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At the London School of Economics and the University of Oslo, he was introduced to the study of international relations, strategic studies, conflict resolution and peace research. In Harvard, he specialized in the political psychology of international relations and received a Ph.D in 1976 with a thesis on 'Patterns of diplomatic thinking: a cross national study of structural and social-psychological determinants'. Luc Reychler became professor international relations and peace research at the University of Leuven. In 2004, he was elected secretary general of the International Peace Research Association (IPRA), and Director of the Center for Peace Research and Strategic Studies (CPRSA), where he served until 2008.

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His publications and books include:

- * Patterns of Diplomatic thinking (1979)
- * The art of conflict prevention (1994)
- * Le défi de la paix au Burundi (1999),
- * Democratic peace-building: the devil is in the transition (1999),
- * Peace building: a field guide (2001),
- * De volgende genocide ("The next genocide", 1994),
- * Aid for peace: a guide for planning and evaluation in conflict zones (2007),
- * Open book D.R. Congo: Positive prospects, building sustainable peace together (2010)
- * Time for Peace: The essential role of time in conflict and peace processes (2015)

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