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David Bloomfield was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, where he worked throughout the 1980s as director of two reconciliation NGOs, and as a trainer in practical conflict resolution skills. He read for an MA in Peace Studies (1991) and a PhD in Conflict Resolution (1995) at the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, UK. During and after that period, he continued his training and teaching activities in mediation, reconciliation, negotiation in a variety of conflict contexts around the world. He has held research and teaching posts at the universities of Harvard, Ulster, and Bradford. Recently, he spent three years as the Director of the Democracy-Building and Conflict Management Programme for the intergovernmental organisation, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) in Stockholm. He is currently the Director of the Berghof Research Centre for Constructive Conflict Management in Berlin. He has written three books on the Northern Irish peace process, as well as other articles and chapters on a range of conflict issues. He was lead writer for IDEA's handbook, *Democracy and Deep-Rooted Conflict: Options for Negotiators* (1998), and senior editor for IDEA's *Reconciliation After Violent Conflict: A Handbook* (2003). He continues to pursue interests in both research and practice, with particular emphasis on: reconciliation and the legacy of past violence, transitions from violence, dialogue in conflict transformation, democratisation, post-agreement implementation phases, and practice-theory interaction.