Iain King Bio

Iain King CBE FRSA is the UK’s first Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS).  Before coming to CSIS, he oversaw defence policy and nuclear cooperation between the UK and US as Defence Counsellor at the British Embassy in Washington DC.  Previous roles have included directing the UK’s main overseas democracy support foundation, managing the UK’s portfolio of conflict research programmes, and leading the UK’s efforts to divine lessons learned from foreign engagements.  Iain spent seven years in the 1990s working on the Northern Ireland peace process and has since worked in more than ten conflict-affected states; he led localised stabilisation efforts in Afghanistan, Libya and Kosovo, for which he was appointed a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in 2013.  He has written five books on topics which span international interventions, post-war reconstruction, and ethics; including two fiction books rooted in military history, for which he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA) in 2015.  He holds an MA from Oxford University in politics, philosophy and economics, and became a Research Fellow at Cambridge University in 2004.