

Curriculum Vitae

Political scientist focused on the politics of resource extraction and carbon governance, with a primary geographic focus on Indonesia and Southeast Asia.

Personal information

First name, Surname:	David Aled Williams		
Date of birth:	20 th March 1977	Sex:	Male
Nationality:	British (with permanent Norwegian residency)		
Civil status:	Married with one child (8 years)		
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Education

Year	Faculty/department - University/institution – Country
2021	Ph.D. International Development, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK. Included period as Visiting Researcher (2017), Faculty of Forestry, Tadulako University, Palu, Indonesia & ethnographic fieldwork in Java and Central Sulawesi (2017).
2000	MA International Relations, University of Kent at Canterbury, UK.
1998	BA English Literature and the History of Ideas, Cardiff University, UK.

Professional positions

Year	Job title – Employer – Country
2022-	Principal Adviser, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway & Senior Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway.
2012-2022	Senior Adviser, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway & Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway.
2007-2012	Adviser, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway & Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway.
2001-2007	Policy Researcher, Policy and Research Department, Transparency International Secretariat, Berlin, Germany.

Project management experience

Year	Project owner - Project - Role – Funder
2023-2027	Conflict Enclosures – Co-lead (with K. Telle) of four-year strategic programme at the Chr. Michelsen Institute aimed at improved understanding of Asian visions of, and means of engaging with, the environment.

2023-2024	Norad Evaluation of REDD+ Civil Society Support (Phase 1) - Team member for evaluation of Norwegian support to civil society organizations via REDD+.
2022	Norad Governance and Transparency Section Theory of Change – Team member for Chr. Michelsen Institute (with O.H. Fjeldstad and I.H. Sjursen) providing inputs to the development and quality assurance of Norad's theory of change for its Governance and Transparency Section.
2018-2023	World Wildlife Fund United States – Targeting Natural Resource Corruption (TNRC) Project. Research Coordinator for project consortium including WWF-US, George Mason University (USA), TRAFFIC and U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre at the Chr. Michelsen Institute. Total funding USD 10 million from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), with USD 2.6 million for CMI. Included personnel responsibility for 1 Post-Doc at CMI.
2019-2020	U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre at the Chr. Michelsen Institute – <i>C-Files Project</i> . Team member for commissioned project from German Development Cooperation (GIZ).
2017-2019	LTS International, Edinburgh, UK – Green Economy, Low Carbon Development and International Climate Change Policy - Framework Agreement with the Norwegian Agency for International Development (Norad). Team member for the Third Independent Review of the Indonesia-Norway Cooperation on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from REDD+ .
2016-2018	U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre at the Chr. Michelsen Institute – Framework Agreement with Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC). Team member for commissioned study on Corruption and State-Backed Debts in Mozambique .
2011-2014	U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre at the Chr. Michelsen Institute – Commissioned Project. Team leader and project coordinator for the REDD Integrity Project . Total funding to CMI of NOK 2.8 million from the Norwegian Agency for International Development (Norad).
2007-	U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre at the Chr. Michelsen Institute – U4 thematic area on Corruption and Natural Resources. Project coordinator and commissioning editor for U4's portfolio of research on Corruption and Natural Resources

Supervision of students

Master's students	Ph.D. students	University/institution – Country
4	0	Global Development Theory and Practice, University of Bergen. Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen. International Environment and Development Studies, NMBU.

Other professional experiences

Year	Description - Role
2012-	Member of Transparency International's ASK anti-corruption researchers network, Transparency International, Berlin, Germany.
2018-	Member of the SOAS Political Ecology of Environment and Development (SEED) network, SOAS University of London, UK.
2007-	Peer reviewer for: <i>African Journal of Political Science and International Relations</i> ; <i>Crime Law and Social Change</i> ; <i>Edward Elgar Publishing</i> ; <i>Energy Policy</i> ; <i>Energy Research and Social Science</i> ; <i>Environment, Development and Sustainability</i> ; <i>Forum for Development Studies</i> ;

	<i>International Forestry Review; Journal of Baltic Studies; Political Studies; Political Research Quarterly; Stability: International Journal of Security and Development; World Development.</i>
2017	Reviewer for the Swiss National Science Foundation's (SNSF) R4D Programme, Switzerland.
2010	Member of Advisory Committee for United Nations Development Programme report "Staying on Track: Tackling Corruption Risks in Climate Change".
2011	Member of Advisory Group for Norad-commissioned report "Implementing REDD+ in Democratic Republic of Congo: How to Manage the Risk of Corruption".
2011	External examiner for Master's Programme in Comparative Politics, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway.
2013	External examiner for Master's programme in Culture, Environment and Sustainability, Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo, Norway.
2007-	Media appearances in: South China Morning Post , Aftenposten , Bergens Tidende , Panorama Nyheter , Development Today

Selected research dissemination

Year	Activity
2024	"Generational shift in Indonesia?" – Panel debate at Bergen Global, University of Bergen & CMI, Norway.
2023	"Paying the Climate Bill" – Chr. Michelsen Annual Lecture Panel, University of Bergen, Norway.
2022	"Access to environmental information related to corruption" – Speaker at virtual conference on Environmental Democracy, Westminster Foundation for Democracy, London, UK.
2020-2021	"The Corruption Tapes" Podcast series convenor, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Center, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway.
2016	"Tackling corruption overseas", submission of oral evidence to UK House of Commons, International Development Committee inquiry, London, UK.
2014	"REDD+ and anti-corruption: Where are we and where to go from here?" led workshop at Norad Information Centre, Norwegian Agency for International Development, Oslo, Norway.
2008	"Beating the resource curse: Where next for development cooperation?", led workshop at 13th International Anti-Corruption Conference, Athens, Greece.
2006	"Corruption hotspots: Understanding the effects of corruption in environmentally sensitive world regions" led workshop at 12th International Anti-Corruption Conference, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Languages

Language	Level
English	Mother tongue
Welsh	Mother tongue
Norwegian	Working proficiency
German	Basic proficiency
Indonesian	Basic level

Publications

Work in progress:

1. Jackson, D., I. Amundsen, D.A. Williams (Eds.). Forthcoming. *Anti-Corruption in a Discordant World: Contestation, Abuse and Innovation*. Edited book in preparation.
2. Williams, D.A. et al. Forthcoming. "The Grabbed Institution: Revisiting the Political Ecology of Resource Corruption". Special Issue in preparation submitted to *Political Geography*.

Peer-reviewed journal articles, books and book chapters:

1. Williams, D.A. 2024. "Transnational Environmental Crime and Corruption". In Smith, S.L. and I Sahramäki (Eds.) *Edward Elgar Research Handbook on Environmental Crimes and Criminal Enforcement*. Edward Elgar Publishing. Cheltenham and Northampton (MA).
2. Williams, D.A. 2023. *The Politics of Deforestation and REDD+ in Indonesia: Global Climate Change Mitigation*. Routledge. Abingdon and New York (NY).
3. Boamah, F., D.A. Williams, J. Afful. 2021. "Justifiable energy injustices? Exploring institutionalized corruption and electricity sector "problem-solving" in Ghana and Kenya". 2021. *Energy Research and Social Science*. Vol. 73;
4. Tacconi, L. and D.A. Williams. 2020. "Corruption and anti-corruption in environmental and resource management". 2020. *Annual Review of Environment and Resources*. Vol. 45;
5. Williams, D.A. and K. Dupuy. 2019. "Will REDD+ safeguards mitigate corruption? Qualitative evidence from Southeast Asia". *The Journal of Development Studies*. Vol. 55. No. 10;
6. Williams, D.A. and K. Dupuy. 2017. "Deciding over nature: Corruption and environmental impact assessments". 2017. *Environmental Impact Assessment Review*, Vol. 65, pp. 118-124;
7. Williams D.A. and P. Le Billon (Eds). 2017. *Corruption, natural resources and development: From resource curse to political ecology*, Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham and Northampton (MA);
8. Boamah, F., and D.A. Williams. 2017. "Strengthening institutions against corruption? Biofuel deals in Ghana". In Williams D.A. and P. Le Billon (Eds). 2017. *Corruption, natural resources and development: From resource curse to political ecology*, Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham and Northampton (MA);
9. Søreide, T. and D.A. Williams (Eds). 2014. *Corruption, grabbing and development: Real world challenges*, Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham and Northampton (MA);
10. Al-Kasim, F., T. Søreide, and D.A. Williams. 2013. "Corruption and reduced oil production: An additional resource curse factor?" *Energy Policy*. Vol. 54. pp. 137-147;
11. Kolstad, I., A. Wiig and D.A. Williams. 2009. "Mission improbable: Does petroleum-related aid address the resource curse?" *Energy Policy*. Vol. 37. pp. 954-965.

Selected non-academic publications:

1. *Effects of the Congo Basin Rainforest on Rainfall Patterns*. 2023. NORCE Research Report. With R. Barimalala, E.W. Kolstad, D.J. Parker. NORCE, Bergen.
2. *Greening Energy: An Anti-Corruption Primer*. U4 Brief 2022. Chr. Michelsen Institute. Bergen.
3. 'Kenypowerless' – Corruption as 'problem solving' in Kenya's periphery. U4 Brief 2019. Chr. Michelsen Institute. Bergen. With Festus Boamah (University of Bayreuth, Germany);
4. Corruption and wildlife crime: A focus on caviar trade. TRAFFIC Report 2019. Cambridge. UK. With L. Musing, L. Harris, R. Parry-Jones, D. van Uhm, T. Wyatt;
5. *Third Independent Review of the Indonesia-Norway Cooperation on Reducing Emissions Greenhouse Gas Emissions from REDD+*. Commissioned Report. LTS International and Chr. Michelsen Institute. Edinburgh and Bergen;
6. *The Mozambique hidden loans case: An opportunity for donors to demonstrate anti-corruption commitment*. U4 Brief 2018. Chr. Michelsen Institute. Bergen;

7. *Corruption and the city: How can aid donors support integrity building in urban spaces?* U4 Brief 2018. Chr. Michelsen Institute. Bergen. With K. Dupuy;
8. *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;
9. *Corruption and state-backed debts in Mozambique: What can external actors do?* U4 Issue 2016, U4 Chr. Michelsen Institute. Bergen. With J. Isaksen.