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## David Fairman

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David Fairman is Managing Director at the Consensus Building Institute, Associate Director of the [MIT-Harvard Public Disputes Program](#), and Lecturer in MIT's [Department of Urban Studies and Planning](#). He designs and facilitates [consensus building](#) processes, coaches and [trains](#) leaders to enhance their negotiation and collaboration skills, and [researches](#) and teaches the application of negotiation and consensus building tools to [challenging public issues](#).

David applies his skills in several practice areas. He leads CBI's [international program](#), working with multilateral development agencies, governments, and other national [partners](#) to institutionalize collaborative approaches to planning, policy and project decision making. In the U.S., he helps stakeholders craft policies and strategies in the domains of national security, energy and environmental policy, low-income housing, criminal justice and child welfare. In the private sector, he works with business leaders and senior staff to re-vision structural conflicts as creative partnerships.

David is Senior Mediator on the rosters of the [United States Environmental Protection Agency](#) and the [United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution](#). He is also a founding board member of the [Alliance for Peacebuilding](#), founding Director of CBI's [Workable Peace](#) program, member of the Advisory Board for the [Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution](#), and life member of the [Council on Foreign Relations](#). He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from MIT and a B.A. from Harvard College.

### Recent Media Appearances or Coverage

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April 2008, Florida Public Radio "[Sound off with Sasha](#)"

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September 2008, Voice of America broadcast, U.S.-Muslim Engagement Project

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Summer 2007, [Boston Globe profile on Lexington Rotary award](#)

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