

Iraq, Syria and Lebanon Project Director Contact Sheet



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Crisis Group role

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Areas of expertise

Peter Harling has spent 8 years working in and on Iraq, where he had taken residency up to the outbreak of the 2003 war, and where he has returned on several assignments since the former regime's fall. His areas of expertise include tribalism, Islamism, and the insurgency

Professional background

Before joining Crisis Group, Peter Harling had been working as an independent consultant for the French public and private sectors

As an academic, Peter Harling is a research fellow at the Sorbonne University's Centre for International Studies (Centre de Recherches Internationales de la Sorbonne – CRIS).

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