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EDUCATION

University of Birmingham

PhD in Political Science and International Studies, December 2016
Thesis: “Tracing the Security Dilemma in Civil Wars: *how fear and insecurity can lead to intra-state violence*”
Birmingham, United Kingdom

Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

Course on the use of Process Tracing applied to the Study of Civil Wars, May 2014
PRIO Research School on Peace and Conflict
Oslo, Norway

Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

MA (*Mestrado*) in Political Science and International Relations, September 2012
Thesis: “*Cave Hic Anarchia: Political Violence and Intrastate Conflict*” (17/20)
Lisbon, Portugal

Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)

BA (*Bacharelado*) in International Relations, July 2010
Thesis: “Extra-territorial actors and conflict resolution in civil wars: *the Angolan case*” (9.5/10.0)
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Title: Tracing the Security Dilemma in Civil Wars: *how fear and insecurity can lead to intra-state violence*

Supervisors: Nicholas J. Wheeler and Stefan Wolff (Univ. of Birmingham)
Examiners: Justin Morris (Univ. of Hull) and Paul Jackson (Univ. of Birmingham)

Abstract: The security dilemma mechanism has been widely used to explain interstate conflict since its original conceptualisation in the 1950s, but it has been applied to the study of civil wars only since the early 1990s. Despite valiant attempts, major theoretical gaps remain unaddressed in the literature, the most important of which is the missing

link between the security dilemma and the outbreak of armed violence. This thesis intends to fill this gap, employing process tracing methodology on the post-independence civil wars that erupted in Angola and Mozambique after the collapse of the Portuguese empire. The research engages alternative explanations for the causes of civil war, assesses the role of the security dilemma in this context, and demonstrates that mutual insecurity was instrumental to the outcome of violence in the studied cases. Hence, this research dispels concerns about the concept's fundamental incompatibility with civil wars and advances the literature discussing several issues related to the intrastate application of an originally interstate concept. The application of the model to two novel cases enhances the theoretical and empirical relevance of the concept for the study of civil wars and reinforces claims of its potential generalisability.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Relations Theory | International Security | Conflict Studies | Political Violence | Civil Wars & Intra-State Conflicts | African Studies | The Changing Character of War | Insurgencies & Asymmetric Warfare | Peace Operations | Civil Defence & Safety | Strategy on Conventional (Air, Land & Sea) & Non-Conventional (NBC, Remote, Cyber, Space) Environments | Case-study Methodology and Process Tracing Techniques.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Introduction to International Relations | International Relations Theory | International Security | Political Violence | Qualitative Research Methods (specially Case-Study Research) | Peace Studies | Civil Wars & Intra-State Conflicts | Strategic Studies | African Conflicts (particularly sub-Saharan).

PUBLICATIONS

Rio Tinto, D. (2011) *Deterrence e Détente: uma breve discussão metodológica*, Revista Polímnia, 2: 1, 2011, pp. 27-35 (published in Portuguese).

OTHER WRITINGS (NON-ACADEMIC OUTLETS)

Rio Tinto, D. (2015) *What Do Brazilian Admirals Want? Not a Quiet Expansion!* Published by the International Security Network Blog (ISN/ETHZ), and available at <http://isnblog.ethz.ch/foreign-policy/what-do-brazilian-admirals-want-not-a-quiet-expansion>.

Rio Tinto, D. (2015) *Germanwings crash: the ins and outs of the two-person rule*. Published by The Conversation, available at <https://theconversation.com/germanwings-crash-the-ins-and-outs-of-the-two-person-rule-39453>.

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

POLSIIS Doctoral Research Grant, University of Birmingham, 2015. Awarded to support my field research on the CIA/CREST Archive (part of the National Archives and Records Administration), in Washington D.C.; and attendance of the 2015 International Studies Association Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) Research School Grant, 2014. Awarded to cover tuition, accommodation and board expenses, supporting my attendance to their Research School course in Process Tracing in the Study of Civil Wars.

CAPES-Birmingham Doctoral Scholarship, 2012-2016. Jointly awarded by Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES) and the University of Birmingham, to cover tuition fees and the monthly stipend for the entire duration my doctoral research.

Polímnia Award, 2012. Attributed by NECPRI for the best article published in the Polímnia Journal that year.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Rio Tinto, D. (2017, forthcoming) *Tracing the Security Dilemma in Civil Wars: what role for fear and insecurity in post-decolonisation intra-state violence in Angola and Mozambique?* To be presented at the 2017 Annual Conference of the Comparative and Interdisciplinary Studies Section (CISS), International Studies Association (ISA), in Bologna.

Rio Tinto, D. (2017) *Tracing the Security Dilemma in Civil Wars: what role for fear and insecurity in post-decolonisation intra-state violence in Angola and Mozambique?* Presented at the 2017 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, in Baltimore.

Rio Tinto, D. (2015) *Tracing the Security Dilemma: the dynamics of armed violence between security seeking actors in intra-state conflict.* Presented at the 2015 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, in New Orleans.

Rio Tinto, D. (2013) *A Death Foretold: explorations the effect of the emergence of Anarchy to the outbreak of political violence in domestic settings.* Presented at the 2013 British International Studies Association (BISA) Annual Conference, in Birmingham.

Rio Tinto, D. (2012) *Crossing the Border: the useful boundaries between Political Realism and Civil War literature applied to conflict resolution.* Presented at the 2012 British International Studies Association (BISA) Annual Conference, in Edinburgh.

Rio Tinto, D. and Teles, C. (2012) *The Evolution of the Technologies of Warfare in Guinea-Bissau's Conflict.* Presented at the VI Congress of the Portuguese Political Science Association (APCP), in Lisbon.

Rio Tinto, D. (2011) *Changing Grounds on Peacekeeping: the effect of emerging countries in moulding peace operations field work*. Presented at the 2011 World International Studies Conference (WISC), at Porto.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Contributor (Daily Brief), Oxford Analytica

- Freelance Contributor to Oxford Analytica, producing content for the Daily Brief®. The Oxford Analytica Daily Brief® delivers global analysis that gives top corporate and government executives a proven edge in predicting the course of key trends — and preparing for contingencies.
- Oxford, United Kingdom (working remotely) – 2012 and onwards

Contributor, IPRI/MNE Workgroup for the 2011/2012 Portuguese UNSC Mandate

- I have contributed to the joint IPRI (Portuguese Institute of International Relations) and MNE (Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs) Workgroup for Analysis and Recommendation regarding the 2011/2012 Portuguese Mandate for the United Nations Security Council. The Workgroup met to engage in discussion and directed research about topics of international affairs particularly relevant to the Portuguese delegation at the United Nations Security Council, building knowledge to support its activities.
- Lisbon, Portugal – 2011

International Affairs Assistant Specialist (Civilian Staff), Naval War College (EGN), Brazilian Navy (MB)

- As part of the Development team, I have participated in the research, design, preparation and conduction of war games and scenario simulations (with educational and prospective purposes) at the Centre for War Games (CJG), exploring different political crisis scenarios.
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – 2007-2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistance/Tutoring:

- Undergraduate Course: *Research Skills and Literacy: Philosophy and Method in the Social Sciences*, with Dr Sotirios Zartaloudis, University of Birmingham, 2015-2016.
- As a Tutor for this introductory course, I taught two weekly seminar sessions of about twenty-five students each. My duties included teaching seminars, marking exams and giving individual support and feedback. At the end of the academic year, I have received a 'Very Good' performance assessment from my students and from my peers.

Training Assistance/Course Monitor:

- Between 2007 and 2008, I have participated (as a Civilian Training Assistant) on the training of military forces preparing to be deployed to United Nations peacekeeping operations, in various courses and field trainings conducted by the Peacekeeping Operations Training Centre (CI OP Paz), of the Brazilian Army (now Brazilian Peace Operations Joint Training Centre – CCOPAB).

Teaching Assistance/Course Monitor:

- Assisted several different lecturers in short courses about social sciences and humanities (including but not limited to Political Science, Philosophy, Sociology, History, Geography, Literature and Arts) as a Course Monitor at Casa do Saber do Rio de Janeiro, in 2008.

Academic Coordination of a Model United Nations (MUN):

- I have volunteered as Academic Coordinator of the VI ONU Jr., a Model United Nations (MUN) organised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. My job was to assist, advise and supervise the production of academic papers for the MUN regarding the themes of the conferences. Together with the rest of the team, we organised and prepared a five-day event congregating about five hundred high school students.

Training in Teaching:

I have attended all standard University of Birmingham teaching training for Graduate Teaching Assistants, including three courses on university level teaching and pedagogy (Introduction to Learning & Teaching in HE for Postgraduates; Small Group Teaching for Postgraduates; and Introduction to Assessment and Feedback for Postgraduates).

PROFESSIONAL (NON-RESEARCH RELATED) EXPERIENCE

Intern, Agency for Administrative Modernization (Portuguese Government)

- Innovation and Knowledge Management Team, dealing essentially with Inter-Institutional and International Relations topics, such as bilateral and multilateral eGovernment initiatives in which Portugal participates at the EU, UN, OSCE, OECD and CPLP.
- Lisbon, Portugal – 2012

3rd Grade Volunteer Firefighter and Paramedic, Voluntary Firefighters of Mafra

- I volunteered in part-time, between 16 to 24 hours weekly. Main duties included staffing EMS Ambulances as rescuer as well as also staffing Car Accident Rescue and Firefighting (Urban/Industrial and Forest).
- Mafra, Portugal – 2011-2012

Air Import Assistant Analyst (Oil & Gas), CEVA Logistics

- Assistant analyst of international air freight management and supply chain for the Oil & Gas Industry. Responsible for the contracted operations of air freight management of two major oil-rig operators working in the Campos Basin in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – 2010

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Portuguese – Native Proficiency
- English – Bilingual Proficiency
- French – Limited Working Proficiency
- Spanish – Basic Proficiency

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- International Studies Association (ISA)
- British International Studies Association (BISA)
- Portuguese Political Science Association (APCP)

REFERENCES

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