



CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME : NISAR MAJID

NATIONALITY: British

SYNOPSIS

- 18 months as Research Director, LSE-PeaceRep (London School of Economics & Political Science - Peace and Conflict Resolution Evidence Platform - Somalia)
- 3-year role as Research Director, LSE-CRP (Conflict Research Programme - Somalia)
- 6-month role as Team Leader, at The Policy Practice (Political Economy Advisory assignment for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Trade & Development Cooperation – Ethiopia Mission)
- 2-year role as Team Leader, Horn Research Facility at The Policy Practice (Political Economy Advisory Facility for FCDO (Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office - Ethiopia)
- 2-year role as co-Principal Investigator at the Feinstein International Centre, Tufts University (study of the Somalia famine of 2011/12)
- Established freelance consultant and researcher in humanitarian and development fields (including conducting organisational reviews and evaluations, food security and livelihood analyses, and political economy analyses), including for the ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross), IFRC (International Federal of the Red Cross & Red Crescent) , Oxfam, Save the Children, Overseas Development Institute, Chatham House, United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation, European Commission, Rift Valley Institute, amongst others.
- 8-year career with Save the Children (UK) as a Food Security and Livelihoods analyst/advisor/trainer, with experience in southern Africa, the Horn of Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

QUALIFICATIONS

Sept 2007 – May 2013 PhD: Livelihoods, Development and the Somali Diaspora, School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies, Bristol University, Bristol, U.K.

Oct 1992 – Sept 1994 MA: Area Studies (Africa), School of Oriental and African Studies, University Of London, U.K. Subjects: Economics, Geography, Politics (taken at the London School of Economics)

Sept 1987 – June 1990 BSc Honours: Accounting and Economics, Southampton University, Southampton, U.K. *Dissertation: Foreign Exchange Problems in Zimbabwe*

RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Current **Research Director, PeaceRep (Somalia), London School**

May 2024 – October 2024	Team Leader, the Policy Practice (Ethiopia): Political economy analysis of Ethiopia's development trajectory, reporting to the Netherlands Trade & Development Cooperation Mission (Ethiopia and the Hague)
May 2021 – March 2023	Team Leader, Horn Research Facility (Ethiopia), the Policy Practice: Political economy research and advisory service reporting directly to FCDO (Ethiopia and London)
June 2018 – April 2021	Research Director, Conflict Research Programme (Somalia portfolio), LSE: Member of management committee in 5-country research programme, manager of Somalia research portfolio, including commissioning and supervising research, conducting own research and disseminating findings. https://www.lse.ac.uk/ideas/projects/conflict-research-programme/Somalia
February – March 2021	Co-team Leader, Samuel Hall with The Policy Practice, UK: Political economy analysis of the Berbera Corridor (Somaliland-Ethiopia), for FCDO Somalia.
January – April 2019	Researcher/Team Leader, Somalia Stability Fund, Nairobi: Political economy analysis of Baraawe (southern Somalia) airstrip investment.
Sept. 2018 – March 2019	Researcher/Team Leader, Rift Valley Institute (RVI), London: Lead researcher for study on social and trading links between Somalia and Yemen.
January – May 2018	Researcher, Overseas Development Institute (for NEAR network): Lead researcher on humanitarian financing and 'localisation' study.
May – June 2018	Researcher, RVI, London: Rapid political economy analysis on humanitarian delivery in Somali Regional State, Ethiopia. Findings presented to FCDO, World Bank, WFP, UNICEF.
Sept. – December 2018	Consultant, DAI, UK (for the European Commission): Design of a Social Protection/Safety Net Programme for Somalia.
May – July 2017	Consultant, Centre for Humanitarian Change (CHC), Nairobi: Support to UK Department for International Development (DfID) on issues around marginalisation and exclusion during 2016/17 drought/humanitarian crisis.
Sept. 2016 – July 2017	Researcher/Team Leader, RVI (for World Bank): Study on remittances and vulnerability in Somalia. Study informed World Bank's social protection strategy.
May – December 2016	Researcher/Team Leader, German Development Institute: (DIE), Berlin: Study on role of cash-based interventions on food security and aspects of statehood.
May – December 2016	Researcher/Team Leader, Danish Refugee Council, Copenhagen: Study on Somali diaspora responses (UK and Europe) to the 2016 drought in Somaliland and Puntland.

Dec. 2015 – July 2016	Researcher, Humanitarian Outcomes / Transparency International (for ECHO): Lead researcher of Somalia case study on corruption in humanitarian aid, in Somalia.
January / February 2016	Evaluation Consultant, ADESO and Save the Children: Team leader for evaluation of cash-based safety nets programme in northern Somalia.
August – December 2015	Trainer/Team Leader, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Nairobi: Lead trainer in qualitative research methods.
May 2014 – December 2015	Researcher, Humanitarian Outcomes, London: Researcher for study on Securing Access in Volatile Environments (SAVE). http://www.saveresearch.net/
May 2013 to December 2015	Co-principal Investigator, Feinstein International Centre, Tufts University: Co-principal investigator on study of famine in Somalia.; two donor reports, one briefing paper, one book manuscript, one conference paper, two technical papers, and one journal paper produced.
May 2012 – January 2013	Food Security & Livelihoods Consultant, Humanitarian Outcomes, London: Member of four-person core team conducting evaluation of US\$100m+ unconditional cash and voucher programme, in response to the Somalia famine.
2006, 2010 and 2011	Short-term consulting positions for IFRC and ICRC: Preparation of organisational guidelines for Community-Based Early Warning Systems (CBEWS); Evaluation of Red Cross Movement's response to the 2008-2010 humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Djibouti; evaluation of ICRC's Economic Security programme in Ethiopia.
<u>PhD (2007 – 2013)</u>	University of Bristol; as above.
1997 – 2006	Variety of permanent and consulting positions held with Save the Children (UK) focused on food security and livelihoods (including early warning) analysis, advice and training: 2-year secondment to the UN Food Security Assessment Unit (FSAU) for Somalia (1998-2000), based in Nairobi; 2-year Regional Food Security Advisor (East & Horn of Africa), based in London; short-term positions in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Ethiopia, Northern Iraq, Indonesia, Sri Lanka.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- **Research Director, LSE-CRP (2018-2021) and LSE-PeaceRep (2022-ongoing):**
 - Assumed overall responsibility for managing Somalia country portfolio. Worked closely with the overall Programme Management committee and Principal Investigators (Professors Mary Kaldor and Alex de Waal).
- **Team Leader positions:** Have led many research and consulting assignments (studies, reviews, evaluations) with small research teams, including for The Policy Practice, Horn Research Facility, 2021-23.
- **Lead trainer positions:** Have led and co-led many training courses, with small and large numbers of participants.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 'Jubbaland and the Transborder Ogadeen: Identity Politics and Regional Reconfigurations in the Ethiopia-Kenya-Somalia Borderlands' (2021), Nisar Majid and Khalif Abdirahman, CRP Research Memo, LSE: London. (see: <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/crp/2021/02/23/the-jubbaland-project-and-the-transborder-ogadeen/>)
- 'The Kismayo Bubble: Justice and Security in Jubbaland' (2021/forthcoming/draft available), Nisar Majid and Khalif Abdirahman, CRP Research Memo, LSE: London
- 'Transborder Citizenship and Activism; Political Engagement and Resistance in the Somali Environment.' (2021), Nisar Majid, (forthcoming/under review – Journal of Civil Society)
- 'The Galkaio 'local' Agreement' (2021/forthcoming/draft available), Marika Theros and Nisar Majid (forthcoming/draft available)
- 'Somalia's Evolving Political Marketplace: From Humanitarian Crisis to Permanent Precarity', Susanne Jaspars and Nisar Majid (2021/forthcoming/draft available).
- 'Mobility, trust and exchange: Somalia and Yemen's Cross-border Maritime Economy', Research Report, 2019, Nisar Majid and Khalif Abdirahman: <http://riftvalley.net/publication/somalia-and-yemens-cross-border-maritime-economy>
- 'Famine in Somalia: Competing Imperatives, Collective Failures, 2011-12', Daniel Maxwell and Nisar Majid, (London: Hurst Publications) <https://www.hurstpublishers.com/book/famine-in-somalia/>
- *Facing Famine, Somali experiences in the Famine of 2011*, Maxwell, D., Majid, N., Adan, G., Abdirahman, K., and Jeeyon, K., Kim., *Food Policy*, Vol. 65, December 2016: 63-73
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0306919216304900>
- Narratives of Famine, Majid, N., Adan, G., Abdirahman, K., and Maxwell, D.
<http://fic.tufts.edu/assets/Somalia-Famine-Narratives-Maxwell-FINAL-2-1-20161.pdf>)
- Majid, N. and McDowell, (2012), Hidden dimensions of the Somalia famine, *Global Food Security*, Vol 1, Issue 1, December 2012; 36-42.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2211912412000041>
- Majid, N. (2010). *Livestock trade in the Djibouti, Somalia and Ethiopian borderlands*. Briefing Paper. Chatham House. Available at:
https://www.chathamhouse.org/sites/files/chathamhouse/field/field_document/0910majid.pdf
- Majid, N. (2007). *Alternative Interventions in Insecure Environments: The Case of Cash in southern Somalia*. Humanitarian Exchange, Number 37. Humanitarian Practice Network. London: Overseas Development Institute.