

Helić, Arminka

United Kingdom nominee for election to the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims of the International Criminal Court.

Curriculum vitae

Baroness Arminka Helić

Professional experience

- June 2015- Foreign and Commonwealth Office Steering board on the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative (PSVI)
- Member of the external Steering Board advising the Prime Minister's Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict
 - Advising on the development and implementation of PSVI, which ends to end impunity for conflict-related sexual violence and step up international support for survivors.
- May 2015- JP.D.H London Ltd
- Director of a not-for-Profit company focussed on international humanitarian and philanthropic interests, including refugees, statelessness, sexual violence in conflict and conflict-prevention.
- March 2015 Ad Hoc Select Committee on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- Proposed and secured first UK Parliamentary Committee on sexual violence in conflict,
 - Remit of examining UK support for reintegration of survivors of sexual violence including countering stigmatisation and mitigating the health consequences, and evaluation of the UK Government's Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative.
- Sep 2014- Member of the House of Lords Appointed a Life Peer in the UK Parliament
- 2014 – 2015 Senior Special Adviser, Cabinet Office
- Senior Adviser to the Leader of The House of Commons, First Secretary of State, and Prime Minister's Special Representative for Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, Cabinet Office, The Rt Hon William Hague MP
 - Advised 1st Secretary of State on role on National Security Council
 - Lead adviser on PSVI within Whitehall, with a focus on driving the UK Government's policy on PSVI
- 2010 – 2014 Senior Special Adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- Senior Adviser to the UK Foreign Secretary, The Rt Hon William Hague MP
 - Advised on all aspects of UK foreign policy. Acted as an effective Political Chief of Staff, driving policy creation and implementation as well as representing the Foreign Secretary at the political level
 - Accompanied the Foreign Secretary on official visits to 70+ countries
 - Extensive first hand experience of multilateral bodies including UN Security Council, UN General Assembly, NATO Foreign Ministers, European Union Foreign Affairs Council, the G8 Foreign Ministers Summit, and Commonwealth Summit

- Led the creation of the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative (May 2012-present), and advised on all stages of the initiative from the International Protocol on the Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence in Conflict to the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict in June 2014
- 2005 – 2010 Senior Adviser to the Shadow Foreign Secretary
- Responsibility for driving forward of policy objectives of Shadow Foreign Secretary (SFS), and managing Private Office and staff
 - Negotiated with Shadow Cabinet, frontbench and Parliamentary Party members on behalf of the SFS on sensitive policy and management issues. Entrusted with brokering solutions and agreement among senior MPs
 - Presentation of FP objectives of SFS to senior foreign officials, diplomats, journalists, academics, think tanks and non-governmental organisations. Liaison with foreign Embassies and Foreign Ministries on behalf of SFS
 - Accompanied the SFS on all official overseas visits
- 2002 – 2005 Senior Adviser to the Shadow Defence Secretary
- Principal aide to the Shadow Defence Secretary
 - Overseeing policy planning and implementation
 - Principal point of contact for Chiefs of Staff, senior commanders and officials in the Ministry of Defence; with leaders of Defence industry in the UK and globally; academia; and commentators
- 2001 – 2002 MMC Ventures Ltd
- Risk Analyst, a venture capital company Facilitating investment in early stage companies by a syndicate of angel investors.
 - Sourced new investment opportunities
 - Facilitated investment in early stage companies
 - Due diligence, negotiating terms and managing investment process
- 1998 – 2000 Research Assistant Shadow Foreign Affairs/Defence Secretaries Offices
- Coordination and integration of activities between the Shadow Foreign Minister's and Shadow Defence Minister's Offices
 - Preparing briefings for parliamentary debates, articles and letters for national and international media
- 1997 - 1998 International Affairs and Defence Researcher House of Commons Library
- Research and analysis in defence and international affairs for all Members of Parliament of all Parties
- 1993 - 1994 Freelance Consultant for BBC, ITV & War Child
- Briefings and analysis on security and political issues related to Eastern Europe the Western Balkans
- 1990 – 1992 Teacher of English Language and Literature
- Gracanica High School, Bosnia-Herzegovina
 - Full time teacher of 14 to 18 year olds

Education

- 2003 US Foreign Policy Challenges II, Washington DC
US State Department programme for Government officials, politicians, academics, and journalists actively developing or interpreting foreign policy

1994 – 1996 MSc History of International Relations
London School of Economics, London

1986 – 1990 BA English Language and Literature
University of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Languages

- Fluency in Serbo - Croat (Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian)
- Reading knowledge of: German, Macedonian, Slovene