

# ZOE MARKS

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**University of Edinburgh** Edinburgh, UK  
*Chancellor's Fellow*, School of Social and Political Science 2013-present  
Director, Global Development Academy  
Director, MSc programme in African Studies

**Harvard University** Cambridge, Mass.  
*Fellow*, Women and Public Policy Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government 2014-16

**University of Oxford** Oxford, UK  
*Tutor*, Department of Politics and IR 2011-13

## EDUCATION

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**University of Oxford** Oxford, UK  
D.Phil. in Politics 2013  
‘The Internal Dynamics of Rebel Groups in War: The politics of material viability and organizational capacity in the Revolutionary United Front’ – Awarded with no corrections  
Supervisor: David M. Anderson; Examiners: David Keen (LSE), David Pratten (Oxford)  
Best Thesis in Politics at Oxford, Bapsybanoo of Winchester Thesis Prize, 2014; African Studies Association UK Audrey Richards Prize runner-up, 2014

M.Sc. in African Studies 2008  
Distinction; Anthony Kirk-Greene Prize (best overall performance)

**Georgetown University** Washington, DC  
B.A. in Government; Minor in African American Studies 2007  
Magna cum laude; Honors in Government

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book manuscript

*Anatomy of An African Rebellion: Guerrilla Laws and Logistics in the Sierra Leone Civil War* (invited for review at Cornell University Press, submission date May 2018)

### Peer-reviewed edited volumes and special issues

Edited Special Issue: Kessi, S., Z. Marks, E. Ramugondo (eds) ‘Decolonizing the Academy in African Studies’, *Critical African Studies* (in progress, submission date September 2018)

### Peer-reviewed articles and book chapters

Marks, Z. (2018) ‘Women in Rebellion: The case of Sierra Leone’, in Jacqui True and Sara Davies (eds), *Oxford Handbook on Women, Peace, and Security*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Marks, Z. (2017) ‘Gender Dynamics in Rebel Groups’, in Claire Duncanson and Rachel Woodward (eds), *Handbook on Gender and the Military*. London: Palgrave.

Marks, Z. (2014) ‘Sexual Violence in Sierra Leone’s Civil War: “Virgination”, rape, and marriage’, *African Affairs*, 113(450): 67-87.

Marks, Z. (2013) 'Sexual Violence Inside Rebellion: Policies and Perspectives of the Revolutionary United Front of Sierra Leone', *Civil Wars*, 15(3): 359-79.

Marks, Z. (2012) 'Listening to Perpetrators: Connecting wartime violence with post-conflict interventions', in Jane Freedman (ed.), *Engaging Men in the Fight against Gender-Based Violence*, New York: Palgrave.

### **Article-length works in progress**

Marks, Z. 'Diamonds in the RUF: Micro-dynamics of wartime resource extraction in Sierra Leone' (R&R with *Political Geography*)

Marks, Z. 'Social Network Research in African Studies' (R&R with *African Affairs*)

Marks, Z. 'Women in War and Peace' (commissioned for *Oxford Encyclopedia of African Politics*, OUP, 2018)

Marks, Z. 'Can We Decolonize the Academy from Within?' (for submission to special issue on Decolonizing the Academy, *Critical African Studies*)

Marks, Z. 'Where Do Violent Norms Come From? An institutional analysis of rebellion'

Marks, Z. "'Self-reliant Struggle" or Revolution? On the limits of ideology in African civil wars'

Marks, Z. 'Control, or Cohesion? Inside the RUF and rebel laws of war'

Marks, Z. 'Bureaucracy of Atrocity in Sierra Leone: The untold story of rebels with rubber stamps'

Marks, Z. 'African Fighters, American Wars: Ex-combatant labor in the global military market'

### **Book reviews**

Marks, Z. 'Ethnic Politics and State Power: The logic of the coup-civil war trap, by Philip Roessler', *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*, (in preparation).

Marks, Z. (2015) 'Sexual Violence as a Weapon of War? by M. Eriksson Baaz and M. Stern; and Female Soldiers in Sierra Leone, by M.H. Mackenzie', *African Affairs*, 114(456): 472-474.

Marks, Z. (2012) 'The War Machines: Young men and violence in Sierra Leone and Liberia, by D. Hoffman', *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 50(4): 730-732.

### **Select commentary and reports**

Marks, Z. (2016) 'Poverty and Conflict', DfID Professional Development Series, GSDRC.

Marks, Z. (2015) 'UK Development NGOs and Challenges of the next 10 years', Global Development Professionals Expert Panel, *The Guardian*.

Marks, Z. (2014) 'Responding to the moral crisis in Chibok?', *Democracy in Africa*, May 7.

Marks, Z. (2012) 'Do elections herald the consolidation of peace and democracy in Sierra Leone?', *Democracy in Africa*, November 20.

Marks, Z. (2009) 'Diagnosing Dongo: Dambisa Moyo's "Dead Aid"', *The Oxonian Review*, 8(8).

### **COMPETITIVE GRANTS**

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2015-19 DFID Political Settlements Research Programme, Co-investigator (£4.5 million)

2015-18 ESRC-DFID Poverty Alleviation Research Grant (£480,000)

2017 ESRC Impact Booster, 'Mapping Social Services in DRC' (£9,989)

2017 ODA/Strategic Research Support Grant, University of Edinburgh (£7,500)

2016 ESRC Impact Accelerator, 'Repairing Crimes of War' with ICC (£20,000)

2016 Workshop Grant, 'Game Change', British Academy/ASAUK (£18,000)

2016 Strategic Impact Grant, School of Social & Political Science, University of Edinburgh (£3,330)

2016 Global Innovation Grant, 'Ethical Research Partnerships', University of Edinburgh (£8,500)

- 2016 ESRC Impact Accelerator, ‘Strengthening research capacity in DRC’ (£1,700)
- 2015 International Studies Association Travel Grant
- 2014 Research Development Grant, Global Development Academy, University of Edinburgh
- 2013 Carnegie Trust Small Grant (£2,500)
- 2010 Beit Fund Research Grant, University of Oxford
- 2009 Department of Politics and IR Studentship, University of Oxford

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- 2018 Visiting Fellow, Center for African Area Studies, Kyoto University, Japan
- 2016 Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Community Engagement Award, honorable mention
- 2014 Audrey Richards Prize (best dissertation) runner-up, African Studies Association UK
- 2014 Bapsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester Thesis Prize, University of Oxford
- 2014 Audre Rapoport Prize for Scholarship on Gender and Human Rights, runner-up
- 2011 UNESCO Fulbright Fellow, US Department of State/UNESCO Paris, France
- 2010 Beit Fund Research Fellowship, University of Oxford
- 2009 Fulbright Scholarship, Sierra Leone, US Department of State (US\$35,000)
- 2008 Anthony Kirk-Greene Prize, African Studies Centre, University of Oxford
- 2007 Healy Scholarship, Georgetown University
- 2007 Louis McCahill Award (one of three highest commencement awards), Georgetown University
- 2007 Phi Beta Kappa
- 2007 Diversity Leadership Award, Centre for Student Programs, Georgetown University

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2018 Sié Center, Josef Korbel School, University of Denver, Denver, Co.
- 2018 Ideas and Political Violence Seminar Series, University of Oxford, UK
- 2018 Center of African Area Studies, Kyoto University, Japan
- 2018 Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop, University of Michigan and University of Denver
- 2017 African Studies Seminar, University of Cambridge, UK
- 2017 Policy Research Seminar, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2017 Department of Peace and Conflict Research Seminar, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden
- 2017 Department of War Studies Violence Seminar Series, Kings College London, UK
- 2017 International Development Department, Birmingham University, Birmingham, UK
- 2017 Sociology of Civil Wars Seminar, The Sorbonne, Paris, France
- 2016 Developing Global Research Partnerships, GCRF Series, University of Edinburgh, UK
- 2016 Interdisciplinarity Symposium, Senatus Academicus, University of Edinburgh, UK
- 2016 Political Science Seminar, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
- 2016 Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
- 2016 African History and Politics Seminar, University of Oxford, UK
- 2015 Modern Conflict Seminar, University of Edinburgh, UK
- 2015 Politics and International Studies Seminar, University of Leeds, UK
- 2015 African Exodus Series, Collegio Alessandro Volta, University of Pavia, Italy
- 2015 Department of Government, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.

- 2014 African Studies Seminar, University of Edinburgh, UK
- 2014 ESRC Policy Series on UK-Africa Relations, University of Warwick, UK
- 2014 Order, Conflict, and Violence Seminar, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
- 2014 Women and Public Policy Program Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2014 Messina Lecture Series, Loyola University, Baltimore, Md.
- 2014 Political Violence Workshop, Dept. of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2014 EUSA Global Scholar Award Lecture, Edinburgh, UK
- 2014 TEDxUniversityOfEdinburgh, Edinburgh, UK
- 2012 International Gender Studies Centre Seminar, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

## SELECTED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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- 2018 Invited participant, Eastern Mediterranean Security, Energy, and Violence Workshop, University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel
- 2018 Invited presentation, Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Working Group on 1325, PRIO, Oslo, Norway
- 2018 Invited presentation, Policy Dialogue on Women and Peace Mediation, Oslo, Norway
- 2017 Invited discussant, Workshop on Rethinking African Modernisms, Royal Holloway/UCL, London, UK
- 2017 Invited presentation and participant, Forum on Education in Conflict and Protracted Crises, British Academy/DfID, London, UK
- 2017 Invited presentation, Workshop on Institutions in Conflicted and Fragile States, University College London, London, UK
- 2017 Invited presentation, Research and Policy Workshop on DDR, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2017 Invited presentation, Conference on Protracted Conflict, Aid, and Development, British Academy, London, UK
- 2017 Invited participant, Workshop on Research for Overseas Development, British Academy, London, UK
- 2017 Invited presentation, Rethinking Revolutions workshop, LSE, London, UK
- 2017 Invited presentation, Governance and Local Development Conference, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2017 Invited participant, Roundtable on Violence, British Academy, London, UK
- 2017 Invited participant, Research Impact Symposium, IDS Impact Initiative, ODI, London, UK
- 2017 Invited participant, Roundtable on Negotiating Inclusion, British Academy, London, UK
- 2017 Invited presentation, Women, Peace, and Security Workshop, GWU, Washington, DC
- 2016 Invited presentation, Gender and Terrorism Workshop, UK Government Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, London, UK
- 2015 Presenter, Workshop on Mining, Conflict, and Post-conflict Reconstruction in Eastern DRC, IOB-University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2015 Panel organizer, presenter, Centre for Security Research Launch Conference, Edinburgh, UK
- 2015 Invited presentation, Mano River Workshop, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, UK
- 2015 Invited presentation, Folke Bernadotte Academy 10-Year Conference, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2015 Presenter, Asia-Pacific Conference on Gendered Violence and Violations, Sydney, Australia
- 2014 Invited presentation, UNSCR 1325 Working Group Workshop, Folke Bernadotte Academy,

Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.

- 2014 Invited participant, Women in Violent Political Organizations Workshop, Radcliffe Institute/Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2014 Invited discussant, Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict, Harvard Kennedy School/PRIO, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2014 Invited discussant, Nordic Africa Institute Seminar Series, Uppsala, Sweden
- 2013 Invited presentation, UNSCR 1325 Working Group Workshop, Folke Bernadotte Academy, London, UK
- 2012 Presenter, Department of International Development workshop 'Law and Social Order in Africa', University of Oxford, UK
- 2012 Invited presentation, International Gender Studies Centre Workshop 'Women and War', University of Oxford, UK
- 2011 Presenter, UNESCO/ISESCO Conference on 'Engaging Men in the Fight Against Violence Against Women', Kinshasa, DRC

## ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS

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American Political Science Association: 2017, 2015, 2014

European Political Science Association: 2014

Panel Organizer: 'Inside Rebellion and Beyond the State' (2014)

International Studies Association: 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014

Working Group on Global Trends in War, Conflict, & Violence (2016, 2014)

AEGIS European Conference on African Studies: 2017, 2015, 2009

Panel Organizer: 'Ideology in Contemporary African Armed Conflict' (2017)

African Studies Association: 2015

African Studies Association UK: 2014, 2010

Panel Organizer: 'Decolonizing the Academy', double panel (2014)

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

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- 2017 Poverty and Conflict Research-to-Practice conference, in partnership with Rift Valley Institute, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2016 'Game Change' writing workshop, in partnership with ASAUUK, Royal African Society, and Univ. of Cape Town, Cape Town, SA (British Academy-funded) ([website](#))
- 2016 'Decolonizing the Academy', Centre of African Studies annual international conference, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK ([website](#))
- 2014 Institutional Host, UNSCR 1325 Working Group Workshop, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Mass.
- 2012 Researching Africa Day, University of Oxford African Studies Centre, Oxford, UK

## TEACHING

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### University of Edinburgh

Programme director MSc in African Studies (2014- )

Course instructor Building Blocks of African Studies (MSc core course; Fall 2017, 2016, 2015)  
Africa and International Politics (MSc elective; Fall 2015)  
Conflict and Peace in Africa (MSc elective; Fall 2017)

Guest lecturer	International Development; International Security Studies; Theory and Practice in Political Science; Transitional Justice in Context (University of Edinburgh) London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine: “Causes of Armed Conflict”, Conflict and Health (postgraduate; 2018) Trinity College Dublin: “How to Start a Rebel Group”, Political Violence (undergraduate; 2016)
Other teaching	Leadership and Identity seminar (MasterCard Scholars Programme; 2017, 2018) Race and Intersectionality discussion group (Postgraduate; 2017, 2018) African Theory reading group (MSc non-credit seminar; Spring 2016)
MSc supervision	African Studies; Africa and International Development; International Development; Global Health; Masters in Public Policy
PhD supervision	Tobey Berriault (SSPS Studentship, African Studies) Post-Conflict Mobilisation in Côte d’Ivoire, anticipated completion 2018 Sayra van den Berg Bhagwandas (ESRC Studentship, Politics) Perpetrator Participation in Post-War Truth and Reconciliation, anticipated completion 2019 Patrick Brobbey (Alex Catto Scholarship, African Studies) Public Trust in Electoral Institutions in Kenya, anticipated completion 2019 Tom Charman (ESRC Studentship, Politics) Examining the Discourse on Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys, anticipated completion 2018 Paul Nyibek (Politics) Militias in South Sudan’s Civil War, anticipated completion 2019 Ian Russell (SSPS Studentship, International Development) Higher Education and Post-conflict Peacebuilding, anticipated completion 2020

### **University of Oxford**

Course instructor	Violence and Historical Memory (postgraduate seminar, Spring 2013) Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa (undergraduate course, Spring/Fall 2012, Spring 2013) Academic writing and research (postgraduate tutorials 2011, 2012)
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### **Curriculum Design**

Building Blocks of African Studies (MSc core course, Univ. of Edinburgh)
Conflict and Peace in Africa (postgraduate elective, Univ. of Edinburgh)
Leadership and Identity (MasterCard Scholars Programme seminar, Univ. of Edinburgh)
African Studies Retreat (MSc mandatory academic retreat, Univ. of Edinburgh)
Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa (undergraduate elective, Univ. of Oxford)
Gender, Peace, and Security (postgraduate syllabus, not yet offered)

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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2014-	Director, Global Development Academy (University level)
2017-	Global Challenges Research (GCRF) Steering Committee (University level)
2016-	Global Executive; North America Executive, and Africa Strategy Group (University level)

- 2014- Postgraduate Board of Studies; PG Studies Committee (School of Social and Political Science)
- 2015- Gender Politics Research Group (College of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences)
- 2015- Centre for Security Research Steering Committee (College of Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Editorial Positions	<i>Critical African Studies</i> – Co-Chair, Editorial Board <i>Civil Wars</i> – Editorial Board <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> – Editorial Committee
Peer Review Assignments	<i>African Affairs</i> , <i>American Journal of Political Science (AJPS)</i> , <i>American Political Science Review (APSR)</i> , <i>Anthropological Quarterly</i> , <i>British Journal of Political Science (BJPS)</i> , <i>Canadian Journal of African Studies</i> , <i>Civil Wars</i> , <i>Comparative Politics</i> , <i>International Studies Quarterly (ISQ)</i> , <i>Journal of Global Security Studies (JoGSS)</i> , <i>Journal of Peace Research (JPR)</i> , <i>Perspectives on Politics (PoP)</i> , <i>Research and Politics</i> , Palgrave Macmillan, University of Georgia Press
Research Council Review	Medical Research Council (RCUK); Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO); Research Foundation Flanders (FWO); Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Swiss National Science Foundation
Ethical Advisory Board	Crowd Counting Consortium (University of Denver, University of Connecticut)
Governing Committee	African Studies Association, UK

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATIONS

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Political Science	American Political Science Association; International Studies Association; Midwest Political Science Association
Gender Studies	Feminist Theory and Gender Studies (ISA); Folke Bernadotte Academy Working Group on UNSCR 1325
African Studies	African Politics Conference Group; African Studies Association; Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies; Royal Africa Society ASAUK

## SELECT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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- 2018 Invited Chair, Africa in 2018: Prospects and Forecasts, Royal Africa Society, Edinburgh, UK
- 2017 Cross-Party Group on International Development, Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, UK
- 2016 Speaker, ‘A Haunting History’, Take One! Action Film Festival, Edinburgh, UK
- 2015 Speaker, ‘L’oeil du cyclone (Eye of the Storm)’, Africa in Motion Film Festival, Edinburgh, UK
- 2015 Organizer, Public Hustings on Global Development, co-convened with ONE Poverty Action and NIDOS preceding UK General Elections (April 2015), Edinburgh, UK
- 2014 Chair, ‘Concerning Violence’, PictureHouse Doc of the Month Screening, Edinburgh, UK
- 2014 Speaker, Amnesty International ‘Even If We Lose Our Lives’, Edinburgh, UK