

# Jason Pack

Curriculum Vitae

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## CURRENT EDUCATION

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**St. Catharine's College, Cambridge University**, United Kingdom  
PhD student in History. **Expected Graduation:** July 2014 Oct. 2011-Present  
Supervisor: George Joffé. Dissertation title: *The British Military Administration of Libya (1942-51)*

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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**St. Antony's College, Oxford University**, United Kingdom  
**M.St.** in Global and Imperial History **Graduation:** July 2011 **GPA:** 70 (Equivalent to American 3.9)  
Examiner: Judith Brown Conveners: John Darwin and Jan-Georg Deutsch Supervisor: James McDougall  
Achieved **Distinction** in Thesis, *British State-Building in Cyrenaica during the War Years (1941-5)*, with a Mark of 73  
Course Work: Empires in History 1750-2000; Concepts and Methods of Imperial History

**Fulbright Fellow**, Damascus, Syria Feb. 2004—July 2005  
▪ Researched the impact of instability in the French Third Republic and the ideology of the *Parti Colonial* on France's Syria policy (1900-1945)

**American University in Cairo**, Cairo, Egypt Sept. 2003—Dec. 2003  
▪ Attended graduate seminars (Authoritarianism; 19<sup>th</sup> Century Near East; and Modern Islamic Movements)

**Williams College**, Williamstown, MA  
**B.A. Magna Cum Laude** **Graduation:** June 2002 **GPA:** 3.96  
**Major:** Biology **Concentration:** African and Middle East Studies  
▪ **Humanities Course Work Includes:** Afghan Jihad; Bismarck and the Rise of Germany; Literary Theory; Philosophy of Religion; Medieval History; Political Photojournalism; Poetry; Film; and Economics  
▪ **Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa; Goldwater Scholar, Top 5% of Graduating Class

## SELECTED RECENT LECTURES, OP-ED PUBLICATIONS, JOURNAL ARTICLES, TV, AND RADIO

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- "[Federalism in Libya: Tried and Failed](#)" an Al-Jazeera Opinion piece 20/4/12
- "[Solve Syria, Leave Iran Alone](#)" an Al-Jazeera Opinion explaining why an Israeli strike on Iran's would lead to a Global Depression 20/3/12
- Delivered Lecture "The 2011 Libyan Uprisings, their Aftereffects, and Western Policy Responses" to TWI Think-Tank in DC 20/3/12
- Authored Policy Monograph "[In War's Wake: The Struggle for Post-Qadhafi Libya](#)" 24/2/12
- Co-authored "China-Bashing Hides Lack of an American Plan" in the Australian 7/2/12
- Co-Authored "[In the Arab Spring, Watch Turkey](#)" an op-ed contributor in *The New York Times* with Martin Van Creveld 5/1/12
- "[Kurds Look to Old Enemies for Survival](#)" in *The Australian* based on a research trip to Kurdistan 27/12/11
- Delivered lecture "[Comparative No-Fly Zones: An investigation of the cases of Iraqi Kurdistan \(1991-2003\) and Libya \(2011\)](#)" in Erbil to graduate students from the University of Kurdistan and American consular officials 24/12/11
- "[Capturing the Qaddafis](#)" an analysis for *FP* of Saif al-Islam and Abdullah Sanussi in response to their being captured 21/11/11
- Scholarly Book Review of Anna Baldinetti's "Origins of the Libyan Nation" [published in Middle East Report](#) with a forecast of how this book will shape future academic study of Libyan History
- "[Post-Gaddafi -- Libya should think local](#)" *for The Guardian* 23/10/11
- "[The Libyan Peace Dividend](#)" *for Christian Science Monitor* 20/10/11
- "[Qaddafi's Legacy: Only in his death is the Libyan leader's radical vision of a decentralized republic becoming a reality](#)" *for FP* 20/10/11
- Appearance on PressTV explaining to the Iranian public why the NATO operation was not neo-Imperialism 20/10/11
- [Curated never-before-seen photographs captured in Qaddafi's Tripoli residence for Foreign Policy](#)
- "[Libya's Challenge: Not Re-building, but Rather Creating a Nation](#)" [a special feature for British TV4](#) exploring Libya's repository of archival documents and how Gaddafi used and abused Libyan history to buttress his regime
- Co-Authored "[Libya: Winning the Peace Collective](#)" *for Chatham House's The World Today* 1/10/11

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- **"First Revolution; Now Democracy"**-- [a feature for WJSJ](#) about the local political pressures facing the NTC 30/9/11
- [BBC World Service interview about the British Military Administration of Libya \(1942-51\) and lessons for today](#)
- [Letter in \*The Economist\* about the position of previously pro-Gaddafi tribes in the new post-Gaddafi Libya](#)
- **"The Seif Paradox"** -- An appraisal of Saif al-Islam Gadhafi's economic reforms for *The Wall Street Journal* 24/8/2011
- Guest Analyst on Al-Jazeera's ["The Stream"](#) discussing the liberation of Tripoli and Libya's uncertain future 23/8/2011
- Organized and Chaired Panel **"Contemplating the Trajectory of the 2011 Libya Uprising"** with guest speakers Oliver Miles and Ashur Shamis co-sponsored by the Royal African Society and St. Antony's College, Oxford University 3/5/11
- **"Gambia Leads the Way"**-- op-ed in *Wall Street Journal* (Europe) on the role of Africa in the Libya conflict 26/4/11
- Featured Guest on [Al-Jazeera English's Riz Khan Show](#) alongside Dirk Vandewalle 19/4/11
- **"The Two Faces of Libya's Rebels"** -- [published in \*Foreign Policy\* online magazine](#) on 5/4/11
- **"Libya: Too Big to Fail?"** -- [an article about Libya's geostrategic position in \*Foreign Policy\*](#) on 18/3/11
- **"Gadhafi's Utopian Ideology"**- the [feature op-ed](#) in the *Wall Street Journal* (Europe) on 2/3/2011
- **"Gaddafi's right-hand man should not be underestimated"** -- [an exposé of Abdullah Senussi commissioned by \*The Guardian\*](#) on 23/2/2011 and based on my personal experiences with him and his son
- Co-authored *Journal of North African Studies* [book review of Dirk Vandewalle's acclaimed edited volume](#) which addresses how American engagement has affected Libyan internal politics and economics for 2011 Libyan Special Issue

## SELECTED PRE-2010 LECTURES, PAPERS, AND PUBLICATIONS

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- Delivered talk, **"The Syrian-Iranian Alliance: A Marriage of Convenience or a Lasting Love Affair?"** at the University of Chicago on April 9th, 2007 to NELC graduate students traveling to Iran
- Presented paper, **"Another Modern-Day Messiah: Sulayman Al-Murshid and the political theology of Alawi Separatism in French Mandatory Syria"** to the 2008 Irfan Colloquia of Baha'i Studies in Acuto, Italy. This conference is intended for scholars of Shi'ism, Islam, and Baha'i studies. I was the only non-PhD to lecture
- Following a November 2003 trip to Iraq, delivered a series of lectures to university, high school, and church audiences in the Northeastern USA entitled **"American Nation Building Doctrine in Post-Saddam Iraq"**
- Co-authored journal paper in *Cancer Research* in 2000 entitled, **"HDM2 Protein Overexpression..."**

## LIBYA-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Libya-Analysis.com

Feb. 17th 2011-Present

*President and Founder*

- Produce tailored reports about the commercial and diplomatic situation in the new Libya
- Help connect Western companies to relevant Libyan businessmen, policymakers, commercial lawyers, trip planners, academics, and other consultants
- Promote and conduct academic research on policy relevant aspects of Libyan history
- Organized ["Libya in Transition"](#)-- A series of briefings in the House of Commons for the education of MPs co-hosted with the Africa All Party Parliamentary Group. Delivered key note speech on 12/12/11 about the struggle between the militias and the interim government. Based on the briefings, Libya-Analysis.com [submitted written evidence](#) to the Foreign Affairs Select Committee on the implications of the Arab Spring on British business interests in North Africa

### U.S.-Libya Business Association (USLBA), Washington, D.C.

Dec. 2009-Sept. 2010

*Program Manager*

- Authored monthly *USLBA Insights and Analysis*. These confidential reports probe a specific aspect of the Libyan power structure or economy for a business audience. To compile these reports, I cultivated relationships with leading academics, high-ranking U.S. government officials, and Libyan businessmen
- Managed the day-to-day affairs of the USLBA including finances, meetings with U.S. diplomats, receptions for visiting Libyan dignitaries, communications with USLBA member companies (all 19 of which are U.S.-based Fortune 500 companies), and production of value-added content
- Pioneered the first archiving and cataloguing system of the vast institutional knowledge of the organization
- Managed USLBA interns; recruited and trained my successor; and will continue to participate as an outside expert in future USLBA events and reporting

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**ILD**, Peru and New York

Summer and Fall 2009

*Consultant*

- Was engaged sporadically to bring the ILD team up-to speed about issues of property rights, land tenure, and Qaddafiian Ideology in Libya. As such I authored internal memos and presented Powerpoint presentations to ILD team members (The ILD was founded by Hernando De Soto to investigate the connections among property rights, credit markets, and economic development)

## NON-LIBYA WORK EXPERIENCE

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**UNRWA**, Damascus, Syria

Sept. 2004—July 2005

*English Teacher*

- Volunteered as a conversational English teacher to Palestinian social workers
- Worked as a private English teacher to Syrian civil servants

**Election Monitor**, Nicosia, Northern Cyprus

December 2003

**Molecular Physiology Laboratory**, Williamstown, MA

July 2001—Dec. 2001

- Responsible for thesis project that investigated a hormonal pathway implicated in connecting obesity with blood pressure regulation
- Trained in experimental brain surgery and implantation of blood pressure measuring devices in rats

**Molecular Perspectives**, Metuchen, NJ

Summer 2000

*Consultant*

- Authored and edited newsletters summarizing recent medical research for the education of Oncologists

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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**Modern Standard Arabic** – Professional reading proficiency (4+ years of intensive study)

**Levantine Colloquial Arabic** –Advanced comprehension and proficient speaking

**French** – Fairly proficient in reading and research

## TRAVEL EXPERIENCE (PARTIAL LIST)

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Bulgaria	Hungary	Libya
China	Iraq	Lebanon
Cyprus	Italy	Morocco
Egypt	Japan	Oman
France	Jordan	Serbia
Greece	Kuwait	Syria

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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World Class Tournament Backgammon Player -- Results include: 2011 World Championship of Backgammon in Monte Carlo: Participant at Championship level.  
2011 Scope Backgammon Tournament: Championship Winner [This is the biggest charity backgammon tournament in the United Kingdom]. 2009 New York City Mayor's Cup: Side Event Champion [The tournament was personally created by Mayor Bloomberg to recognize backgammon as a 'sport of the mind']  
Social Secretary for Formal Dinners at St. Antony's College, Oxford  
Expert Alpine Skier (Ski Patrol and Backcountry) and Tennis (1996 Middlesex County Champion in Doubles)