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BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

NAJ Taylor is a doctoral researcher in the School of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Queensland. He also blogs for *Al Jazeera*.

Taylor's research agenda is to rethink three key dilemmas concerning the use of force in world politics: the nature of contemporary warfare, environmental and humanitarian consequences of war, and the future limits of weapons technology. Current research projects include: a three-year study of the theory and practice of harm in modern warfare, and a collaborative project (with Joseph A. Camilleri, Michael Hamel-Green and Marianne Hanson) exploring the prospects for a biological, nuclear and chemical weapons (WMD) free zone in the Middle East.

He has been awarded numerous grants and honours, including a three-year Australian Postgraduate Award from the Commonwealth Government (2011-14), an Innovation Research Grant from La Trobe University's Institute for Human Security (2011), a Research Grant from La Trobe University's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (2011), and the inaugural Australian Sustainability Award for Research (2007).

He has more than ten publications in academic journals and edited books in the fields of international politics, law, and sociology. Subjects taught at both undergraduate and postgraduate level include: *Arms Control and Disarmament* [Queensland], *Arms Control and World Politics* [Monash]; *Business, Conflict and Human Rights* [Industry], *Business in Society* [La Trobe]; *Ethical Responsibility* [Industry], *Foundations of Managing Environmental, Social & Governance Risk and Corporate Value* [La Trobe]; *International Public Policy* [La Trobe]; and *Managing Risk* [La Trobe].

Taylor has advised billion dollar pension and sovereign wealth funds, as well as civil society groups such as the Wilderness Society and the Pacific section of the International Action Network on Small Arms. Additionally, he was a founding member of the United Nations Expert Group on Responsible Business and Investment in Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.

He is presently a member of three learned societies: the British International Studies Association, International Society of Political Psychology, and the International Studies Association.

Taylor's commentary has regularly appeared in world news media, including *Al Jazeera*, *Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)*, *The Age*, *The Canberra Times*, *The Conversation*, *Crikey*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, among others. Additionally, he has appeared as a guest for various national and international broadcast media, such as *ABC Radio National*, *Al Jazeera*, *BBC World Service*, *National Community Radio*, and *SBS World News Radio*.

Before beginning his doctorate in 2011, Taylor spent ten years in industry exploring the limits of corporate responsibility and ethical investment, particularly in relation to transboundary environmental harm, human rights and violent conflict. Most recently he was principal of Taylor McKellar (2007-2011), and founding member of the UN Global Compact Expert Group on Responsible Business and Investment in Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas (2010-12).

Taylor holds both a Bachelor of Economics in Economic History (2002) and Master of International Studies with honours (2007) from the University of Sydney.