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Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention

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Attendee List

Participants



Roselyn Amadi

State Attorney, Attorney General's Office and Department of Justice, Ministry of Justice of Kenya; Member, Kenya National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, War Crimes, and Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination

Ms. Amadi is a lawyer by profession and holds a Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Nairobi. She is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and holds a diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law. She also holds a diploma in Corporate Governance from KCA University and is currently undertaking her Masters Degree in International Criminal Justice at the Open University of Tanzania. Ms. Amadi, a Chief State Counsel at the State Law Office, is currently the Deputy Registrar of Treaties at the Attorney General's Office. She is a Board Member of the Kenya Maritime Authority, the Privatization Commission and a Member of the National Committee on the Prevention of Genocide. She has been a Member of the Joint Railway Commission, which is steering railway infrastructure in East Africa. She is also a Board Member of iServe Africa, a voluntary Christian Organization mentoring graduates in integrity and leadership in society.



Sylvia Novatus Matiku

Senior State Attorney, Division of Constitution and Human Rights, Attorney General's Chambers, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of Tanzania; Member, Tanzania National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination

Originally from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Ms. Matiku attended the University of Luton and the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom where she studied International Commercial Law. From 2005-2010 Ms. Matiku served as the State Attorney for the Directorate of Public Prosecution and, since 2011, has served as the Senior State Attorney in the Division of Constitution and Human Rights. She is also a Member of the Tanzanian National Committee for the Prevention of Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity, War Crimes and All Forms of Discrimination where she participates in peacekeeping meetings and aids the Committee in resolving conflicts between opposing groups.

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Peter James Deng Lual

Legal Counsel, Ministry of Justice of South Sudan; Member, South Sudan National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination

Mr. Peter James Deng Lual is based in Juba, South Sudan where he works as the Legal Advisor for the South Sudan Peace and Reconciliation Commission and is a Member of South Sudan's National Committee on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination. He holds a Master's Degree in Law.

In 2007, he worked as a prosecution attorney, as well as the Legal Advisor for the Ministry of Peace and Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) Implementation. He was deeply involved in the Implementation of the CPA between the government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army signed in 2005.

He is driven by the belief that people have the wisdom and capacity to influence processes that affect their lives. This capacity grows in cooperative learning environments that are both safe and respectful.



Ambassador Yasir Abdelsalam

Ambassador of Sudan to Japan; Former Director, Department of International Law and Treaties, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sudan

Yasir Abdelsalam joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a junior diplomat in 1986. Yasir spent most of his career in the legal department, exposed to international law issues at national, regional and international levels and joined the permanent mission of Sudan to the United Nations from 2004 to 2008. During that period, Yasir covered the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly and served as the Director of the International Law and Treaties Department. Yasir represents Sudan as the legal focal point in the Great Lakes Protocol on the Prevention and the Punishment of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, and All Forms of Discrimination and currently serves as the Ambassador to Japan.

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Ambassador Elizabeth Buensuceso

Special Representative of the Philippines to the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

In addition to her permanent standing as Special Representative of the Philippines to the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, which was operationalized in 2013, Elizabeth Buensuceso has organized two workshops on peace processes and conflict resolution. Elizabeth joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in the Philippines in 1981. She continued her work as Director of the Office of European Affairs and served as the DFA Focal Person for Counter Terrorism. She proceeded to expand her work internationally serving as Ambassador in Norway, Denmark and Iceland.



Naima Benwakrim

Director, Human Rights Protection Unit, National Council on Human Rights of Morocco

Naima Benwakrim is currently the Director of Protecting and Monitoring Human Rights at the National Human Rights Council of Morocco (Moroccan National Institution of Human Rights) and is a Member of the Central Authority for the Prevention of Corruption. She has previously worked in the Equity and Reconciliation Commission (Morocco's truth commission) as monitor of activities related to public hearings, to the Commission's final report, and to its objective of mainstreaming a gender-centric approach. She has also worked as a local consultant for the International Center for Transitional Justice for two years.

Since 2011, she has planned and facilitated several training workshops on gender and the transitional justice process. These workshops support the activities of truth commissions, human rights institutions, and activists in Arab and African countries. She has also worked as a technical advisor on gender and civil society challenges within the Office of the Minister of Employment and Vocational Training, in the Office of the Minister for Human Rights, and in the Office of the Minister in Charge of the Condition of Women and Protection of the Family and Children. Naima Benwakrim holds a Master's Degree in Sustainable International Development from Brandeis University, U.S.

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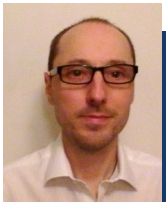


María del Cisne Ojeda Rivadeneira

National Director of the Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture, Defensoría del Pueblo de Ecuador (Ombudsman of Ecuador)

Maria is the National Director of the Mechanism for the Prevention of Torture at the Ombudsman's Office of Ecuador, having worked there since December of 2011. Prior to that, she was in charge of the technical implementation of international obligations on Human Rights in the Department of Human and Religious Rights at the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Religious Affairs.

She holds a Diploma in Indigenous Rights and Legal Pluralism from the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales and a degree in law from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador.



Arthur White

Crisis Prevention Team, Conflict Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom

Arthur joined the Conflict Department two years ago, after a spell working on EU policy at the Department of Health. The Crisis Prevention Team works on early warning of conflict and mass atrocities prevention. Arthur is also on the roster for the FCO's Rapid Deployment Team, which deploys to support British nationals caught up in crises overseas. Prior to this, he has worked in a variety of roles in the private sector, primarily in the brewing industry, in a number countries and continents (including a spell in Krakow), before which he studied Biotechnology and received an M.Sc. in Brewing and Distilling.

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Kristen Acton

Intelligence Analyst, International Human Rights Unit, United States Federal Bureau of Investigation

Kristen Acton graduated in 2010 from Mount Saint Mary's University, magna cum laude, with a degree in International Relations. Kristen worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a part of the Honors Internship Program, from 2008 to 2010, joining full-time as an Intelligence Analyst in 2010 upon graduation. Kristen worked in the FBI Cyber and Counterterrorism Divisions from 2010-2014, where she covered the Arabian Peninsula and the Middle East and served as the Counterterrorism Deputy Assistant Director's briefer for various stints. In September 2014, Kristen joined the FBI's International Human Rights Unit. Currently, Kristen covers the Africa and Americas portfolios, working to identify and prevent human rights violators from entering the United States.



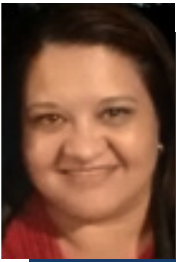
Yvette K. W. Bourcicot

Senior Advisor, Atrocity Prevention and Response Stability and Humanitarian Affairs OUSD (Policy), Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, United States Department of Defense

Yvette Bourcicot is the Senior Advisor for Atrocity Prevention and Response in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Stability and Humanitarian Affairs. In that capacity, she provides policy advice to the Atrocities Prevention Board, an interagency body mandated to coordinate a whole-government approach to responding to and preventing mass atrocities and genocide. Prior to that position, Ms. Bourcicot served as the Special Assistant to the Army General Counsel, providing legal advice to senior Army leaders on a plethora of issues. Ms. Bourcicot is a medically retired Air Force JAG. She holds a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and an A.B. in English Literature from Princeton University.

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Heidi Mercedes Brizuela Morales

Lawyer, National Human Rights Office of El Salvador

Heidi Mercedes Brizuela Morales, has obtained degrees in both Journalism and Law from Universidad Centroamericana Jose Simeon Cañas (UCA). In 2001 she started working at Procuraduría para la Defensa de los Derechos Humanos (the Human Rights National Institution of El Salvador) where she began to learn about human rights. Heidi has worked in several different areas, but currently works in an area called “National Reality,” which analyzes the human rights situation of her society, in relation to corresponding national and international laws. Heidi received her Master’s Degree in Diplomacy from the Instituto Especializado de Educación Superior para la Formación Diplomática (Specialized Institute of Higher Education for Diplomatic Training), which is part of the Foreign Affairs Ministry. She graduated in December of 2014, after defending her thesis on the “compliance with the judgments of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and its influence on the respect of human rights in El Salvador.”



John Crosby

Deputy Director, Office of Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of State

John Crosby currently serves as the Deputy Director of the U.S. State Department’s Office of Global Criminal Justice, which focuses on preventing, responding to, and ensuring accountability for atrocity crimes across the globe. John is a career diplomat whose prior overseas postings include India, Slovenia, Afghanistan, and Germany. He has also served in Washington as the Conflicts Advisor in the Office of Caucasus Affairs and Regional Conflicts and later on the Executive Secretariat Staff in the Office of the Secretary of State.

He holds a B.A. in History from Swarthmore College, a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law, and has studied at the Universities of Heidelberg and Munich in Germany, at the latter on a Fulbright Fellowship. Prior to joining the State Department, John worked at a corporate communications firm in Tokyo, practiced law in Houston, and spent two summers teaching English and giving chamber music concerts as a pianist in the eastern German countryside.

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Ambassador Rosario G. Manalo

Special Representative of the Philippines to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights

Ambassador Manalo is the first Filipina from her university studies to have passed the competitive foreign service examinations for Philippine Career Diplomatic Officers. Amb. Manalo has a degree in Foreign Service, a BA in Law and Jurisprudence and an MA in Public Administration, all of which were obtained from the University of the Philippines (UP). She also holds an MA in International Law and Diplomacy from the Long Island University Zeckendorf Campus in New York. Over the course of 41 years of diplomatic service, Ambassador Manalo served as the Ambassador of the Philippines in various embassies around the world, including postings in Brussels, Paris and Stockholm.



Ambassador Blanka Jamnišek

Slovenian National Focal Point for the Responsibility to Protect; Member of the Slovenian Delegation to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

Ambassador Blanka Jamnišek received a degree in Psychology from the University of Ljubljana and later specialized in International Relations at the Faculty of Social Science in Ljubljana. She completed her Master of Arts Degree in International Politics in Brussels at the “Centre Européen de Recherches Internationales et Stratégiques.” She is a mother of four, three daughters and a son. In 1991 she joined the Ministry of Information, later called the Public Relations Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia. In 1994, she held the post of the Head of Public Relations Office of the Ministry of Defense.

In 1996 she joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dealing with bilateral relations with the US, Canada, Ireland, and the UK. From 1998 to 2003, she was active in Brussels as a Counselor in the Permanent Mission of Slovenia to NATO and the WEU. From 2011 till 2015, Ambassador Jamnišek served in Vienna as Ambassador – Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations, OSCE, and other international organizations in Vienna. Ambassador Jamnišek is also the author of the project and publication “OUR RIGHTS” – a human rights education tool for children, which was operationalized during the Slovenian OSCE Chairmanship in 2005.

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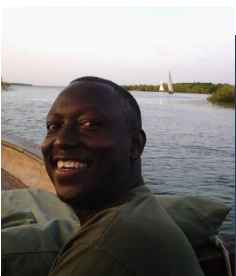
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Samy Araya Rojas

Candidature Officer, Directorate General of Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

Ms. Rojas serves in the Costa Rican Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has been in diplomatic service for almost eleven years. During her time, she has served as the Coordinator for International Cooperation for South America and as Candidature Officer. She has been appointed to the Embassy of Costa Rica in Canada and the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica at the Organization of American States in Washington D.C. During her assignment, she was responsible for consular, political, legal and human rights issues.



Lawrence Agayi Orowe

Vice Chair, Kenya National Committee for the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and All Forms of Discrimination

Lawrence Orowe is the former Group Legal Head of the Kenya Red Cross Society and a former Legal Advisor to the Department of Governance based at State House. Previously as a Legal Advisor to the Department of Governance, he worked extensively on issues of International Law, Governance, Anticorruption and Transparency and represented the government in various international capacities. The last few years have seen him working in Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, UN standards, civil military coordination, genocide, security, peace, and conflict matters. He has also acted in various capacities, including Chairman of the African Legal Forum and currently as Vice Chairman of the National Genocide Prevention Committee.

He has attended various trainings and courses in International Humanitarian Law and humanitarian affairs, including those in Geneva, Italy, and the UK. He has conducted trainings for the Kenya Red Cross Society in International Humanitarian Law and Humanitarian Assistance. He has sat on the Attorney General's National Committee on International Humanitarian Law and the National Committee on Genocide Prevention and advised and wrote a Kenyan brief for the government on the UN General Assembly Amendment that enhanced the role of National Red Cross Societies in International Humanitarian Law. He is also a frequent International Conference moderator, facilitator and speaker and in 2014 hosted the opening session of the International Law of the Sea Conference in Nairobi, Kenya.

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María Alejandra Costa Prieto

Director, Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay

An International Studies graduate from the University ORT in Montevideo, Uruguay, Alejandra Costa began her career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1996 serving as a Diplomat. She subsequently held positions as Director of Treaties, General Director of Economic Affairs and General Director of Technical and Administrative Affairs. Alejandra is the current Director of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs of the MFA, while serving as the Focal Point for the Latin American Network for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention and the R2P Global Network for Uruguay.



Patrick Travers

Adviser to the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect

Patrick Travers is a full-time consultant working in the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect, where he undertakes research, policy development, and political outreach relating to the Responsibility to Protect. He previously served as a Senior Political & Public Affairs Officer in the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, with primary responsibility for peacebuilding, conflict prevention, mediation, mass atrocities, the rule of law, civilian capacity, and peace and security issues in Africa. Patrick was a Lecturer in International Relations at Pembroke College, University of Oxford from 2006 to 2008 and has worked on development policy for CARE Canada at both headquarters and in the organization's Zambia country office. Patrick has conducted policy analysis on a consultancy basis for the Global Centre for Pluralism, the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Oxford Analytica. Patrick holds a D.Phil and an M.Phil in International Relations from the University of Oxford.

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Cristina Paula Gomez

Lawyer and Education Consultant, Ministry of Education of Argentina

Cristina graduated from Law School at the Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA), with a specialization in Public International Law. She is also specialized in Education and Human Rights from the Universidad Pontificia Javeriana and the Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos (IIDH). In 2011, she received a Fellowship from Yad Vashem-Israel International School and is currently preparing her Master's thesis at the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO).

As a Human Rights expert, she worked for the Ministry of Education and the Human Rights Department in Buenos Aires, the Ministry of Education, Buenos Aires Province, and the Ministry of National Education. In these institutions, she produced several publications, including instructional and curricular materials in the field of Social Sciences and Human Rights. She served for four years as a coordinator of the Education Program at the Memory Park-Monument to the Victims of State Terrorism, a memory site in the Buenos Aires City.

Today, Cristina is part of the program "Education and Memory" at the National Ministry of Education, which aims to strengthen educational policy, one that promotes the teaching of recent history, where human rights are a social conquest as a result of human action and, therefore, individuals can reinforce the notion of responsibility, participation and inclusion.



Fiona Burger

Multilateral Organisations and Human Rights Department, Human Rights and Political and Legal Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Fiona studied at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam. She holds a BSc in Dutch law and a BSc in Economics and Business Economics. She holds an MSc in Entrepreneurship, Organization and Strategy and an MSc in International and European Public Law. She started her career as a policy officer at the Ministry of Economic Affairs where she worked at the Export Control and Sanctions Division. She currently works at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as policy officer for the Human Rights and Political and Legal Affairs Division where she is responsible for accountability for international crimes in general, including the coordination of the International Criminal Court dossier within the Dutch government and the topic of accountability in the UN.

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Dr. Livio Coêlho Cavalcanti

Federal Prosecutor, National Indian Foundation (FUNAI) of Brazil

Livio Coêlho Cavalcanti is a Federal Attorney at the Federal General Attorney's Office in Brazil. He was born in Fortaleza, in the state of Ceara, where he graduated from Law School from Federal University of Ceará in January 2004. After taking tests at the Brazilian Bar Association, he was approved and became a private lawyer for almost two years, when he decided to embark upon a career in the public sector.

Livio is the General Attorney of FUNAI, located in the federal capital, Brasilia, where he leads a team of 40 Federal Attorneys at 22 offices spread over 18 Brazilian states. The main task of this office is to enforce Brazil's Indigenous Policy and Aboriginal Rights. He has specialized in Civil Law and Civil Procedural Law at Dom Bosco Catholic University and Constitutional Law at Anhanguera-Unidep University. He aims to obtain a Master's Degree in Human Rights in the next couple of years. As an expert on Indigenous Rights, he has published articles and is frequently invited to lecture on the topic.



Dr. Daouda Fall

Director of Legal Affairs Research, Documentation and Communication Department, ECOWAS Court of Justice

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Eduardo Cavallero

Secretary of the Embassy. Human Rights Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina

Eduardo Cavallero, law school graduate, is an Argentinean junior diplomat who works at the Human Rights Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship. He works in subjects related to genocide prevention and the Inter-American Human Rights System, among others.

Between 2013 and 2014, he was a full time scholar at the Foreign Service National Institute of Argentina, which is in charge of the selection and training of Argentinean diplomats. He has previous experience working in the Judiciary System of the Province of Santa Fe and teaching International Public Law and Economy. In 2007, he participated in an international exchange program for one semester at University Minas Gerais in Brazil, where he specialized in International Human Rights Law.



Linda Helena Maclú Zorrero

Lawyer, Legal Advisor's Office, Department of International Humanitarian Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

Ms. Linda Maclú works at the Legal Advisor's Office in the Department of International Humanitarian Law at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mexico. She has experience in human rights litigation before the Inter-American System of Human Rights, representing the Mexican State. She has collaborated as an investigation assistant on human rights and international criminal law at the National Institute of Criminal Sciences. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México with special focus on international law and international criminal law.

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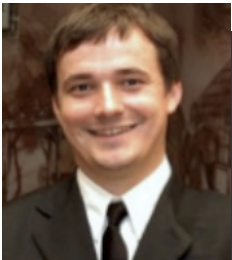


Dr. James Waller

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Director of Academic Programs, the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation;
Cohen Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College

Dr. Waller joined the Auschwitz Institute staff in July 2012 as Academic Programs Director. From 2008 to 2012, he held the position of AIPR Affiliated Scholar, as well as Curriculum Coordinator for the Raphael Lemkin Seminar for Genocide Prevention. He continues to serve as an instructor at the Lemkin Seminar series, as he has since 2008. In March 2010, Waller was named Cohen Professor for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College in New Hampshire. He has been awarded summer fellowships by, and been a teaching fellow with, the Holocaust Educational Foundation at Northwestern University (1996 and 2007-2012) and at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC (1999, 2003, 2005). His book on perpetrators of genocide, *Becoming Evil: How Ordinary People Commit Genocide and Mass Killing* (Oxford University Press, 2002), was released by Oxford in a revised and updated second edition in 2007. Waller also is contracted with Oxford University Press for a book titled "Done to Death No More: Engaging Our Responsibility to Prevent Genocide", which is slated for release in 2015.



Dr. Tibi Galis

Executive Director, the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

Dr. Galis has been the Executive Director of AIPR since 2006. Born and raised in Romania, he earned his B.A. in Law and Political Science from Babes-Bolyai University, in Cluj-Napoca. He received his M.A. in International Politics and Political Development from the University of Manchester, and earned his Ph.D. from the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University, with a focus on transitional justice. Previously, Galis worked as an Associate Researcher for the UK Parliament, helping develop the UK position on the UN Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, and as rapporteur for the Swedish government at the 2004 Stockholm International Forum on the Prevention of Genocide.

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Habib Nassar

Acting Executive Director, PILnet: The Global Network for Public Interest Law

Nassar is a lawyer and activist with more than fifteen years of experience working on human rights and transitional justice. He is currently Acting Executive Director of PILnet: The Global Network for Public Interest Law. Before joining PILnet, he advised the UN OHCHR on transitional justice in North Africa. Prior to that, Nassar worked at the International Center for Transitional Justice where he held several positions including Director of the Middle East and North Africa Program. Before, he worked for several grassroots and international human rights groups. He teaches Transitional Justice, as well as Human Rights, at Hunter College in New York. He has an LL.M. from New York University, a Master's in International Law from Université Paris II and a degree in law from Université Saint-Joseph in Beirut.



Vahidin Omanovic

Co-Founder and Co-Director, the Center for Peacebuilding, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Mr. Omanovic is a professional trainer in nonviolent communication and conflict resolution. Before founding the Center for Peacebuilding in 2004, Mr. Omanovic received a Master's Degree at the School for International Training (SIT) in Brattleboro, Vermont in International Relations with a concentration in Conflict Transformation. Additionally, Mr. Omanovic served as a teaching assistant in SIT's Conflict Transformation Across Cultures Program, where he taught classes on forgiveness and conflict transformation. He has attended peace workshops and trainings throughout the world, including Switzerland, the Philippines, and Nepal, where he helped to found a peacebuilding organization. In 2011, the Threshold Foundation honored Mr. Omanovic with the 5th International Peace Award, naming him the year's "Unknown Peace Worker".

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Claudia Diaz

Human Rights Officer, Office of the Special Advisers to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect, New York, US

Claudia Diaz is a Human Rights Officer who has recently joined the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect. Prior to this position, she spent 10 years working in the United Nations field missions and offices in different conflict and post-conflict countries, including Timor-Leste, Nepal, Sudan (Darfur), Guatemala and Venezuela. She has also worked with national human rights institutions in Afghanistan and Timor-Leste. Claudia Diaz studied law and her work has been focused on issues related to international human rights law, humanitarian law and transitional justice.



Alicja Bialecka

Plenipotentiary for the New Main Exhibition, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

Alicja Bialecka is a museum curator and a researcher specializing in the memory of Auschwitz and its representations in literature, as well as in the educational dimension of memorial sites in the context of European identity. She has published several articles devoted to these issues, among them educational programs and papers on the symbolism of Auschwitz, methods of teaching at memorial sites, and their role in historical education. Ms. Bialecka is a co-author of the guidelines for youth trips to memorial sites published by the International Task Force on Holocaust Education, Commemoration and Research, and since 2012, is the official representative of the Polish delegation to the Museum and Memorial Working group of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. In the years 2006-2012, she was the Head of Educational Programs Section at the International Center for Education about Auschwitz and the Holocaust, and since 2013, has been appointed the Representative for the New Main Exhibition at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum.

She received her Master's degree in English Philology and Linguistics at the Modern Language and Literature Department of the Silesian University. She is working towards her PhD in literature at the Department of Anthropology of Literature and Cultural Studies, the Faculty of Polish Studies of the Jagiellonian University.

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Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz

Chief Historian, Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum

Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz studied History at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow and earned his doctorate at the Silesian University in 1999 for a dissertation on IG Farben-Werk Auschwitz 1941-1945. He began working for the Research Department at the Museum in 1988. Dr. Setkiewicz was the head of the Archives from 2001-2007, and became head of the research department in 2008. His interests include the employment of prisoners in German industry and the history of the Auschwitz sub-camps.



Laura Lane

President, Global Public Affairs, United Parcel Service

Laura Lane joined UPS on November 1, 2011 as President of Global Public Affairs. As President of Global Public Affairs, she is responsible for all worldwide government affairs activities for UPS throughout the over 220 countries and territories it serves. In her government career, Ms. Lane was responsible for bilateral trade affairs with the Middle Eastern and Mediterranean countries at the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and served as U.S. negotiator for the WTO Financial Services negotiations, which resulted in a first-ever global agreement in 1997. Ms. Lane also served in the U.S. Foreign Service from 1990-1997.

In her overseas assignments, Ms. Lane was the economic and political-military affairs officer at the American Embassy in Kigali, Rwanda from 1993-1994. She led the evacuation effort of American citizens from Rwanda in April 1994 with the outbreak of the civil war and returned in August as political advisor to U.S. forces providing humanitarian relief to Rwandan refugees. In her state department career, she was the recipient of two Superior Honor awards and a Meritorious Honor award.

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Debbie Stothard

Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma; FIDH Secretary-General

Debbie Stothard is an active promoter of human rights in Burma and the ASEAN region. In 1996, she founded the Alternative ASEAN Network on Burma (Altsean- Burma). During her 32-year career, she has worked as a journalist, community education consultant, governmental advisor and trainer in Malaysia, Australia, and Thailand.

Debbie Stothard has participated in every step of democracy building in Burma, organising advocacy meetings and campaigns on human rights, in Burma and other ASEAN countries since 1987. In the context of Burma, she was a co-founder of the Burma Support Group Sydney in 1989, which became the precursor to Burma Campaign Australia, and Burma Solidarity Group Malaysia in 1996, prior to forming Altsean- Burma the same year. These activities led her to engage with UN and related mechanisms in Geneva and New York, ASEAN as a body, and governments in Asia, the Pacific, North America and Europe.

Ms. Stothard became Deputy Secretary-General of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) in November 2010. She represented FIDH either on missions or at conferences in Belgium, Brazil, Burma, France, India, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, Peru, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States. She was elected Secretary-General of FIDH in May, 2013.



Dr. Ashad Sentongo

Director of African Programs, the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation

A citizen of Uganda, Dr. Ashad Sentongo joined AIPR in 2013. He earned a PhD in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University, M.A in Coexistence and Conflict from Brandeis University, and postgraduate Management Diploma from Damelin School of Management (South Africa). As a Drucie French Cumbie Fellow, his research work focused on power-sharing and ethnic conflict in Africa. He previously worked with the Genocide Prevention Program at GMU as Program Officer on Prevention of Genocide attached to the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), and helped to establish the Regional and National Committees in Member States. His publications focus on managing ethnic conflicts, conflict transformation, and traditional approaches to conflict resolution in Africa.

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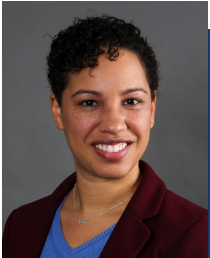
Fr. Jan Nowak

Director of the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer in Oświęcim, Poland

Father Jan Nowak was appointed Priest in the Arch Diocese of Kraków in 1983. While continuing his priesthood in the Arch Diocese, Father Jan proceeded to become the Director of the Center for Dialogue and Prayer in Oświęcim, Poland in 2001, and the Vice Chairman of the Board of the Kraków Foundation Centre for Information, Meetings, Dialogue, Education and Prayer in 2008. In 2010, by the Polish Minister of Education, Father Jan was appointed part of the Ministry Consultative Team for Holocaust Education. And, in 2012, by the Minister of Culture and National Heritage, he was appointed to the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum Council.

For the many positions, which he holds to present day, Father Jan was awarded the “Silver Cross of Merit” by Polish President Aleksander Kwaśniewski in December 2005. And in June 2010, Father Jan was honored by the Jewish National Fund with a tree planted in the hills of Jerusalem in honor of his work in Holocaust education.

Observers



Dina Bailey

Director of Educational Strategies for the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta, Georgia, United States

Ms. Dina Bailey has served as the Director of the National Center for Civil and Human Rights since its opening in June 2014. The Center's mission is to empower everyone to take the protection of every human's rights personally. In fulfilling this mission, Ms. Bailey oversees three major components of the institution – interpretation/content, educational initiatives, and community programming.

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Mevludin Rahmonović

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Mevludin was born in 1981. In 1992, when he was 11, Mevludin survived ethnic cleansing and the concentration camp Trnopolje in Prijedor. From Trnopolje, Serb forces brought him, his mother, and his sister to Travnik, which was under the control of the Bosnian Army. He spent 3 years as a refugee in Zenica. After the Dayton Peace Accords, he returned to Sanski Most and in 2000 he returned to Prijedor, where he lived before the war.

He is the Co-Founder and the Program Director at the Center for Peacebuilding, where he works on reconciliation among different ethnic and religious groups in Bosnia. Mevludin is an inspiration for the youth in Bosnia, as he exemplifies how forgiveness and working as a peacebuilder is a choice. At the moment he is managing a project called “Genocide Prevention in Bosnia” for school-teachers and students. It is a pilot project, which will be taken to higher education and hopefully become a part of regular teaching in the Bosnian educational system.

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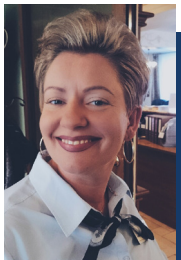
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