

CURRICULUM VITAE conflict analyst, terrorism expert, independent scholar

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My specialty lies in conflict studies, with own definitions of terrorism, banditry and rebellion. My expertise makes me suitable as researcher, lecturer, policymaker, mediator a/o lobbyist on issues like terrorism, democratisation, human rights and migration. My qualities—thoroughness and self-reliance—are best realised in a small organisation or team in a large organisation.

Education

- 2011 - present part-time PhD research 'Ways to Rebel: Testing a theory of Brutalisation on the Chechen and Albanian insurgents in recent history' (on hold for now).
- 1988 - 1997 Political Science (IR) at Leiden University. MA thesis 'Fragile peace in Macedonia'. Prof. Alex Schmid, 20/10/1997: "high-quality work".
- 1993 ERASMUS certificate at Århus University. Prof. Mette Skak, 4/03/1994: "*scientific contribution*" paper 'Separatist vs Centrist forces in USSR'.
- 1987 - 1988 International Baccalaureate (IB) degree, A. Thijm College, Netherlands.
- 1985 - 1987 High School & 1st year IB at American High School, São Paulo, Brazil.
- 1980 - 1985 Secondary and higher scientific education (VWO) at 'Werkplaats Kindergemeenschap', Bilthoven & 'Herman Jordan Lyceum', Zeist.

Work experience

- 2022 - present Associate at the African Studies Centre, University of Leiden (www.ascleiden.nl/content/ASC-community/members/caspar-ten-dam).
- 2011 - present Analyst, advisor, editor, (peer-)reviewer, book seller, illustrator (see also <https://stripkunst.wordpress.com>) and translator, since 2014 through CT Dam Consultancy (www.ctdamconsultancy.com).
- 2019 - 2022 Freelance correspondent for *Leidsch Nieuwsblad* (Leiden Newspaper) on e.g. socio-cultural topics (<http://buijzepers.nl/leids-nieuwsblad-stad>).
- 2010 - present Secretary Association for the Study of EthnoGeoPolitics; executive editor *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* (www.ethnogeopolitics.org).
- 2004 - 2013 Author study materials at Joho Company Leiden for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year BA, on e.g. human rights law, criminology and political science.
- 2007 Tutorial assistant for 1st year BA module 'Social and Cultural Contours of Europe', School of Politics Queen's University Belfast (QUB).
- 2002 - 2005 Representative Tasso Publishers (<https://tassointernational.com>) at book fairs, and handling book orders by individual customers and bookstores.
- 1998 - 2002 Researcher at Interdisciplinary Research Programme on Root Causes of Human Rights Violations (PIOOM), Leiden University; for e.g. project 'Principles and Practices of International Migration'; country reports for

e.g. Dutch Defence ministry; confidential Kosovo report for UN Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP), Vienna.

Voluntary work and activities

- 2023 - present Boardmember & co-founder Network of Sustainable Development and Education (www.nsdefoundation.org).
- 2015 - present Member of Drawclub Leiden (www.drawclubleiden.nl).
- 2004 - present Chairman & co-founder International Committee for Humanitarian Intervention (www.ichuminterv.org).
- 2000 - 2004 Secretary & Treasurer Society Kosova-Netherlands in The Hague.
- 1993 - 2017 Leading member Political Committee 'Stari Most'—Justice and Peace on the Balkans (www.starimost.nl). Chair 1999-2003, 2010-2017.
- 1998 - 2021 Active member of Dutch political party 'Democrats '66' (D66). E.g. Member of its Defence & Human Rights SWB (scientific bureau) working groups in 1999-2001; secretary latter group, 2000-2001.

Publications

Book publications (as author, co-author a/o illustrator)

Illustrator & translator in: Hans ten Dam, *The Shadow of the Green Mountain* – parts 1 (Detour over Un-Uk), 2 (Confusion in Zanar) & 3 (Encounter in Dorbai) Ommen: Tasso Publishing, 2023 (1st English edition). See www.tassopublishing.com.

& Fred Rohde, photobook *'Srebrenica Commemoration & Marš Mira 2015–2020* EGP Publishing house *EGxPress*, July 2021, 72 pages. New multilingual edition in English, Dutch and Bosnian: ISBN 978-90-75568-36-3.

& Fred Rohde, photobook *'Srebrenica Commemoration & Marš Mira 2015–2018* EGP Publishing house *EGxPress*, July 2019, 64 pages. ISBN 978-90-75568-34-9 (Dutch edition: ISBN 978-90-75568-33-2).

'The Expert: A strange academic world we live in!—Special publication [comic book] celebrating the 7th Anniversary of the Association for the Study of EthnoGeoPolitics' EGP Publishing house *EGxPress*, December 2018, 64 pages. ISBN 978-90-75568-31-8.

'Innovatie in Leiden (Innovation in Leiden)', illustrator Chapter 4 in: R. van Oirschot, N. Bierman et al, *De Ziel van Leiden (The Soul of Leiden)* FutureManagement, 2017, 48 pages. ISBN 978-90-826146-0-8. See www.facebook.com/zielleiden.

'The Limitations of Military Psychology: Combat-stress and Violence-values among the Chechens and Albanians' (pp.577-627) in: U. Bläsing, V. Arakelova & M. Weinreich (eds.), *Studies on Iran and The Caucasus—Festschrift in Honour of Garnik Asatrian* Leiden: Brill, June 2015.

Illustrator in: Hans ten Dam, *De Draagbare Politie-adviseur (The Portable Police-advisor)* Zeist: Tasso Publishers, 1996, 233 pages. ISBN 90-75568-03-7.

Research articles (peer-reviewed)

'Ritual violence in Liberia: 3. Ritual violence in Liberia prior to the Civil Wars of 1989-2003—Types, causes, dynamics and consequences' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.13 Nos.1-2, Winter 2025, pp.81-146.

'Ritual violence in Liberia: 2. Studying ritual violence in history—Assessing (lack of) insights and knowledge' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.12 Nos.1-2, Winter 2024, pp.36-73.

'Ritual violence in Liberia: 1. How to perceive, define and study it as a form of brutality—also beyond Liberia' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.11 Nos.1-2, Winter 2023, pp.25-100.

‘Codes and Violence during the Chechen Wars’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.9 Nos.1-2, Winter 2021, pp.114-137.

‘Chechen Clans and Other Kin Groups in Times of War and Peace: Definitions, Types, Saliencies and Need for Further Research’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.8 No.2, Winter 2020, pp.213-281.

& Babak Rezvani, ‘Geography, State and Ethnogeopolitics in the (post)Covid-19 Age of Globalisation’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.8 No.1, Autumn 2020, pp.13-35.

‘What (Little) We Know about Albanian Tribes: Reflections and Tabulations’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.6 No.3, Winter 2018, pp.23-65.

‘Conflict Patterns Revisited: Trends, Frequencies, Types and Brutalities in both Ethnic and Non-Ethnic Conflicts’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.5 No.1, Summer 2017, pp.41-62.

& Tomasz Polanski, ‘Brutalities in Anti-Imperial Revolts’ *Politeja—Ethnicity, Culture, Politics* Vol.31 No.2, Winter 2015, pp.199-237.

‘Looking at Conflict Patterns: Declining Frequencies yet Persistent Brutalities in both Ethnic and Non-Ethnic Conflicts’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.3 No.2, Autumn 2015, pp.9-25.

‘Let’s be Clear: A Call for Tripartite Action-Actor-Motivation Conceptualisations in .. Research’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.3 No.1, Spring 2015, pp.5-18.

‘Private Military Contractors: Deplore or Deploy?—Lessons from the ‘Blackwater Scandal’ in Iraq’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.1 No.2, Autumn 2013, pp.20-47.

‘How to Feud and Rebel: 1. Violence-values among the Chechens and Albanians’ *Iran and the Caucasus* Vol.14 No.2, November 2010, pp.331-365; ‘2. Histories, Cultures and Grievances of the Chechens and Albanians’ Vol.15 Nos.1-2, June 2011, pp.234-273; ‘3. Combat-stress and Violence-values among the Chechens and Albanians’ Vol.16 No.2, July 2012, pp.225-245.

& P. Koktsidis, ‘A Success Story?—Analyzing Albanian Ethno-Nationalist Extremism in the Balkans’ *East European Quarterly* Vol.42 No.2, 22 June 2008, pp.161-190.

Book reviews; review essays

‘How Socio-Cultural Codes Shaped Violent Mobilization and Pro-Insurgent Support in the Chechen Wars’ *Terrorism and Political Violence* Vol.33 No.6, September 2021, pp.1357-1360; online: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2021.1965780>.

‘The Tribes of Albania: History, Society and Culture’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.6 No.2, Autumn 2018, pp.38-45.

‘The Tragedy of the Chechen Conflict’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.5 No.2, Winter 2017, pp.42-53.

‘The Chechen Conflict’ *Iran and the Caucasus* Vol.21 No.4, 2017, pp.431-440.

‘Conflict and Peace in Central Eurasia—Towards Explanations and Understandings’ (Brill, 2015) *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* Vol.23 No.3, July 2017, pp.372-374.

‘Mosaic Ethno-Geographic Configurations and Other Factors accounting for Ethno-Territorial Conflict’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.5 No.1, Summer 2017, pp.71-75.

‘The Tragic Tale of the Chechen Independence Struggle’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.4 No.2, Winter 2016, pp.57-73.

‘“We Are Here to Stay”—Pashtun Migrants in the Northern Areas of Pakistan ...’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.4 No.1, Spring 2016, pp.58-65.

‘“We Are Here to Stay”—Pashtun Migrants in the Northern Areas of Pakistan’ (Klaus Schwarz Verlag, 2010) *Journal of International Migration & Integration* Online January 2014; Vol.16, No.3, August 2015, pp.841-844.

‘Strategic Rebellion: Ethnic Conflict in FYR Macedonia and the Balkans’ (Peter Lang, 2012) *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* Vol.19 No.3, August 2013, pp.375-378.
 ‘Exploring the Caucasus in the 21st Century: Essays on Culture, History and Politics’ (AUP 2010) *Iran and the Caucasus* Vol.16 No.3, 2012, pp.369-374.
 ‘An Endless War: The Russian–Chechen Conflict in Perspective’ (Peter Lang, 2007) *Ethnopolitics* Vol.8 No.2, June 2009, pp.268–269.

Other articles: editorials, short articles, reports, etcetera

& Babak Rezvani, ‘Observations on our World, Journal and EthnoGeoPolitics (Editorial)’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.13 Nos.1-2, Winter 2025, pp.8-13.
 ‘State of the World, our Journal and EthnoGeoPolitics (Editorial)’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.12 Nos.1-2, Winter 2024, pp.8-13.
 & Ab de Buck, ‘How to help Ukraine win the war against the Russian Invader and Aggressor (Opinion Column)’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.12 Nos.1-2, Winter 2024, pp.230-244.
 ‘State of the World and the Field—and Journal—of EthnoGeoPolitics (Editorial)’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.11 Nos.1-2, Winter 2023, pp.8-23.
 ‘Ritual Violence in Liberia—Ritualised brutalities in Liberia prior to, during and after the Civil Wars: events, trends, causes and consequences—Teaser: Abstract & Introduction’ Amsterdam: EGP Publishing house *EGxPress* (prepublication), March 2024, 20 pages.
 ‘State of the World and Brutalisation: Observations and Updates on a Theory relevant to the Field of EthnoGeoPolitics (Editorial—Developments in the Field)’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.10 Nos.1-2, Winter 2022, pp.8-26.
 & Ab de Buck, ‘How to help Ukraine defeat the Russian Invader and Aggressor’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.10 Nos.1-2, Winter 2022, pp.205-219.
 ‘The Dictator versus the Rebel, battling between Despair and Hope: playing the Archetypes that shape our World (Event Review)’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.10 Nos.1-2, Winter 2022, pp.220-228.
 ‘State of the World and our Research Projects related to EthnoGeoPolitics: Observations on the Conundrum of Identities, Interests and Resolutions of Conflict by Diplomacy, Deterrence—or War’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.9 Nos.1-2, Winter 2021, pp.9-34.
 & Zhang Shi, ‘Upcoming and Ongoing Research Projects having Directly and Indirectly to do with EthnoGeoPolitics: Announcements, Updates and Preliminary Observations’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.8 No.2, Winter 2020, pp.174-189.
 & Babak Rezvani, ‘2020: A Time of Health Crises and Ethno-National Wars’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.8 No.1, Autumn 2020, pp.9-11.
 & Babak Rezvani, ‘Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict: A Protracted Melted Conflict rather than a Frozen one’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.8 No.1, Autumn 2020, pp.129-138.
 ‘Tribal Kinship Identities in Present-day Societies: Proposals for Ethnogeopolitical Research’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.7 No.2, Winter 2019, pp.156-167.
 ‘Lecture on Dutch social-anarchist freethinker Domela Nieuwenhuis’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.7 No.2, Winter 2019, pp.290-296.
 & Babak Rezvani, ‘Towards a Fair Practice of Academic Publishing’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.7 No.1, Autumn 2019, pp.9-14.
 ‘The comic book *The Expert: A strange academic world we live in!* ...—A Teaser’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.6 No.2, Autumn 2018, pp.14-22.
 ‘Democratic Transition, Transformation and Development in times of War and Peace’ *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.4 No.2, Winter 2016, pp.5-18.

& Babak Rezvani, 'Relevance of Human Security in the Field of Ethnogeopolitics' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.3 No.3, Winter 2015, pp.5-6.

& Edwin Giltay, 'Lost in Translation: Srebrenica, an interpreter, a secret deal and a conference in The Hague' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.3 No.2, Autumn 2015, pp.83-85.

& Sahin Sisić, 'Life Against Death: Srebrenica—Digest of ... Kadir Habibović's book in the Netherlands' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.3 No.1, Spring 2015, pp.91-93.

'Patriotism and Brutality vis-à-vis Nationalism, Ethnicity and other Identity Formations' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.2 No.2, Autumn 2014, pp.5-19.

& Babak Rezvani, *et al.*, 'The Iran Nuclear Interim Deal: Analysis & Debate' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.2 No.1, Spring 2014, pp.45-53.

& Babak Rezvani, 'Foundational Declaration, with a Summary of EGP's Activities' *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* Vol.1 No.1, Spring 2013, pp.7-8.

Conferences

Major participations as e.g. lecturer, discussant a/o keynote speaker:

Lecture 'Brutalisation in Armed Conflict', Institute of History Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, 29 March 2018

'Tragedy of the Chechen Conflict', 2nd RUCARR and 'Circassians in 21st century' conf. (<http://wpmu.mah.se/rucarr>), Malmö University, Sweden, 22-24 November 2017

Keynote 'English-Language Accounts Chechen Conflict', 4th conf. English Language & Literature (ICELL), Bedër University, Tirana, Albania, 19 May 2017

Participant International Data Responsibility Group 3rd Annual Conference (www.responsible-data.org), The Hague, 3 March 2017

Participant Launch Event Protecting Politics by International IDEA, Clingendael Institute (www.clingendael.nl), The Hague 11 October 2016

Rezvani's 'Mental Mapping Caucasus & Central Asia', IUAES conf. 'Everyday Life Middle East', Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, 9-10 September 2015

Keynote 'Patriotism, Loyalty and Honour', conf. 'Patriotism and Problem of Education and Teaching', Jan Kochanowski University, Kielce, Poland, 10-11 October 2014

Special guest Subcarpathian Museum of Krosno, conf. Krosno and the Krosnowian District in 1944-1956, Poland, 17-18 December 2013

Paper 'Brutalities in Anti-Imperial Revolts', conf. 'Ethnicity, Culture, Politics', Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, 18-19 April 2013

Discussant 7th Annual South East European Doctoral Student conf., City College Thessaloniki, Greece, 24-25 September 2012

'Terrorism and the film *Paradise Now*' (Golden Globe 17 January 2006), Zaandam, the Netherlands (www.de-fabriek.nl), 22 December 2005

'Islamist terrorism in the Balkans', University of Amsterdam, 20 March 2003.

Participant Western Balkans symposia organised by PAX, Free Press Unlimited, Dutch-Albanian Foundation a.o. (e.g. www.freepressunlimited.org/en/publications):

'Europe, US & Western Balkans: Cooperation or Confrontation?' Utrecht, 14 April 2025

'Confronting disinformation in Western Balkans & EU' Amsterdam, 26 September 2024

'Western Balkans & EU: integration or isolation?' Leiden, 26 May 2024

'Western Balkans: forgotten front peace & democracy Europe?' Utrecht, 31 January 2024

Participant The Hague Humanity Hub & LINKS Europe (www.links-europe.eu):

Conference 'The Hague Conversations on the Future of Europe', 22 February 2022

Conference 'EU and its Eastern Neighbourhood', 23 November 2021

Participant Knowledge Platform Security & Rule of Law (www.kpsrl.org), The Hague:
Annual Conference 2021 on Asymmetric Power, 14 October 2021

Seminar 'South Sudan', 23 January 2020

Annual Conference 2018 on Inequality, 13 September 2018

Lecture Marina de Regt 'Yemen–The Forgotten War', 5 September 2018

Lecture Zahed Yousef on visual platform Dialectiq, 5 June 2018

Lecture Mary Kaldor on 'Second Generation Human Security', 27 February 2018

Conference 'Syria under Assad', 6 February 2018

Seminar 'Political parties in fragile and conflict-affected settings', 15 September 2016

Seminar 'International Law Practice: Georgia and Ukraine', 27 August 2015

Annual Conference 2015, 24 June 2015

Seminar 'Local Research Capacity', 28 May 2015.

Papers/Chairs in conferences organised by editorial board *Iran and the Caucasus* (Brill):
'Brutalities in Anti-Imperial Revolts', conf. Shirvan, Arran, and Azerbaijan: Historical-Cultural Retrospective, Yerevan State University, Armenia, 1-2 Nov 2013
'Chechnya, Kosovo, Nagorno-Karabakh', conf. Autochthonous Peoples Caucasian-Caspian Region, Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia, 5-7 October 2012
'Nagorno-Karabakh conflict', 2nd conf. Talishi Studies, Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia, 12-13 November 2011
Panel chair 'History, Political Issues', celebrating 15th anniversary' journal, Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia, 1-2 July 2011.

Papers/presentations as representative of *EthnoGeoPolitics* (EGP):
Special guest KNAW-LIAS conf. 'Political Violence: Beyond the Secular/Religious Divide', Leiden University, 19 September 2014.
'Post-separatist transitions', CERES summer school 2013 (<http://ceres.fss.uu.nl>), University of Amsterdam, 24 June 2013
'Combat-stress among Chechens and Albanians', CERES 2012, University of Amsterdam, 26 June 2012
'Success and Failure armed opposition movements', CERES 2011, Utrecht School of Economics, 30 June 2011
'Violent separatism', CERES 2010, IISS, The Hague, 24 June 2010
'Violence-values Chechens Albanians', symposium Central Eurasia: Islam, Culture and Conflict, University Amsterdam, 17 May 2010.

Presentations PhD research at *Central Asian Studies Society* (CESS):
9th annual conf.: Georgetown University, Washington DC, 18-21 September 2008
8th annual conf.: Washington University, Seattle, 18-21 October 2007
7th annual conf.: Michigan University, Ann Arbor, 28 Sep. – 1 October 2006.
Papers for *Political Studies Association of Ireland* (PSAI):
'Conflict resolution Chechens-Russians, Albanians-Serbs', PSAI conf. Galway University, Ireland, 17-19 October 2008
'Defining political violence', Postgrad conf. QUB, 19-20 May 2006.
Papers at School of Politics of Queen's University Belfast (QUB):
'Incumbent vs Separatist', Beyond Nation conf., 12-14 September 2007
Postgrad lecture 'Ways to rebel', 15 November 2006
'Terrorism & Insurgency', Farewell to Arms conf., 12 May 2006.

Languages

Dutch & English	excellent; fluent
German & French	moderate; basic

Hobbies

Reading, debating, drawing, painting, country walking