

# Reviewers:

## World Conflicts Today

### Basque country

Cameron Watson

- Professor of Basque studies at University of Nevada–Reno
- Author of *Modern Basque History: Eighteenth Century to the Present* (University of Nevada Press, 2003)
- Co-editor of *Amatxi, Amuma, Amona: Writings in Honor of Basque Women* (Basque Studies Program, 2003)
- Comments:
  - I liked it very much and found it refreshing and balanced. Work of this kind on comparative conflict resolution is tremendously important.

### Chechnya

Dodge Billingsley

- Founder and president of Combat Films
- MA in war studies from King's College (London)
- Co-writer, director, and producer of *Immortal Fortress: A Look Inside Chechnya's Warrior Culture* (1999) and *Chechnya: Separatism or Jihad* (2005)
- Comments:
  - I found the report well researched and presented powerfully in the sense that it is difficult to find a reasonably short yet coherent overview that takes the reader through both wars, the inter-war years, and provides a sense of context—presenting plausible explanations for such a messy conflict.

### Colombia

Kendall Brown

- Professor of Latin American history at Brigham Young University
- MA and PhD in history from Duke University
- Author of *Bourbons and brandy: Imperial reform in eighteenth-century Arequipa* (New Mexico University Press, 1986)
- Comments:
  - It [is] an engaging and accessible study of the tragic war that has beset Colombia for the past three decades. Readers will find it loaded with superb analysis, particularly of the political dimensions of the conflict; but it also provides excellent historical background for understanding how the situation has been brewing since the early 1800s.

## Darfur

David Seddon

- Professor of development studies at the School of Development Studies at the University of East Anglia
- MA in archaeology and anthropology from Cambridge University (UK) and PhD in social anthropology from the London School of Economics
- Co-editor of *A Political and Economic Dictionary of Africa* (Europa Publications, 2004)
- Comments:
  - In general, this is an excellent account of many different important aspects of the conflict in Darfur.

## Jammu and Kashmir

Rajat Ganguly

- Senior lecturer in politics at the School of Development Studies at the University of East Anglia
- PhD in political science from Tulane University
- Co-editor of *Ethnic Conflict and Secessionism in Asia* (Sage Publications, 2002)
- Comments:
  - Overall, I am impressed by the quality of the presentation keeping in mind the level of the targeted audience . . . The overall objective to provide a succinct introduction to what is a very complex problem has in my opinion been achieved.

## Iraq

Peter Sluglett

- Professor of Middle Eastern history at the University of Utah
- Former director of the Middle East Center at the University of Utah
- Former visiting professor at UC-Berkeley and Harvard
- Books include *Iraq Since 1958: From Revolution to Dictatorship* (I.B. Tauris, 1990); *Britain in Iraq, 1914-1932* (Ithaca Press, 1976); and *The British and French Mandates in Comparative Perspectives* (Brill, 2003).
- Comments:
  - I recommend the Iraq report wholeheartedly as a guide for anyone wanting to steer their waythrough the maze of disinformation currently being disseminated on Iraq. The material is clearly and accurately presented, and the questions raised are pertinent and given authoritative answers.

## **Korean Peninsula**

Mark Peterson

- Professor of Korean studies at David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies at Brigham Young University
- MA and PhD in East Asian Languages and Civilization from Harvard University
- Director of *Coverage of Korea in American Textbooks* project (Korean Cultural Center of New York, 1994)
- Comments:
  - I think it was really done well—very current.

## **Northern Ireland**

Gareth Higgins

- Lecturer in reconciliation studies at the Irish School of Ecumenics (Belfast)
- PhD in sociology from Queen's University (Belfast)
- Co-author of *Anti-Catholicism in Northern Ireland 1600-1998: The Mote and the Beam* (Palgrave Macmillan, 1998)
- Comments:
  - Thank you for the opportunity to review the Northern Ireland section of *World Conflicts Today*. I found it very interesting; it is generally very good, surprisingly balanced, and I'm sure it will be a helpful introduction to the history and recent experience of Northern Ireland. I also found it tremendously detailed in places. I have written some comments on the paper itself; if you are surprised by there being relatively few such comments, this is because I found little to correct in such a high quality document, which I have read in detail and am likely to recommend to my students.

## **Palestinian territories**

George Wilkes

- Lecturer in politics at Cambridge University (UK)
- MA and PhD in history from Cambridge University
- Research interests include Arab-Israeli relations and conflict resolution
- Comments:
  - Fascinating project! And very well done, considering it could easily have fallen either to the overly-journalistic side, or been given to an expert, who might not have been any more "safe" in their judgments.