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Bio	<p>Josep Maria Royo is a research fellow at the School for a Culture of Peace, a peace research centre based at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) since 2000. As part of his job, he has participated in internationally funded research projects, conducted field research in conflict areas in Africa, served as a consultant on peace and conflicts for the Norwegian Peacebuilding Centre (NOREF), the Government of Norway, the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), the Spanish court (the Audiencia Nacional), the Catalan Agency for Cooperation and Development (ACCD), or the International Catalan Institute for Peace (ICIP). He has written both academic and press articles and is co-author of all the editions of <i>Alert! Report on Conflicts, Human Rights and Peacebuilding</i>.</p> <p>He has conducted field research in conflict areas in sub-Saharan Africa and has completed an academic stage at the UNESCO Chair on Peace and Human Rights. Previously, he has given technical support to the Spanish Campaign “Farewell to Arms” led by Amnesty International, Greenpeace, Doctors Without Borders, OXFAM and 13 other NGOs.</p> <p>He has taught peace and conflict studies at several universities, such as the UAB; the University of Barcelona (UB); UPC Barcelona Tech and SETEM; University Jaume I (Castelló); University of Lleida; Interuniversity Master (UB and UAB) and the Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI).</p> <p>He is a member of the African Studies Group (GEA) of the Autonomous University of Madrid (UAM) (since 2010), member of the Board of the Catalan Federation of NGOs for Peace, Human Rights and Development (since 2012), member of the Board of the Memorial Democratic (Government of Catalonia, since 2016), representative of the Catalan Federation of NGOs in the Catalan Committee of Humanitarian Aid and Emergencies (CCAHE), led by the Government of Catalonia (since 2013). He is also a member of the NGO Advisory Council Lliga dels Drets dels Pobles (since 2010) for its activities on DRC, and occasional adviser of different NGO such as Doctors Without Borders, Farmamundi and Medicus Mundi, among others, related to their activities for Africa. He has participated in the activities of some networks such as the Network on Business, Conflict and Human Rights, Asociación Española de Investigación para la Paz (AIPAZ) and the Network for DRC. Since 2014 he co-manages “Paz, en construcción”, a blog about peace and conflict studies in the leading international journal in Spanish, El País.</p> <p>He holds a Master in International Relations –with honours–, a Postgraduate Diploma on Peace Culture, and a BA on Political Science specialised on International Relations by the UAB, as well as specialization courses on Mediterranean and African Affairs. He also holds a Training Course for International Election Observation given by the Spanish Foreign Ministry. He has been working on a PhD dissertation about non-state armed groups in sub-Saharan Africa. He speaks English (C1-EOIM 2016), French, Spanish and Catalan.</p>
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<p>Research</p>	<p><u>Fields of concentration</u></p> <p>Thematic focus: Non-state armed actors; The political economy of armed conflicts; Comparative analysis of armed conflicts and peace processes; Conflict resolution</p> <p>Regional focus: sub-Saharan Africa</p> <p>Field-research: Conflict-affected areas in the Great Lakes Region (Burundi, DRC, Rwanda and Uganda) and the Horn and East Africa (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya)</p> <p><u>International Research Projects and Consultancy Projects</u></p> <p>2012 to 2015: “Project on Conflict and Peacebuilding”. Funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway.</p> <p><u>Desk Studies</u></p> <p>“RD Congo: radiografía de una guerra mundial”, Desk study for the Program of International Cooperation, “La Caixa” Foundation (Barcelona, Spain), October 2007.</p> <p>Updated file of the report “RD Congo: radiografía de una guerra mundial”, Desk study for the Program of International Cooperation, “La Caixa” Foundation (Barcelona, Spain), November 2008.</p>
<p>Teaching</p>	<p>2016 -2017 (forthcoming): Master in International Relations (Course: Failed States), Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)</p> <p>2010-2012: Master in International Relations (Course: International Peace and Security), Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)</p> <p>2003 to present: Master in International Cooperation. University of Barcelona</p> <p>2004 to present: “Peace Culture and Conflict Management”. UAB</p> <p>2005 to present: Postgraduate Diploma on Peace Culture. UAB</p> <p>2008-2012: Master on Development Cooperation and International Humanitarian Assistance. University Jaume I (Castelló)</p> <p>2004-2012: Master on International Development. UPC Barcelona Tech and SETEM</p> <p>2006-2009: Postgraduate Diploma on International Cooperation. University of Lleida</p> <p>2010: Interuniversity Master (UB and UAB) –Master in International Health (subject "State violence in tropical and subtropical regions")</p>
<p>Selected articles and publications</p>	<p><u>Press, Scholarly articles and books</u></p> <p><i>Paz, en construcción</i>, El País Blogs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -“Verdad, justicia y reparación: asignatura pendiente de campaña”. 21st May 2015 -“Las otras capitales del Congreso Mundial de los Móviles”. 2nd March 2015 -“La paz se construye (también) desde la desobediencia”. 8th November 2014 -“Cuando la primera víctima de la guerra es la verdad”. 4th September 2014 -“De necesarios conflictos e imprescindibles negociaciones”. 18th June 2014 -“República Centroafricana: Crónica de una guerra anunciada”. 12th February 2014 -“Conflictos en África: si vis pacem, para bellum”. 22th January 2014 <p>“Democratic Republic of Congo: State of affairs. Executive Summary”, and “República Democràtica del Congo: un estat de la qüestió” (Full version in Catalan only). ICIP Reports 07/2013. Barcelona: ICIP. February 2013</p> <p>“RD Congo: finestres d’oportunitat a l’espoliació dels recursos naturals?”, Per la Pau / Peace in Progress, no.14. Barcelona: ICIP. October 2012</p>

	<p>“¿Abogados a una guerra permanente por los recursos naturales?”, La conflictividad que viene, Boletín ECOS FUHEM Ecosocial, num. 15, July-August 2011</p> <p>“The economic relationship of armed groups with displaced populations”, Forced Migrations Review, no.37. March 2011</p> <p>“La internacionalización de los conflictos en África: El caso de la República Democrática del Congo”, in Mesa, M. (coord), Anuario CEIPAZ 2010-2011, Balance de una década de paz y conflictos: tensiones y retos en el sistema internacional, Fundación Cultura de Paz. Barcelona: Icaria Editorial. 2010</p> <p>“Somalia: Lecciones del pasado y experiencias para un futuro en paz”, Ponencias del I Congreso Internacional África-Occidente. Huelva: Federación Europea de Cooperación Norte-Sur. 2010</p> <p>“La guerra de RD Congo, más allá de sus recursos”, Quadern de Construcció de Pau no. 11, Bellaterra: School for a Culture of Peace. December 2009</p> <p>“Algunas perspectivas actuales de África Subsahariana”, Second Campus for Peace, University of Girona. June 2009</p> <p>“War and peace and scenarios in northern Uganda”, Quadern de Construcció de Pau no. 6, Bellaterra: School for a Culture of Peace. July 2008</p> <p>“Las sucesivas crisis de Somalia”, Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE). 27th September 2007</p> <p>“RD Congo: radiografía de una guerra mundial”, Desk study for the Program of International Cooperation, “La Caixa” Foundation (Caixabank). Barcelona: “La Caixa” Foundation. October 2007 (Updated in 2008)</p> <p>“Somalia, ¿en pie de paz o de guerra?”, La Vanguardia, 14th June 2007</p> <p>“Burundi: retos y perspectivas de construcción de paz”, Bellaterra: School for a Culture of Peace. May 2006</p> <p><i>Alert! Report on conflicts, human rights and peacebuilding</i>, Icaria editorial, Barcelona (co-author of the 2003 to 2016 editions)</p> <p>“Alert 2002! Report on conflicts, human rights and arms transfers”, UNESCO Chair on Peace and Human Rights, Barcelona. February 2002 (co-author)</p> <p>“Informe sobre derechos humanos, conflictos armados y transferencias de armas”, UNESCO Chair on Peace and Human Rights, Barcelona. 2001 (co-author)</p>
<p>Selected Conferences</p>	<p>Annual Seminar "War and Peace in the 21st Century" organized by CIDOB with the collaboration of ESADEgeo-Center for Global Economy and Geopolitics and the support of the Barcelona City Council and Obra Social "la Caixa", Barcelona, 17th January 2015.</p> <p>Round Table conductor of the Dialogue with Caddy Adzuba “Challenges to overcome sexual violence in DRC”, UAB, Barcelona. October 2014</p> <p>“Explorando los orígenes y las causas del genocidio ruandés”, International Conference “Ruanda, 20 años después”, organised by Doctors Without Borders</p>

and Instituto de Estudios sobre Conflictos y Acción Humanitaria (IECAH), Madrid. April 2014

“El paper de les indústries extractives en el conflicte de la RDC”, Catalan Federation of NGOs for Peace, Human Rights and Development, Barcelona. September 2012

Participation in “Working Seminar with journalists in the Horn of Africa region and the East Africa region”, Eastern African Journalist Association (EAJA) and the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), Djibouti. 18th November 2010

Participation in “Workshop to operationalise the Ouagadougou Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings”, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), Djibouti. 13th November 2010

Round Table conductor “Resultats, Límits i Contradiccions de la Construcció de la Pau a l’Àfrica” at “Jornades Pau, conflicte i Seguretat a l’Àfrica. Nous Reptes i Noves Perspectives”, ICIP, Barcelona. 3rd-5th November 2010

“Algunas reflexiones y conclusiones relativas a la conflictividad armada internacional de los últimos años”, V Seminario sobre Agentes de Cooperación al Desarrollo, Universidad de Cádiz, Algeciras. 7th-9th July, 2010

“Perspectives de futur i iniciatives a la RDC”, I International Seminar on Democratic Republic of Congo, 50 years after independence, Lliga dels Drets dels Pobles. Barcelona. 30th June 2010

Participation in the Annual Conference “Rebels with a cause? Understanding and dealing with non-state armed groups during and after violent conflicts”, Swisspeace, Berna, Switzerland. 3rd November 2009

“Los conflictos armados olvidados”, in VI International Conference on Human Rights, “60 años de la Declaración Universal de los Derechos Humanos, Usos y Abusos”, Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía, Universidad de Granada. 5th-7th December 2008

"El papel y la tipología de los actores armados no estatales en África Subsahariana" Panel 4th, armed conflicts in Africa, in “VI Congreso de Estudios Africanos en el Mundo Ibérico: África, puentes, conexiones e intercambios”, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. 7th-9th May 2008

“Somalia: Lecciones del pasado y experiencias para un futuro en paz” in I Congreso Internacional África-Occidente, Federación Europea de Cooperación Norte-Sur, Huelva. 14th-16th November 2007

“Mediación en los procesos de paz”, II Jornadas de Reflexión Crítica sobre la Globalización “La Globalización en África”, Asociación Canaria de Estudio de la Globalización, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. 26th November 2003