

Curriculum Vitae: Prof. Bela Arora

Profile *A Professor and strategic leader with experience of working across sectors. A track record in external engagement and partnership building at local, national and international level. 15 years of experience of working in an advisory capacity to organisations including the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, UK Counterterrorism Policing and the British American Project. Past Executive Chair and current Vice Chair of the Advisory Board of the British American Project, which is a transatlantic leadership network of diplomats, business leaders, media specialists and civil society professionals. Experience of operating at Board level on strategic agendas.*

Education:

- PhD focused on nuclear arms control
- MA International Studies focused on security studies
- BA (Hons.) – Russian and European Studies

Memberships, Committees and Boards

- Past Executive Chair of the British American Project. Currently, Vice Chair of the Advisory Board (2025-)
- Non-Executive Director, Ride for Freedom (2023-2025)
- Member of the FCDO's Strategy Director's Expert Group (2020-2023)
- Member of UK Policing Counter Terrorism Evidence Based Group (2021-)
- Steering group member of UN Women UK anniversary events (2020-21)
- Non-Executive Director Grassroot Diplomat (2018-20)
- Member of Wales Anti-Slavery Leadership Group: Supporting Wales Anti-Slavery Coordinator in developing further links and presenting anti-slavery updates to local, national and international audiences (2016-2021)
- Member of Wales Anti-Slavery Academic Group (2017-2021)
- Member of the Board of Wales Peace Institute (2015-2021)
- Member of British International Studies Association and former Association Director, member of the Governance Committee (2015-2017)
- Member of Wales Learning & Development Group: engaged with Wales Resilience, and contributed to the shaping of the Welsh Government Multi-Agency Resilience Training Certificate (2016-18)
- Trustee of Grassroot Diplomat (2018-2020)
- Member of Welsh Government Online Digital Learning Working Group (2013)
- Member of Welsh Government Learning Innovation Experts Group (2009): Group commissioned by Welsh Government to explore learning pathways and work-based learning
- Member of UK Government Ethnic Minority Advisory Group (2008-09)

Career History

2022-

Keele University:

Professor of Applied Social Sciences working across the disciplines. In 2023, I was elected to University Senate. At institution level, I am leading on specific international partnership initiatives. I have previously been a member of Faculty level groups that support strategic planning and growth ambitions

2021-22

Manchester Metropolitan University:

Reader in International Business.

2013-21

University of South Wales:

Professor of Global Governance

- 2010-13** **University of Wales Newport:**
Graduate School Manager
Acting Director of the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching
- 2007-10** **Higher Education Academy (PT)**
National Academic Coordinator for Politics
Cardiff University (PT)
Institutional Assessment Officer and Lecturer in International Security
- 2005-08** **University of Warwick (PT):** Lecturer in international security and corporate social responsibility.
Newman University College (PT): Director of research project on BME students' perceptions of
Citizenship Education.
- 2002-05** **Swansea University:** Lecturer in International Security.
- 2001-02** **University of Warwick:** Lecturer in International Security and Corporate Social Responsibility.
- 1999-2001** **Corporate Citizenship Unit, Warwick Business School, University of Warwick:** Research Fellow