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About

Richard is interested in twentieth century international history and teaches and researches on traditional security and strategic issues. He is currently working on issues of religion and politics.

Feedback and office hours

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Qualifications

PhD	International Studies	University of Birmingham 2000
MTh	Applied Theology	University of Oxford 2013
MIS	International Studies	University of Birmingham 1997
PGCE	Education	S.Martin's College, Lancaster 1991
BA	Religious Studies and English	CNAA 1988

Biography

For four years Richard taught at the UK's Defence Academy teaching strategic studies and international relations to mid-career officers from 50 nations. He has been at Birmingham for nine years teaching strategic studies and international history in POLSIS and training diplomats in CSSD. He is a qualified teacher.

Richard's main research focus has been on traditional security issues, particularly strategic matters. He worked on military innovation and strategic culture especially in regard to the US Army after the Vietnam War and how their changes influenced national intervention policy.

His current research project looks at the role of religion in politics. An especial concern is with the role of Christianity in US foreign policy. He is also analyzing the politics of political/applied theology, aiming to develop a dialogue between the two academic disciplines. A particular concern is with the relationship between the decline of public religion and the rise of the modern state, and how this relates to religion being perceived as a source of violence and what role it should have in a western state. He is currently focusing on the work of the American theologian William T Cavanaugh.

Richard is a keen collector and reader of twentieth century fiction and contemporary poetry. A proud Wiltshireman he is a member of the Richard Jefferies Society.

Teaching

- Strategic Studies (G91)
- Diplomatic History of the Twentieth Century (G9)
- Diplomatic History Post 1945 (POLS 206)

Postgraduate supervision

Richard is keen to supervise postgraduate research in the areas of:

Strategic studies, especially in the areas of: Strategic theory, Military innovation, Strategic culture, conventional warfare, Counter insurgency, US military, US defence policy, the Vietnam War.

International history, especially US foreign policy

Research

Research Group: Security Studies (http://www.polsis.bham.ac.uk/research/groups/security-studies.shtml)

Research and academic interests

- Strategic Studies
- US Foreign and Security Policy
- Christianity and Politics.
- Modern international history

Current and recent projects

- Religion and the Rise of the Modern State - book project bringing together Christian political theology and international relations
- The influence of religion on US foreign policy
- Politics, history and theology in the work of William Cavanaugh
- The politics of political theology
- Religious pacifism
- The US Army during the Cold War

Publications

- **Monograph**

Lock-Pullan, R. (2006.) *US Intervention Policy and Army Innovation: From Vietnam to Iraq.* (London: Routledge,) ISBN 0-714-65719-0.

- **Journal articles and book chapters**

Lock-Pullan, R. (2010) "Challenging the Political theology of America's 'War on Terror," in David Fisher and Brian Wicker (eds) *Just War on Terror? A Muslim and Christian Response* (Ashgate, Farnham,), pp 37-52

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