Owen Frazer

Owen Frazer is a senior program officer in the Mediation Support Team at the Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich. He is responsible for various projects within the program on Culture and Religion in Mediation (CARIM). CARIM is a joint initiative of CSS and the "Religion, Politics, Conflict" sector of activity of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). The program supports mediation and conflict transformation processes that deal with the religious and cultural dimensions of conflicts.

Owen's work involves providing trainings to practitioners and policy-makers, developing practice and policy guidance, and directly supporting mediation and conflict transformation processes. He is a co-organizer of the annual CSS-FDFA Religion and Mediation course and has also contributed to trainings for a range of international and local organizations including the UN Department of Political Affairs, the European External Action Service, the World Peace Academy, the Cordoba Now Forum and the Regional Center for Mediation and Dialogue in Egypt. In recent years he has been involved in supporting the development and implementation of mediation-related projects and processes in Chad, Egypt, Myanmar and Thailand.

Owen holds a BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, an MA in Conflict Resolution and is a qualified mediator ("Mediator SDM-FSM"). He is currently pursuing a PhD on the topic of trust in mediation processes. Prior to joining the CSS, he worked for Oxfam in the UK, WaterAid in Ethiopia, and the International Committee of the Red Cross in Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Pakistan, Russia, and at headquarters.