

MABEL GONZALEZ BUSTELO

SENIOR ADVISOR

ARMED CONFLICT, MEDIATION, PEACE PROCESSES

ABOUT ME

Expert in mediation, negotiation, and conflict resolution with experience in Track I and Track II mediation processes in armed and sociopolitical conflicts. Regular articulation with key stakeholders in peace and conflict settings. My career has developed through a number of positions, consultancies and assignments related to peace and security, namely trends in armed conflict and organized violence; illicit economies and violence; mediation, conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

EXPERIENCE

JANUARY 2022-PRESENT

INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT, BASED IN SPAIN

Non Resident Fellow of the Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil War (CCSCW, Sheffield University), 2022-2023.

Senior Advisor and member of the Executive Board of the Institute of Studies on Conflict and Humanitarian Action.

Advisor for different governments and international institutions on mediation and conflict resolution issues.

Professor of geopolitics, trends in armed conflict and organized violence, conflict analysis, mediation and peacebuilding (Post-Graduate courses in Spain and abroad).

2016 – SEPTEMBER 2021

SENIOR ADVISOR, NOREF NORWEGIAN CENTRE FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION, NORWAY

Senior Advisor of the Norwegian Centre for Conflict Resolution (NOREF), responsible for Track II and support to Track I political dialogue in Venezuela. Member of the Norwegian Government mediation team for Venezuela. Mediation support to the Norwegian Special Envoy for the Colombian peace process (with direct engagement with FARC, ELN, Colombian Armed Forces and Government officials).

2012 – 2016

INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT ON PEACE AND SECURITY, INDEPENDENT, SPAIN & BRAZIL

Fellow of the Norwegian Centre for Conflict Resolution (NOREF).

Fellow of the Global South Unit for Mediation (BRICs Policy Centre, Brazil).

Fellow and project supervisor for the Strategic Foresight firm WIKISTRAT.

2006 – 2012

DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGNER, GREENPEACE, SPAIN

Head of Campaigning and Advocacy in peace and disarmament affairs, including conventional arms, nuclear weapons, and WMD. Engagement with Governments and international organizations. Advisor to the Executive Board on peace, security, and disarmament affairs.

2004 – 2006

RESEARCHER AND CO-EDITOR OF PUBLICATIONS, PEACE RESEARCH CENTRE (CIP), SPAIN

Coordination and co-editing of the *CIP Yearbook*, *Papeles de Cuestiones Internacionales* and the Spanish edition of *State of the World* Worldwatch Institute. Researcher and spokesperson on trends in conflict, challenges of peacebuilding and the impact and outcomes of the “global war on terror”.

2003 – 2004

CO-RESPONSIBLE OF THE PROJECT “ANGOLA: THE MEDIA AND THE CIVIL SOCIETY IN POSTCONFLICT”, NETHERLANDS INSTITUTE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA (NIZA), ANGOLA

Programmatic advice for NIZA’s engagement in Southern Africa; field research and capacity-building in Angola on the challenges of media and civil society and their contributions to post-conflict peacebuilding; reports on the political, economic and social reality of post-war Angola in the context of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC).

2001 – 2002

RESEARCHER AND RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVOCACY IN COLOMBIA, MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES, COLOMBIA

Field research on forced displacement in Colombia (including Bogota and southern departments, Ecuador); report on forced displacement, public policies, international responses and challenges for humanitarian action; design and implementation of MSF’s advocacy strategy; articulation and negotiation with key stakeholders in Colombia, Spain and with international organizations.

EDUCATION

2011-2012

MLITT IN TERRORISM STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS

(With distinction in the Dissertation)

2002

DIPLOMA IN ADVANCED STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, UNIVERSITY COMPLUTENSE OF MADRID

2000

SPECIALIST IN INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION AND SOUTHERN COUNTRIES, UNIVERSITY COMPLUTENSE OF MADRID

1990

BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN JOURNALISM, UNIVERSITY COMPLUTENSE OF MADRID

OTHER COMPETENCES

- Peace Mediation Course 2022, FDFA-CSS-Swisspeace, July 3-16 2022.
- United Nations Ceasefire Mediation Course, Oslo (Observer). 2017.
- Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT), Safer Edge, UK. 2017.
- Fletcher Summer Institute for the Advanced Study of Non Violent Conflict, Tufts University, June 7-12 2015.
- Negotiation Skills (Greenpeace Training), Amsterdam. 2009.
- Engaging the European Union (Greenpeace EU Unit Training), Brussels. 2007.
- Course for International Delegates (International Committee of the Red Cross). 2000.
- Conflict Prevention, Universidad Complutense. 2000.
- Humanitarian Aid and Development Cooperation, University Carlos III, Madrid. 2000.

TEACHING & PUBLISHING (A SELECTION)

- Author of *International Peace Mediation: The state-of-the-art* (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain – IECAH, forthcoming); *The Real End of the Armed Conflict: Youth, Education and Peacebuilding in Colombia* (NRC-NOREF, 2016); *Mediation with Non-Conventional Groups: Experiences from Latin America* (BRICS Policy Centre, 2015); *Narcotrafficking and Organized Crime* (Icaria, 2014), and *Desterrados. Forced Displacement in Colombia* (MSF, 2002).
- Invited professor of post-graduate studies on geopolitics and international security, armed conflicts, conflict analysis, mediation and peacemaking, and peacebuilding in different universities in Spain, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, Colombia, Costa Rica.
- Contributor to the *Global Policy Journal*, *Open Democracy*, *Sustainable Security* (Oxford Research Group) and *The Huffington Post*, as well as Spanish and international media.

AWARDS

- Marshall Memorial Fellow of the United States (2008).