interests are climate change, peace and security, and natural resource management. I teach courses at the masters and bachelor level.

11/2007 – 8/2009
Yokohama, Japan

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science United Nations University (JSPS-UNU) Postdoctoral Fellow at United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies in Yokohama, Japan. I worked with the Sustainable Development Governance and the Peace and Governance Programme on climate change and security. Other research relates to environment and development in Africa, and conflict recurrence. During my tenure, my Japanese host was the Department for Value and Decision Science at the Tokyo Institute of Technology (TITech).

6/2007 – 10/2007
New York, USA

Visiting Scholar at the Earth Institute at Columbia University in the City of New York.

6/2007 – 10/2007
New York, USA

Economist/Report Writer for the United Nations Development Programme's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (UNDP-BCPR). My task was to write a chapter on conflict recurrence in post-conflict societies for BCPR's high-profile report *Post-Conflict Economic Recovery: Enabling Local Ingenuity*, modelled loosely on the Human Development Report, published in 2008.

8/2005 – 5/2007
New York, USA

Postdoctoral Fellow at the Earth Institute at Columbia University in the City of New York. I was hosted by the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN), a research unit of the Earth Institute that specialises in mapping and managing socio-economic data. My research focused on: Exploring links between drought and conflict. Wider research interest: Political economy of war, development studies, environmental security, and the role of natural resources in conflict.

11/2004 – 6/2005 in
Asmara, Eritrea

Assistant Professor of political science at the University of Asmara, College of Social Sciences, Department of Political Science. I lectured courses for third and fourth year undergraduates: Theories of Development and Underdevelopment, Introduction to Political Science, International Relations and Political Systems of the Middle East. In addition, I closely supervised undergraduate students.

8/2004 – 9/2004 in
Munich, Germany

Editor at German newspaper (Süddeutsche Zeitung). I was responsible for daily production, layout, research, and evaluation of news-relevant material. I worked under the supervision of the chief-editor of the local news desk.

9/2001 – 2/2002 in
Kenya and Somalia

Consultant for UNDP Somalia Office
I worked as international consultant for UNDP Somalia on the publication of the National Human Development Report (NHDR) Somalia 2001. As acting NHDR Focal Point I was responsible for the launch and distribution of the report in Somalia and internationally.

8/1999 – 9/1999 in
Prishtina, Kosovo

Voluntary work with the UNHCR in Prishtina, Kosovo at the Inter-Agency Coordination Unit

I assisted the Manager of the Humanitarian Community Information Centre to coordinate and facilitate the efforts of the humanitarian community throughout Kosovo including local and international NGOs, the donor community, KFOR and UN agencies.

6/1999 – 8/1999 in
Geneva, Switzerland

Office of the Director of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Geneva

I assisted the Special Assistant to the Director in administrative and

organisational matters. Compiled relevant information about both complex emergencies, and natural disasters. Prepared for meetings and conferences related to the field of humanitarian affairs.

**8/1998 – 11/1998 in
Bonn, Germany**

United Nations Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC) in Bonn/Germany in the Resources, Planning and Coordination Programme

I assisted in the preparation and participation of the Forth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP4) of the UNFCCC held from 2-13 November 1998 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Worked as note taker at subsequent meetings.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Christian Webersik (2010 forthcoming) *Climate Change and Security: A Gathering Storm of Global Challenges*, Praeger Security International series, Security and the Environment, series ed. P. H. Liotta, Praeger Publishers/PSI.

Christian Webersik (2004) *Reinterpreting Environmental Scarcity and Conflict: Evidence from Somalia*. D.Phil. Thesis, University of Oxford, Oxford.

Journal Articles

Christian Webersik, Miguel Esteban, and Tomoya Shibayama (accepted for publication) *The Economic Impact of Future Increase in Tropical Cyclones in Japan*, Natural Hazards, Springer.

Miguel Esteban, Christian Webersik and Tomoya Shibayama (2009) *Effect of a global warming-induced increase in typhoon intensity on urban productivity in Taiwan*, Sustainability Science, vol. 4, no. 2, Springer.

Miguel Esteban, Christian Webersik, and Tomoya Shibayama (2009) *Methodology for the Estimation of the Increase in Time Loss due to Future Increase in Tropical Cyclone Intensity in Japan*, Climatic Change, Springer.

Christian Webersik and Clarice Wilson (2009) *Achieving Environmental Sustainability and Growth in Africa: The Role of Science, Technology and Innovation*, Sustainable Development, vol. 17, no. 4, Wiley.

Christian Webersik (2008) *Wars over Resources? Evidence from Somalia*. Environment, vol. 50, no. 3, Heldref Publications, Washington D.C.

Christian Webersik (2006) *Mogadishu – An Economy without a State*. Third World Quarterly, vol. 27, no. 8, Routledge.

Christian Webersik (March 2005) *Fighting for the Plenty – The Banana Trade in Southern Somalia*, Oxford Development Studies, vol. 33, no.1, Routledge.

Christian Webersik (2004) *Differences that Matter: The Struggle of the Marginalised in Somalia*, AFRICA, vol. 74, no. 4, Edinburgh University Press.

Book Chapters

Christian Webersik and Marc Levy (forthcoming 2010) *The Role of Natural Resource Management in Reducing the Risk of Conflict Recurrence*, Strengthening Post-Conflict Peacebuilding through Natural Resource Management, Island Press, Washington, D.C.

Christian Webersik and Alec Crawford (forthcoming 2010) *Growing Unrest: Charcoal, Bananas, Fisheries and Conflict in Somalia*, Strengthening Post-Conflict Peacebuilding through Natural Resource Management, Island Press, Washington, D.C.

Research Reports

Miguel Esteban, Christian Webersik, David Leary (2009) *Nanotechnology, Ocean Energy and Forestry - Making Climate Change Mitigation Work*, Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) Report, Commonwealth Secretariat, London.

Miguel Esteban, Christian Webersik, David Leary and Dexter Thompson-Pomeroy (2008) *Innovation in responding to climate change: Nanotechnology, Ocean Energy and Forestry*. UNU-IAS report, United Nations University, Tokyo.

Christian Webersik and Clarice Wilson (2008) *Environment for African Development: A Sustainable Future through Science and Technology*. UNU-IAS report, United Nations University, Tokyo.

United Nations Development Programme (2008). *Post-Conflict Economic Recovery: Enabling Local Ingenuity*, Crisis Prevention and Recovery Report-United Nations Development Programme/Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (UNDP/BCPR).

United Nations Development Programme (2001) *National Human Development Report Somalia 2001*, United Nations Development Programme, Nairobi.

Conference Proceedings

Christian Webersik, Miguel Esteban, and Tomoya Shibayama (2009) *Climate Change and Human Security: Measuring the Economic Loss due to Future Increase in Tropical Cyclones*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Toronto, Ontario, 3-6 September 2009.

Christian Webersik (2009) *Making Forest Preservation in Asia Work*. Presented to Workshop on Vulnerability and Resilience of Land Systems in Asia, Beijing, 15-17 June 2009.

Christian Webersik (2009) *Linking Drought to Conflict: Making Research Relevant for Policy*. Presented to the IHDP Open Meeting, 7th International Science Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change, Bonn, 26-30 April 2009.

Christian Webersik, Miguel Esteban, and Tomoya Shibayama (2009) *The Economic Impact of Future Increase in Tropical Cyclones in Japan*. Presented to

the IARU International Scientific Congress on Climate Change, Copenhagen, 10-12 March 2009.

Christian Webersik, Miguel Esteban, and Tomoya Shibayama (2009) *Measuring the Economic Loss due to Future Increase in Tropical Cyclones in East Asia: Potential for Conflict or Cooperation?* Presented to the 50th Annual International Studies Association Convention, New York, NY, 15-18 February 2009.

Christian Klose and Christian Webersik (2008) *Understanding Socio-Economic Impacts of Geohazards Aided by Cyber-Enabled Systems*. Presented to the AGU (American Geophysical Union) Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 15-19 December 2008.

Christian Webersik (2008) *Drought and Political Violence in sub-Saharan Africa*. Presented to the 49th Annual International Studies Association Convention, San Francisco, CA, 26-29 March 2008.

Christian Webersik (2007) *Drought and Conflict: Agricultural Dependency and Conflict Risks in sub-Saharan Africa*. Presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Chicago, IL, 30 August-2 September 2007.

Christian Webersik (2005) *The Charcoal Trade in Southern Somalia – An Economy without a State*. Presented to Presented to Fourth Horn of Africa Conference, Lund, 14-16 October 2005.

Christian Webersik (2005) *Environment, Conflict and Statelessness in Somalia*. Presented to the 6th Open Meeting on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change, Bonn, 9-13 October 2009.

Christian Webersik (2005) *The Need for International Integration: The Case of Eritrea*, Presented to African Studies Conference (Gaudy), St Antony's College, Oxford, 27-29 June 2005.

Christian Webersik (2004) *Bargaining for the spoils of war – The Somalia National Reconciliation Process*, Presented to Third Horn of Africa Conference, Lund, 27-29 August 2004.

Christian Webersik (2003) *Fighting for the Plenty – The Banana Trade in Southern Somalia*. Presented to a Conference on Multinational Corporations, Development and Conflict, Oxford, 6 December 2003.

Christian Webersik (2001) *Reinterpreting Environmental Scarcity and Conflict: Evidence from Somalia*. Presented to the 4th Pan-European International Relations Conference, University of Kent at Canterbury, 8-10 September 2001.

Christian Webersik (2000) *Methodological Pitfalls in Addressing the Link between Environmental Scarcity and Violent Conflict*. Presented to the Conference, Environmental Resources, Conflict, Co-operation and Governance, University of Bradford.

Popular Media Appearances and Policy Briefs

Miguel Esteban, Christian Webersik, David Leary (2009) *Nanotechnology, Ocean Energy and Forestry - Making Climate Change Mitigation Work*, Climate Action, London.

Miguel Esteban, Christian Webersik, David Leary and Dexter Thompson-Pomeroy (2009) *Cutting Emissions through Innovation*, OurWorld 2.0, United Nations University. Available at <http://ourworld.unu.edu/en/>

Christian Webersik and Manish Thapa (2008) *Nepal Climate Change and Security Factsheet*, United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS). Available at <http://www.ias.unu.edu/>

Christian Webersik (2008) *Sudan Climate Change and Security Factsheet*, United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS). Available at <http://www.ias.unu.edu/>

Christian Webersik (2008) *A Call for Action on African Food Security*, OurWorld 2.0, United Nations University. Available at <http://ourworld.unu.edu/en/>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND INVITED TALKS

**2/2008-8/2008,
Japan**

While in Japan, I held invited lectures at Tokyo University, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Hokkaido University, Kyoto University, Hiroshima University, Meiji Gakuin University, and Kanagawa Prefectural College of Foreign Studies.

**4/2008, Munich Re
Group, Munich**

Invited talk at about the *Economic Impact of Climate Change*, Munich Re Group, Munich.

**11/2006, Columbia
University**

In the fall semester 2006, I taught a seminar for the Master's class *Environment, Conflict, and Resolution Strategies* at the School of International and Public Affairs.

**9/2006, Columbia
University**

Invited talk entitled: *Drought and Conflict: Is there a link?* Presented at the Center for Environmental Research and Conservation (CERC), Columbia University, New York.

**11/2004 - 6/2005,
University of Asmara**

Assistant Professor of political science at the University of Asmara (see professional experience).

**2/2004 - 3/2004,
University of Oxford**

I taught a political science tutorial entitled *Politics in the Third World* in Hilary term 2004 at St Antony's College, Oxford. The tutorial centred on the analysis of problems and prospects of developing countries. Particular attention was paid to the impact of colonialism, nation-building, economic modernisation and global environmental problems involving developing countries.

**5/2003, University of
Oxford**

Lecture given at St Antony's African Studies Seminar: *Reinterpreting environmental scarcity and conflict: Evidence from Somalia*.

**11/1999, University
of East Anglia**

Lecture given at School of Environmental Sciences at University of East Anglia: *Global Warming II: Policy Responses*.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 10/2008** Second place on shortlist for Associate Professor (W2-level) in climate change and security at the Centre of Excellence in climate research, University of Hamburg.
- 11/2007-10/2009** Japan Society for the Promotion of Science United Nations University (JSPS-UNU) postdoctoral fellowship
- 9/2005 – 5/2007** Postdoctoral fellowship at the Earth Institute, Columbia University
- 10/2001 – 12/2003** Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Postgraduate Research Studentship
- 10/2001 – 12/2003** ESRC Research Training Support Grant 2001-3
- 6/2001** Carr Fund, St Antony's College, Oxford
- 11/2000** Kirk-Greene African Travel Fund, St Antony's College, Oxford
- 11/2000** Stahl Fund, St Antony's College, Oxford

LANGUAGES

German	Native
English	Fluent
French	Upper intermediate
Spanish	Basic knowledge
Japanese	Basic knowledge
Norwegian	Basic knowledge

COMPUTER SKILLS

Geographic Information Systems (ArcGIS: ArcInfo 9.2), Statistical packages (SPSS, STATA), MS PowerPoint, Excel, Access, Word, web design programs (Dreamweaver, HTML)

PERSONAL INTERESTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

During my studies at Oxford University, I participated in debating classes and competitions at the Oxford Union, one of the best-known debating societies in England. In terms of sports, rowing became a great enjoyment at Oxford. Being a member St Antony's first rowing squad I particularly appreciated the idea to work in a team towards a common goal. I successfully completed two marathons in Munich and New York City. I also climbed several of the highest peaks in Europe and Asia.

REFEREES

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