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Qualifications

PhD War Studies (Kings College London)

MSc International Studies (Southampton University)

BA Political Theory and Institutions (Liverpool University)

Biography

During my career at Birmingham I have been Director of Graduate Studies within POLSIS, Postgraduate Tutor to the School of Social Sciences, and Assistant Dean for Postgraduate Admissions for the Faculty of Commerce and Social Science. Between 1997 and 2000 I was also an elected member of the British International Studies Association and through that the BISA representative on the Political Studies Association Executive. Since 1992 I have been a member of the West Midlands Military Education Committee and since 2000 its chairman. Between 2002-2005 I was an elected member of the Council of Military Education Committees. In 2006 I was invited to participate in a four University wide research project analysing the pre-university attitudes of sixth form students to the study of Politics and International Studies/Relations. This is a Higher Education Funding Council funded project with a budget of £250 000 over three years. During the period of this research project I will be bought out of teaching in order to complete the field work, analysis and writing of the projects reports

Research

Research interests

My research interests are diverse and have evolved and broadened over my career. They fit largely within the areas of US Foreign and Security Policy, Strategic and Security Studies and, Diplomacy and Statecraft.

Publications

Books

The Politics of Threat: ICBM Vulnerability In American National Security Policy ~, (Macmillan, 1997).

American National Security Policy after the Cold War: Beyond Containment,

Co-authored with Wyn Bowen, (Dartmouth Press, 1996).

Diplomacy At The Highest Level: The Evolution of International Summitry (edited and co-authored) Macmillan, 1996.

Poland: A New Power in Transatlantic Security, (co-edited with Marcin Zaborowski, (Frank Cass; 2003).

Journal Articles

“Real Men want to go to Tehran: Bush, Pre-emption and the Iranian Nuclear Challenge”, International Affairs, Volume 83, Number 1. January 2007. pp. 19- 38

“A Doctrine Worthy of the Name? George W Bush and the limits of Pre-Emption, Pre-Eminence and Unilateralism”, Diplomacy and Statecraft, Volume 17, Number 1, March 2006. pp 1-32 (i.e. lead article)

“The Incredibles: An ordinary day tale of a Superpower in the Post 9/11 World”, Millennium: Journal of International Studies, Summer 2006, Volume 34 Number 2, pp 559-562.

“Quacking Like a Duck? Bush II and Presidential Power in the Second Term”, International Affairs, Volume 82, No. 1, pp 95-120, January 2006.

“Bush, 9/11 and the Conflicting Strategies of the “War on Terrorism”, Irish Studies in International Affairs, Volume 16, pp. 11-33, October 2005.

“Bush II: American National Security Policy After the Election”, World Defence Systems, Volume 8, Number 1, April 2005.

“Isolationism Revisited: Seven Myths in US Foreign Policy”, Review of International Studies, Volume 31, pp. 237-261, April 2005.

“Myths, Motivations and ‘Misunderestimations’: The Bush Administration and Iraq”, International Affairs, Vol. 79, No.2, March 2003.

“Poland: America’s New Model Ally?” Defence Studies, Volume 2, Issue 2, Summer 2002.

“ESDP in the American Security policy Debate: Counterbalancing America or Rebalancing NATO?” Defence Studies, Volume 1, Issue 1, Spring 2001.

“A Desire To Leave?: Foreign Policy Radicalism and Opposition To Atlanticism at Century's End”, Studies In Conflict and Terrorism, Jan-March 2000, Vol. 23, No 1.

Book Chapters

“The Bush Doctrine in American Foreign Policy: The Analysis of a Failed Strategy”, The USA and Canada 2007, 9th edition, (London: Europe Publications, Taylor and Francis Group; January 2007).

“Addicted to Oil? George W Bush and the Politics of Oil Dependence”, The USA and Canada 2007, 9th edition, (London: Europe Publications, Taylor and Francis Group; January 2007).

“The Lure of Summitry: International Dialogue at the Highest Level", in Langhorne and Jonsson, (eds) Diplomacy (3 volumes) 2004, Sage

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