

Helić, Arminka (United Kingdom)

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Curriculum vitae

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- June 2016 - **House of Lords, International Relations Committee**
- Member
- June 2016 - **London School of Economics, Centre for Women Peace and Security**
- Member of the Advisory Board
- 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 - **J.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 - 2016 **Ad Hoc Select Committee on Sexual Violence in Conflict**
- Proposed and secured first UK Parliamentary Committee on sexual violence in conflict, with the remit of examining how the UK can best support the reintegration of survivors of sexual violence including countering stigmatism and mitigating the health consequences) and performance of the UK Government's Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative (PSVI).
- Sep 2014 - **Member of the House of Lords**
- Appointed a Life Peer to the upper house of the UK Parliament
- 2014 - 2015 **Senior Special 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 to The Foreign Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

- 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.
- In May 2012 led the creation of the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative, and advised on all successive 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
- Preparing briefings, reports, in-depth written research, and concise analysis on defence issues

2001-2002

Risk Analyst, MMC Ventures Ltd, 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, helping 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 **Free Lance Consultant on Eastern Europe and the Balkans for BBC, ITV & War Child**
- Briefings and analysis on security and political issues related to 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

- February - March 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