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NATIONALITY

- Australian and Swiss

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Jan 2014 - present:

[South Asia Center](#)

Atlantic Council, Washington DC

Non-resident Senior Fellow

[Deakin University, Melbourne](#)

Honorary Associate Professor, Strategic Studies

[Center for Australian, New Zealand and Pacific Studies](#)

Georgetown University, Washington DC

Senior Fellow

[PoliTact, Washington DC](#)

Director

[Future Directions International, Perth](#)

Senior Visiting Fellow

Jan 2010 – Dec. 2013:

Deakin University, Melbourne

Associate Professor, Strategic Studies

School of Humanities and Social Studies

Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies,

Australian Defence College, Canberra

Academic Adviser

August 2005 – present:

Geopolitical Assessments

Head, independent consultancy on South Asian, African and Middle Eastern issues.

This included in 2006-2009:

Adjunct Professor, Webster University, Geneva; and

Professor, Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations

- August 1999 - Aug. 2005:** **Department of Defence, Canberra**
Director, Strategic Policy Branch, Strategic Policy Division
- February 2004 - Feb. 2005:** **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Canberra**
(Secondment) Senior Adviser, International Division
- February - August 1999:** **Office of the Hon Tim Fischer MP, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Trade, Canberra**
Trade Adviser
- May 1993 - Feb 1999:** **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra**
Assistant Director, several branches (Strategic Policy and Intelligence; Middle East and Africa; and Parliamentary and Media); and First Secretary and Public Affairs Adviser, Australian Mission to the United Nations, New York (1995-98)
- October 1991 - May 1993:** **Office of Senator Robert Hill, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Canberra**
Foreign Affairs Adviser
- Nov. 1988 - October 1991:** **Office of National Assessments, Canberra**
Intelligence Analyst – [Africa]
- Nov. 1986 - Nov. 1988:** **Parliamentary Research Service, Canberra**
Research Specialist – [Africa, Middle East, South Asia and Europe]
- July 1982 - July 1986:** **Dept of Government, University of Queensland, Brisbane**
Tutor – [International Relations, Comparative Politics]

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Political Science**
University of Queensland, Brisbane, 1982-86
Doctoral Thesis: *National Integration in Pakistan: The Role of Religion, Ethnicity and the External Environment*
- **M.A. in International Affairs program** (Third World Development)
Norman Paterson School of International Affairs,
Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, 1980-81
- **B.A. (Hons) in International Relations**
Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, 1976-79
Honors Thesis: *ASEAN: A Case Study in Regional Integration*

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Bilingual in French and English; basic understanding of Spanish.