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## ***Short Biography***

Richard Davis is a Professor of Practice at the School of Politics and Global Studies at Arizona State University. He is also Founding Fellow of the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict at Harris Manchester College and the Department of Politics and International Relations in the University of Oxford. The Centre engages in conflict resolution efforts at the state and group level, particularly through research, dialogue and training. Richard is also a Senior Research Fellow at Artis International where he leads multidisciplinary teams in field-based scientific research in conflict zones.

Richard holds several active appointments, which include: Senior Research Fellow, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford; Senior Research Associate, Centre for International Studies, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford; Senior Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, University of Oxford; Chair, Permanent Monitoring Panel on Intergroup Conflict, World Federation of Scientists; and Chairman of two community development boards.

Richard served at The White House as the Director of Prevention (terrorism) Policy. Prior, he was the Director of the Task Force to Prevent the Entry of Weapons of Mass Effect (framework for the prevention of the smuggling of nuclear materials) and the Director of the Academe, Policy and Research Senior Advisory Committee for two different Secretaries at the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Richard has been a Senior Policy Fellow at RTI international, a Senior Associate at the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, led a non-profit international development organization dedicated to the education and development of youth, including crime prevention, prevention of radicalization and conflict mitigation.

Richard has authored or co-authored articles and publications on energy, international security, political violence and terrorism. He recently wrote a book, published by Routledge on the cohesion between armed groups and their host populations. The book title is *Hamas, Popular Support & War in the Middle East* and was released in 2016.

Richard has a PhD from the London School of Economics; an MPA from Harvard University; an MA from the Naval War College; and an MA from Azusa Pacific University. He holds Baccalaureate Degrees in Finance and Social Science from Hope International University.

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## ***Education:***

London School of Economics, PhD  
Naval War College, MA, National Security & Strategic Studies  
Harvard University, MPA, Public Administration  
Azusa Pacific University, MA, Physical Education  
Hope International University, BA, Social Science  
Hope International University, BA, Finance

## ***Appointments & Affiliations:***

Professor of Practice, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University, 2015 – Present  
Founding Fellow, Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflicts, HMC, Univ. of Oxford, 2013 – Present  
Senior Research Fellow, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, 2012 – Present  
Research Associate, Institute of Cognitive & Evolutionary anthropology, School of Anthropology & Museum Ethnography, University of Oxford, 2014 – Present  
Senior Research Associate, Department of Politics and International Relations (CIS), 2014 – Present  
Chairman, Black Mountain Private Equity, 2014 - Present  
Chair, World Federation of Scientists, Permanent Monitoring Panel on Intergroup Conflict, 2017 – Present  
Study Chairman & Author, various energy study groups, World Energy Council, London, 2010 – 2015  
Trustee, Hope International University, 2006 – 2014  
Senior Associate, Center for the Study of the Presidency & Congress, 2006 – 2013  
Senior Policy Fellow, RTI International, 2006 – 2012  
Senior Research Fellow, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Center on Terrorism, 2007 – 2012  
Director, Cooperation through Science: Israel, Palestine & Syria, World Federation of Scientists, 2008-09  
Director, Bilateral Talks on Cooperation (Israel & Palestine), Washington D.C., Lounsbery Foundation, 2008  
Senior Fellow, George Washington University, 2005  
Trustee, Northeastern Educational Development: Jamaica, 1994-2000

## ***Professional Experience:***

2012 – Present     Founding Fellow, Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict. Senior Research Fellow, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford.

2006 – Present     Managing Senior Fellow, Artis International (Artis Research, Artis Corporation & Artis LookingGlass). The suite of Artis institutions conduct field-based scientific research in conflict zones, build local programs and policies to move people toward less violent outcomes and develop technology applications to interface with social media platforms to understand and model the dynamics of human behavior in politically unstable conflict environments.

2006 – 2011        President & CEO, Davis Energy Inc.  
Energy research and consulting. Acquired by Artis International in 2012.

2005 – 2006        Director of Prevention (terrorism) Policy, The White House

2004 – 2005        Advisor to Secretary, Department of Homeland Security  
Director of Weapons of Mass Effect Prevention Task Force; and  
Director of Academe, Policy & Research, Homeland Security Advisory Council

1993 – 2004        Founder & President, Raison International  
K-12 Education and International youth development non-profit organization specializing in conflict mitigation, education and civil society development.

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### ***Select Field Research:***

- Co-Principal Investigator & Project Director. “Financial, Social and Violent Networks of ISIS and Follow-on Groups”. Artis International. 2017-2022.
- Co-Principal Investigator & Project Director. “Policy research on State Failure and Social Fragmentation in the Arab Region”. Artis International. 2016-2018.
- Co-Principal Investigator & Project Director. “Alternatives to Nuclear Weaponization in the Middle East”. Collaboration with Artis International and the World Federation of Scientists. 2013 - Present.
- Principal Investigator. “The Evolution of Cohesion Between Groups and Host Populations”. Collaboration with the World Federation of Scientists, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, the London School of Economics and the Centre for International Studies in the Department for Politics and International Relations in the University of Oxford. 2012-2021.
- Co-Principal Investigator. “Development of Empirical Measures to Understand and Exploit Wedge Issues within the Islamic State and to Prevent a Violent Successor”. Collaboration with Arizona State University and Artis International. 2017-2022.
- Co-Principal Investigator & Project Director. “Dynamics of Sacred Values and Social Responsibilities in Governance & Conflict Management: The Interplay between Leaders, Devoted Actor Networks, General Populations and Time”. Collaboration with the New School for Social Research, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Distance University of Madrid and Northwestern University. 2013-2018.
- Co-Principal Investigator & Project Director. “Motivation, Ideological and Social Processes in Political Violence”. Collaboration with the University of Maryland, Queens University Belfast and George Mason University. 2013-2017.
- Principal Investigator. “Middle East Nuclear Motivations and Framework.” 2013-2014.
- Co-Principal Investigator. “Case Based Influence in Conflict Management.” Field sites: Chile, Guatemala, Lebanon, Israel, Morocco, Palestinian Territories, Syria & Turkey. Collaboration with the University of Michigan and MIT. 2009-2014.
- Co-Principal Investigator & Project Director. “Mutual Influence of Moral Values, Mental Models and Social Dynamics on Intergroup Conflict.” Field sites: Chile, Guatemala, Israel and Palestinian Territories. 2010-13.
- Principal Investigator. “Civil Society in Conflict Areas.” U.S. State Department. 2011-2013.
- Principal Investigator. “Cognitive Structure of Moral Decision Making in Conflict Areas.” Field sites: Morocco & Turkey. 2009-12.
- Principal Investigator and Project Director. “Cooperation in the Middle East: Water, Energy and the Environment”. Collaboration with the World Federation of Scientists.
- Consultant. “Behavior and Cognitive Indices for Conflict Mitigation of youth in Morocco.” 2010-11.
- Co-Principal Investigator & Project Director. “Workshops on Cognitive Structure of Moral Decision Making in Conflict Areas.” Field sites: Morocco & Turkey. 2009.
- Co-Principal Investigator & Project Director. “Theoretical Frames: Pathways to Politically Motivated Violence.” Sponsor: Office of Naval Research. 2007-08.
- Consultant. “Sacred Values in Decision Making & Cultural Conflict.” 2008-9.
- Principal Investigator. “Barriers to the Development of Alternative Fuels to Oil – A Field Study of Risk.” 2007-09.
- Consultant. “Computational Models for Belief Revision, Group Decisions, and Cultural Shifts”. 2008-9.
- Consultant. “Institute for Homeland Security Studies.” 2008-9.
- Consultant. “Small Group Dynamics in the Evolution of Global Network Terrorism: A Comprehensive, People-Based Approach.” 2006-8.

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### **Select Speaking/Briefing Invitations (Recent):**

- The White House, “Empirical Evidence from Field Research in Conflict Hotspots,” Washington, DC, Dec 2017.
- United States Air Force Academy, “Willingness to Fight and Die in Defense of Values,” Colorado Springs, September 2017.
- Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy, National Executive Education Development Academy, “Tools for Law Enforcement to Prevent Violent Extremism,” Quantico, May 2017.
- US Central Command and Special Operations Command, “Understanding the Will to Fight with Dynamic Measures on the Role of Force Recruitment and Structure & Network Analyses of the Paris and Brussels Attack Networks,” Tampa, FL, May 2017.
- Carnegie Corporation, “Fragmentation of Iraq and Syria: Implications on Regional Stability, Future Conflict and Jihadi Networks,” New York, NY, May 2017.
- The White House, “Willingness to Fight and Die: Empirical Examination of Fighters/Militias/Population in Mosul, Iraq,” Washington DC, April 2017.
- US Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, “Using Dynamic Measures to Understand the Will to Fight and Social Media Analytics to Understand Networks that Support Nuclear Proliferation in Saudi Arabia and Iran,” Santa Monica, California, April 2017.
- US Air Force and Navy, “Understanding the Will to Fight and Die,” Barcelona, Spain, March 2017.
- Her Majesty’s Government (UK) Daesh Task Force, London, January 2017.
- Foreign Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom. “Social Media Analytics to Understand Participants, Supporters and Issues in Conflict Areas,” January 2017.
- London School of Economics, “Calculating the Willingness to Fight and Die,” Conflict Speaker Series, November 2016.
- Her Majesty’s Government (UK) Daesh Task Force, “Understanding the Aftermath in Iraq and Syria and the Threats from Returning Foreign Fighters,” London, October 2016.
- US Office of the Secretary of Defense and Her Majesty’s Government (UK) Daesh Task Force, “Understanding ISIS and Preventing a Violent Successor,” Western Allies Countering Islamic State Working Group, Artis Research, January and September 2016.
- Centcom & Socom. Florida. “Willingness to Fight and Die”. September & November 2015.
- United Nations. Tampa Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Force. New York. “Motivations of ISIS Recruits and Pathways to Prevention”. June 2015.
- Her Majesty’s Government’s Task Force on ISIL. Old Admiralty, London. “Recruitment, Allure and the Re-Awakening of the Sunni Caliphate”. December 2014.
- University of Maryland. “Dynamics of Insurgent Group Violence”. College Park, Maryland. November 2014.
- US Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority. “Understanding Hamas use of violence and their relationship with Palestinians”. Arlington, Virginia, July 2014.
- Defense Science Board, Office of the Secretary of Defense, “Understanding the Foundations and Dynamics of Power Seeking Insurgent Groups”, Arlington, Virginia, April 2014.
- US Department of State, Bureau of International Information Programs, “Understanding the Foundations and Dynamics of Power Seeking Insurgent Groups”, Washington, DC, April 2014.

### **Select Books, Manuscripts, Papers and Articles:**

- Davis, Richard et al. (in draft). “Nuclear Weaponization and Preventing an Arms Race in the Middle East.”
- Gomez, Angel et. al. (September 2017) “The devoted actor’s will to fight and the spiritual dimension of human conflict.” *Nature Human Behaviour* 1, 673–679 (2017) doi:10.1038/s41562-017-0193-3
- Atran, Scott, Robert Axelrod, Richard Davis and Baruch Fischhoff. (January 2017). “Challenges in Research Terrorism from the Field.” *Science* 355 (6323), 352-354.
- Davis, Richard. (February 2016). *Hamas, Popular Support and War in the Middle East*. Routledge Press, New York and London.
- Davis, Richard and Scott Atran. December 2014. Alternatives to Nuclear Weaponization in the Middle East: Differentiating between Power Politics and Sacrilized Values. *White Paper for the US Department of Defense*.

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- Atran, Scott and Richard Davis et al. November 2014. The Devoted Actor, Sacred Values and Willingness to Fight: Preliminary Studies with ISIL Volunteers and Kurdish Frontline Fighters. *White Paper commissioned by The White House*.
  - Sheikh, Hammad, Richard Davis et al. 2014. 'The Devoted Actor as Parochial Altruist: Sectarian Morality, Identity Fusion, and Support for Costly Sacrifices'. *Clodynamics: The Journal of Theoretical and Mathematical History* 5(1).
  - Davis, Richard and Vik Rao. *Shale Gas: European Perspective*. World Energy Council. January 2012. <http://www.worldenergy.org/publications/3802.asp>.
  - Davis, Richard. *Barriers to Alternatives to Oil: A Field Study of Risk*. July 2011. ARTIS Research Publication sponsored by U.S. Department of Energy.
  - Davis, R. Rao, V. & Bauer, C. *Survey of Energy Resources: Focus on Shale Gas*. World Energy Council. September 2010. <http://www.worldenergy.org/publications/2843.asp>.
  - Davis, Richard. *Biofuels: Markets, Finance, Policy & Regulation*. World Energy Council Biofuels Report. May 2010. <http://www.worldenergy.org/publications/2837.asp>.
  - Davis, Richard (Contributing Author and Editor). *Theoretical Frames on Pathways to Violent Radicalization*. ARTIS Research Publication. August 2009. [http://www.artisresearch.com/articles/ARTIS\\_Theoretical\\_Frames\\_August\\_2009.pdf](http://www.artisresearch.com/articles/ARTIS_Theoretical_Frames_August_2009.pdf)
  - Atran, S., Axelrod, R. & Davis, R. Sacred barriers to conflict resolution: Devoted versus rational actors. *Science*, 317, 1039-1040, 2007.