

## David Aled Williams

### *Curriculum Vitae*

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Current position: Senior Advisor, U4  
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### Key qualifications

Political scientist with background in international relations and political philosophy. Experienced in research, policy analysis, project management and training. Focused on the uneven politics of development, aid effectiveness, corruption, governance and natural resources, particularly using political economy and political ecology approaches to the forestry sector and extractive industries. Regional focus on South East Asia and country focus on Indonesia.

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### Education

***PhD Candidate in International Development, SOAS, University of London (part-time from Sept. 2013)***

Main supervisor: Prof Peter P. Mollinga, SOAS, University of London

Thesis topic: *Shaping room for manoeuvre: A political ecology of REDD+ in Indonesia*

***MA (Kent) 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

***BA (Wales) in the History of Ideas and English Literature, University of Wales, Cardiff, 1998***

Specialisation: Political philosophy, philosophy of science, critical theory

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### Professional employment

**Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI)**

Senior Advisor for the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre – since January 2013

Advisor for the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, 2007-2012

Researcher, CMI – since 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

## Recent project experience

### **Targeting natural resource corruption**

Research Coordinator for project consortium including WWF-US, TRAFFIC, George Mason University (TRACCC) and *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre*, from 2018 to present.

### **Corruption in natural resources and energy**

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

### **International drivers of corruption**

Project leader of thematic area for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre*, 2018-2019.

### **Global study of corruption and the illegal caviar trade**

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* commissioned by Traffic Wildlife Trade Monitoring Network, October 2017 to February 2018.

### **Corruption and state-backed debts in Mozambique**

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* commissioned study for Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), 2016. With Jan Isaksen (CMI).

### **Reducing corrupt practices in environmental decision-making**

Project participant for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* commissioned study and training workshop for GIZ-BMZ, Tirana 2015-2016. With Dr Kendra Dupuy (U4).

### **Corruption in the Albanian public sector**

Project participant for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* in-country workshop, Tirana 2015. With Dr Kendra Dupuy (U4) and Adela Halo (independent consultant).

### **Corruption risks and anti-corruption strategies in the Philippines' climate financing**

Project participant for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* in-country workshop, Manila 2015. With Dr Kendra Dupuy (U4) and Muhammad Zakir Hossain Khan (Transparency International Bangladesh)

### **REDD integrity**

Project leader of thematic area for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* commissioned by Norad, 2011 to 2014

### **Judicial integrity in Zambia**

Project participant for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* in-country workshop, Lusaka 2014. With Dr Sofie Schuette (U4) and Rick Messick (independent consultant)

### **Anti-corruption approaches for natural resource management and illicit financial flows in Nepal, with special reference to the hydropower sector**

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* in-country workshop, Kathmandu 2014. With Francesco De Simone (U4) and Dr Kendra Dupuy (U4)

### **Anti-corruption approaches for natural resource management in Ethiopia, with special reference to mining issues**

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* in-country workshop, Addis Ababa 2014

### **Using corruption risk assessments for REDD+: An introduction for practitioners**

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* commissioned by GIZ, 2013

### **Anti-corruption approaches for natural resource management in Tanzania, with special reference to land and forest issues**

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* in-country workshop, Dar es Salaam 2013. With Dr André Standing (U4)

### **Anti-corruption approaches for natural resource management in Vietnam**

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* in-country workshop, Hanoi 2012. With Dr Jesper Johnsen (U4) and Pham Quang Tu (CODE)

### **Anti-corruption approaches for natural resource management in Mozambique**

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* in-country workshop, Maputo 2012. With Sara Ögmundsdóttir (U4)

### **Public integrity approaches for the forest sector in Indonesia**

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* in-country workshop, Jakarta 2011. With Dr Liz Hart (U4)

### **Corruption in natural resource management online course**

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* virtual training course for development practitioners, 2011. With Dr Alexandra Gillies (Revenue Watch Institute)

### **Anti-corruption and public integrity approaches for natural resource management in the Democratic Republic of Congo**

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* in-country workshop, Kinshasa 2011. With Dr Muzong Kodi (Chatham House) and Christof Kurz (Fletcher School, Tufts University)

### **Corruption and anti-corruption in the Democratic Republic of Congo**

Project leader for *U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre* in-country seminar for DFID, Kinshasa 2011. With Dr Muzong Kodi (Chatham House)

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## **Publications**

### **Work in progress**

*Shaping room for manoeuvre: A political ecology of REDD+ in Indonesia*, PhD thesis at SOAS, University of London. Supervised by Prof. Peter P. Mollinga. Department of Development Studies.

### **Peer-reviewed books and journal articles**

“Corruption and anti-corruption in environmental and resource management”. 2020. *Annual Review of Environment and Natural Resources*. Vol. 45. Co-authored with Prof. Luca Tacconi (Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University).

“Will REDD+ safeguards mitigate corruption? Qualitative evidence from Southeast Asia”. 2019. *The Journal of Development Studies*. Vol. 55. No. 10. Co-authored with K. Dupuy (U4-CMI).

“Deciding over nature: Corruption and environmental impact assessments”. 2017. *Environmental Impact Assessment Review*, Vol. 65, 118-124. Co-authored with K. Dupuy (U4-CMI).

*Corruption, natural resources and development: From resource curse to political ecology*, Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham and Northampton (MA). 2017. Co-edited with P. Le Billon (University of British Columbia and Liu Institute for Global Issues, Canada).

*Corruption, grabbing and development: Real world challenges*, Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham and Northampton (MA). 2014. Co-edited with T. Søreide (Norwegian School of Economics).

“Corruption and reduced oil production: An additional resource curse factor?” *Energy Policy*, Vol. 54, 137-147. 2013. With F. Al-Kasim (independent consultant) and T. Søreide (Norwegian School of Economics).

“Mission improbable: Does petroleum-related aid address the resource curse?” *Energy Policy*, Vol. 37, 3pp. 954-965. 2009. With I. Kolstad (CMI and Norwegian School of Economics) and A. Wiig (CMI).

### **Evaluations and reviews**

*Third independent review of the Indonesia-Norway cooperation on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from REDD+*. LTS International and CMI. Edinburgh and Bergen. With J. Caldecott, A. Mahaningtyas, B. Howard, and P. Lincoln.

## Recent policy-oriented reports

*'Kenya powerless' – Corruption as 'problem solving' in Kenya's periphery.* U4 Brief 2019. With Festus Boamah.

*Corruption and wildlife crime: A focus on caviar trade.* TRAFFIC Report. Cambridge. With L. Musing, L. Harris, R. Parry-Jones, D. van Uhm, T. Wyatt.

*The Mozambique hidden loans case: An opportunity for donors to demonstrate anti-corruption commitment.* U4 Brief 2018. U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, Chr. Michelsen Institute.

*Corruption and the city: How can aid donors support integrity building in urban spaces?* U4 Brief 2018. U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, Chr. Michelsen Institute. With K. Dupuy.

*Hard-won wisdom: What conservationists need to know about wildlife-related corruption.* IIED Briefing. The International Institute for Environment and Development. December 2016. London. With D. Roe and R. Parry-Jones.

*Corruption and state-backed debts in Mozambique: What can external actors do?* U4 Issue 2016, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, Chr. Michelsen Institute. With J. Isaksen.

## Recent opinion articles and blog posts

*Corruption and wildlife trafficking: The elephant in the room.* Inter Press Service News Agency. 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016. With Rob Parry-Jones, WWF International, Wildlife Crime Initiative.

“Beyond ‘zero tolerance’”. *Development Today*, Issue 06, June 2016.

“Tackling corruption overseas”, written submission to UK House of Commons, International Development Committee inquiry, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

“Fighting corruption in anti-deforestation programs – the case of REDD+”, *The Global Anti-Corruption Blog*, Harvard Law School, posted 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

## Recent presentations

“Shaping room for manoeuvre: A political ecology of REDD+ in Indonesia”. Presentation at the Crawford School of Public Policy. Australian National University. Canberra. 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.

“Fisheries corruption: Why it matters for biodiversity, food security and consumers”. Presentation at the Night at the Aquarium, Bergen Aquarium, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

“Meet the Targeting Natural Resource Corruption Project”. Presentation at USAID Environment Officers Annual Conference. Washington D.C., 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

“Land, transparency, corruption: Reflections from REDD+ fieldwork in Central Sulawesi”, Presentation at the GIZ LandHub 2018, Eschborn, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

“Lessons learned from anti-corruption interventions”. Presentation at KfW, Frankfurt, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

“Corruption and state-backed debts in Mozambique”. Presentation at the workshop “Corruption and illicit financial flows in the extractive industry value chains: What have we learned and where do we go from here?” hosted by Tax Justice Network and The Transnational Law Institute, King's College London, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

“Corruption and the commodity sector: Why it matters and what can be done”. Presentation at Swiss Development Cooperation public event “Corruption in the commodity sector: Challenges and room for action for Switzerland and its development cooperation”. Schule fuer Gestaltung, Bern, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

“Beyond deviance: Unpacking political ecologies of natural resource corruption”. Book launch at the

Bergen Resource Centre for International Development, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

“Corruption risk management in the project cycle”. GIZ, Eschborn, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

“Tackling corruption overseas”, oral evidence to UK House of Commons, International Development Committee inquiry, London, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016.

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## Event organization

Corruption and the global caviar trade. Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

REDD+ and anti-corruption: Where are we and where to go from here? Norad Information Centre, Norwegian Agency for International Development, Oslo, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014

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

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

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

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

## Review and advisory assignments

- External examiner for Master’s programme in Culture, Environment and Sustainability, Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo, Norway, 2013
- External examiner for Master’s programme in Comparative Politics, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway, 2011
- Member of Advisory Group for Norad-commissioned report “Implementing REDD+ in Democratic Republic of Congo: How to Manage the Risk of Corruption”, 2011
- Member of Advisory Committee for UNDP report “Staying on Track: Tackling Corruption Risks in Climate Change”, 2010
- Reviewer for the Food and Agriculture Organization’s e-learning programme on the *Responsible Governance of Tenure*, 2013
- Reviewer for the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Bogor, Indonesia
- Reviewer for the Environmental Law Institute, Washington D.C., USA
- Reviewer for WWF International’s Wildlife Crime Initiative, Gland, Switzerland, 2017
- Reviewer for Traffic Wildlife Crime Monitoring Network, Cambridge, UK, 2017
- Reviewer for the Swiss National Science Foundation’s (SNSF) R4D Programme, Switzerland, 2017
- Reviewer for the *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*; *Edward Elgar Publishing*; *Energy Policy*; *Environment, Development and Sustainability*; *Forum for Development Studies*; *International Forestry Review*; *Journal of Baltic Studies*; *Political Studies*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development*; *World Development*.

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## Other professional functions

- Member of the Norwegian Association of Researchers (NAR)
- Member of Transparency International’s ASK anti-corruption researchers network
- Member of the SOAS Political Ecology of Environment and Development (SEED) network, SOAS University of London
- Former Deputy of the Local Board of the Norwegian Association of Researchers (NAR) at the Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway

- Former *Transparency International* Staff Council representative
  - Former *Transparency International* staff representative to the TI Secretariat Ethics Committee
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### Research stipends and project funding awarded

- *Targeting Natural Resource Corruption*: Five-year research and advisory project at U4-CMI, with WWF-US, TRAFFIC and George Mason University. Total funding of USD 10 million, with USD 2.6 million for U4-CMI from the United States Agency for International Development.
  - *REDD Integrity*: Three-year policy research and advisory project at U4-CMI, total funding of NOK 2,800,000 (GBP 280,000) from the Norwegian Agency for International Development.
  - SOAS PhD study stipend from the Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen.
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### Fieldwork experience and stays in developing and transition countries

- SOAS University of London, PhD Fieldwork, Jakarta, Bogor and Palu, Indonesia – 3.5 months, 2017
  - Voluntary work placement, Serekunda Primary School, The Gambia – 2 months, 1995
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### Academic and professional courses completed

- Advanced Facilitation Training (CMI)
  - Applied International Advocacy (TI)
  - Contemporary Methods in International Development Research (SOAS)
  - Impact Evaluation for International Development (CMI)
  - Management Accounting for Non-Governmental Organizations (TI)
  - Mixed Methods Research (CMI)
  - Security and Risk During Fieldwork (SOAS)
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### Language competencies

- English: Native speaker
- German: Intermediate
- Norwegian: Fluent
- Welsh: Native speaker