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Curriculum Vitae

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Current position: Programme Coordinator (U4)
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Key qualifications

Aled Williams is a political scientist (international relations) with experience in research, policy analysis, project management and training. His work focuses on development aid policy, corruption, institutional governance arrangements and the management of natural resource endowments. His current work concentrates on the effectiveness of development aid policy in relation to corruption in particular natural resource contexts, sectors and programmes.

Education

Master of Arts (M.A.) in International Relations, University of Kent at Canterbury, Brussels School of International Studies, 2000.

Specialisation: Philosophy and methodology of international relations, conflict analysis, global governance.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in the History of Ideas and English Literature, University of Wales, Cardiff, 1998.

Specialisation: Political philosophy, philosophy of science, critical analysis theory.

Professional background

Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)

Programme Coordinator for the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre – since August 2007.
Researcher – since August 2007.

Transparency International - Secretariat (TI), Berlin, Germany

Policy Researcher, 2004-2007.
Programme Coordinator, 2001-2004.
Internship, Global Corruption Report, three months.

Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), Berlin, Germany

Internship, three months.

Swedish Red Cross Youth Secretariat, Stockholm, Sweden

European voluntary service, nine months.

Project experience

Corruption in natural resource management.

Project leader of thematic area for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre*, 2007 to present.

Risk assessment of Norwegian support for development of the Afghan hydrocarbon sector.

Project participant for *CMI* commissioned study for Norad, 2010. With Arne Strand.

Donor approaches to anti-corruption and integrity reform in Cambodia.

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* in-country training workshop, 2010. With Harald Mathisen.

Building civil society for anti-corruption reform in Macedonia.

Project leader for *CMI* training workshop commissioned by Norad, 2008. With Transparency Zero Corruption, Macedonia.

Essentials of anti-corruption.

Project participant for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* online training courses for development agency staff, 2007 to present. With Hannes Hechler, Alessandra Fontana, Jessica Schultz and Clare Tompsett.

Preventing corruption in reconstruction following the 2005 South Asian earthquake.

Project participant for *Transparency International*, 2006. With Peter Rooke and Nikola Sandoval.

Preventing corruption in reconstruction following the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Project participant for *Transparency International*, 2005. With Peter Rooke and Nikola Sandoval.

National integrity system country studies for South Asia.

Project participant for *Transparency International*, 2005-2006. With Robin Hodess and Nikola Sandoval.

Anti-corruption online handbook.

Project participant for *Transparency International*, 2004-2005. With Robin Hodess, Carolyn Schlippe and Anna Hakobyan.

Publications

“Shrinking oil: Does weak governance and corruption reduce volumes of oil produced?”, *U4 Issue 3:2010*, *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre*, Chr. Michelsen Institute. With Farouk-Al Kasim and Tina Soreide.

“A source for development or for conflict? A risk assessment of Norwegian involvement in development of the Afghan oil and gas industry”, *CMI Report 5: 2010*, Chr. Michelsen Institute. With Arne Strand, Mohammad Hakim, Sediqa Newrozi and Akbar Sarwari.

“Mission improbable: Does petroleum-related aid address the resource curse?”, in *Energy Policy*, Vol. 37, 3pp. 954-965. With Ivar Kolstad and Arne Wiig.

“Grand corruption in the regulation of oil”, *U4 Issue 2:2008*, *U4 Anti-Corruption Research Centre*, Chr. Michelsen Institute. With Farouk Al-Kasim and Tina Soreide.

“Dialogue dynamics, programming challenges: Donor approaches to anti-corruption and integrity reform in Cambodia, 2004 to 2009”, *U4 Background paper 1: 2010*, *U4 Anti-Corruption Research Centre*, Chr. Michelsen Institute. With Sokbunthoeun So and Sedara Kim.

“Tackling corruption in oil rich economies: The role of transparency”, *U4 Brief 3:2008*, *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre*, Chr. Michelsen Institute. With Ivar Kolstad and Arne Wiig.

“Corruption in natural resources”, in *Freedom from Fear Magazine*, Issue 4: 2009, UNICRI, Max-Planck Institute, Basel Institute on Governance.

“Renewable natural resources and corruption”, *TI working paper No. 1:2007*, *Transparency International*, Berlin.

“Curbing corruption in tsunami relief operations”, Asian Development Bank, Manila, 2005. Co-edited with Greta Fenner.

“Corruption in humanitarian aid”, TI working paper no. 3: 2006, Transparency International, Berlin.

Presentations at seminars and workshops

Corruption risks relative to the extraction of oil and gas in Northern Afghanistan, Public Sector Reform Research Group, CMI, Bergen, 29th April 2010.

REDD, governance and corruption, Norad, Oslo, 3rd November 2009.

Forest concessions and corruption, 14th Illegal Logging Update and Stakeholder Consultation, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, London, 23rd June 2009.

Does corruption shrink oil fields?, Public Sector Reform Research Group, CMI, Bergen, 18th February 2009.

Anti-corruption projects in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria and Macedonia, CMI Training Workshop: Building Civil Society for Anti-Corruption Reform in Macedonia, Skopje, 9th December 2008.

Capacity development in oil resource management, Public Sector Reform Research Group, CMI, Bergen, 12th February 2008.

Workshop organization

Beating the resource curse: Where next for development cooperation?, 13th International Anti-Corruption Conference, Athens, 31st November 2008.

Corruption hotspots: Understanding the effects of corruption in environmentally sensitive world regions, 12th International Anti-Corruption Conference, Guatemala City, 15th November 2006.

Conference organization

Co-organiser for *Transparency International* of the 11th International Anti-Corruption Conference, Seoul, Republic of Korea, October 2003.

Co-organiser for *Transparency International* of the 10th International Anti-Corruption Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, October 2001.

Referee/reviewing assignments

Journal of Baltic Studies
Environmental Law Institute, Washington D.C.

Other functions

Member of Norwegian network of researchers on REDD.
Member of the Norwegian Association of Researchers (NAR).
Former *Transparency International* Staff Council representative.
Former *Transparency International* staff representative to the TI Secretariat Ethics Committee.