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Speaker Biographies

Amanda Cahill-Ripley (Lancaster University Law School)

Amanda is a Lecturer in Law at Lancaster University Law School and a Visiting Lecturer at University of Bergen, Norway. She holds a PhD in Law (2007) and her research expertise lies in the field of International Human Rights Law. Her current research focuses on economic, social and cultural rights and peacebuilding and in 2016 Amanda was awarded a research grant to establish and lead the knowledge exchange project 'Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Sustaining Peace'. In parallel Amanda is also researching and writing her forthcoming monograph 'Peacebuilding and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' to be published with Cambridge University Press. Amanda has previously worked on the right to food and right to water and published her first monograph in 2011 entitled '*The Right to Water and its Application in the Occupied Palestinian Territories*' (Oxford: Routledge). She has also published widely in academic journals, including most recently, 'Reclaiming the peacebuilding agenda: economic and social rights as a legal framework for building positive peace - a human security plus approach to peace-building', *Human Rights Law Review*, 2016, 16 (2), p. 223-246.

Diane Hendrick (Quaker United Nations Office, Geneva)

Diane has been the Representative, Peace and Disarmament at the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) in Geneva since 2012. She leads QUNO's work on peace and disarmament. Before joining QUNO she worked as a freelance consultant, trainer and researcher in conflict transformation and over a period of 20 years has worked on peace related projects in Sri Lanka, the Middle East, Indonesia and Albania. She has also co-directed a number of international peace education projects. Diane has lectured in peace studies at various universities in Austria, Ireland and England and has had extensive experience as a trainer in peacebuilding and conflict transformation. Her research has focused on prevention of conflict between identity groups and the application of complexity theory to conflict transformation. Diane has a First in Peace Studies from Bradford University, an M.Phil in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University and a Ph.D. in Conflict Resolution also from Bradford University.

Hannah Peters (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Geneva Office)

Hannah holds a Master's Degree in Human Rights from the University of Sussex (UK). Before joining FES Geneva as Program Officer, she worked as Project Manager for a medical NGO in Switzerland and for the FES Office in the Palestinian Territories. She had previous work experience as Project Assistant for a British-German academic society and FES Geneva.

Rachel F. Madenyika (Quaker United Nations Office, New York)

Rachel is the UN Representative at the Quaker United Nations Office in New York (QUNO-NY). She leads QUNO-NY's work on the prevention of violent conflict as well as work in China. Rachel joins QUNO with a broad range of experience in economic and social development, financial and non-profit management. In the intervening 14 years, Rachel has worked in various capacities with organizations such as the International Center for Transitional Justice, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars – Kennan Institute, WITNESS Inc. and most recently HealthRight International. Rachel holds an M.A. in Economics from the New School for Social Research and a M.Sc. in Nonprofit Management & Urban Policy from the Milano School of International Affairs, Management and Urban Policy.

Dorothy Estrada-Tanck (Fundación Cepaim)

Dorothy holds a PhD in Law and an LLM in Comparative, European and International Laws from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy (EUI), as well as an MSc in Political Theory from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a law degree from Escuela Libre de Derecho (Mexico City) and University of Murcia/UCAM (Spain). She is an academic and lawyer in public international law, specialized in international human rights law. She holds academic and professional experience related to the UN, Inter-American and European human rights' systems, in several topics, including ESC Rights, through her work at the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; the Mexico City Human Rights Commission; UN Women/Mexican Supreme Court; the Case Matrix Network of the Centre for International Law Research and Policy; and currently at Fundación CEPALM, providing legal counsel to migrants, asylum-seekers and refugees in the South of Spain. At present, she is Adjunct Professor of Public International Law at IE Law School in Madrid, and recently published the book *Human Security and Human Rights under International Law: The Protections Offered to Persons Confronting Structural Vulnerability*, with Hart Publishing (2016).

Alison Graham (UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Alison is a Human Rights Officer with in the Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. She has over 15 years of experience in both field and headquarter locations and prior to working with OHCHR, she worked for a number of human rights organizations, including the International Service for Human Rights and the Office of the Independent Expert (now Special Rapporteur) on human rights and extreme poverty. She has a PhD in International Human Rights Law from Lancaster University, UK and an LLM in International Relations and International Law (Lancaster).

Karol Balfe (Christian Aid Ireland)

Karol worked in the human rights and development sector for 8 years before joining Christian Aid Ireland in 2012. Previously Karol managed a programme related to economic, social and cultural rights with Amnesty International Ireland and ran campaigns on human rights issues such as gender based violence, the death penalty and human rights in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Karol oversees programme development and is also responsible for overseeing our work on tackling violence and building peace and managing Irish Aid funded programmes in Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

Anna Leissing (swisspeace)

Anna holds a MA in Social Anthropology of Transnationalism and the State from the University of Bern; and completed the CAS on Civilian Peacebuilding. At swisspeace, Anna is working for the Policy & Platform Program that hosts several platforms such as the Swiss Platform for Peacebuilding KOFF, the Civic Solidarity Platform or the Basel Peace Forum. Anna facilitates joint learning processes at the nexus of peacebuilding, human rights and development; and promotes policy dialogue on topics such as shrinking space for civil society, the protection of human rights defenders and art initiatives in peace and conflict. She is responsible for the strategic coordination of KOFF roundtables and other exchange fora between civil society organizations, state actors and private sector. Before joining swisspeace, Anna worked for several NGOs such as the Guatemala Solidarity Network on human rights and resource conflicts, HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation in Switzerland and Guatemala and the Society for Threatened Peoples.

Lucy McKernan (Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)

Lucy is a human rights lawyer and the Geneva Representative for the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, an advocacy NGO focused on the economic, social and cultural rights of people living in poverty. Lucy is responsible for the organisation's advocacy before the Human Rights Council and its Special Procedures, the UN Treaty Bodies, and Missions to the UN. She was formerly the Director of Legal Services at Justice Connect in Melbourne, Australia, where she managed legal clinics for people experiencing homelessness and older persons.

Claire Duncanson (School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh)

Claire has been a Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Edinburgh since 2009. Prior to her academic career, she worked for a variety of human rights and international development NGOs, including Amnesty International, Jubilee 2000 and Global Perspective. Claire's research interests lie at the intersection of international security, IR theory and gender politics. Her work applies new theoretical insights about feminism, gender, and, in particular, masculinities, to current international issues, such as military interventions, peacebuilding and nuclear proliferation. Her latest book, *Gender and Peacebuilding*, with Polity Press (2016) assesses the Women, Peace and Security agenda and calls for more feminist attention on the political economy of building peace. She has also published on gender and military issues, including a monograph on *Forces for Good? Military Masculinities and Peacebuilding in Afghanistan and Iraq* (Palgrave Macmillan 2013) and, co-edited with Rachel Woodward, the *Palgrave Handbook on Gender and Military* (Palgrave Macmillan 2017). She has also published widely in academic journals.

Shavana Musa (University of Manchester Law School)

Shavana is a lecturer in international law at The University of Manchester. Her areas of expertise include human rights, humanitarian law, security law and policy and transitional justice. She has worked for the UN and various NGOs and has also held fellowships at The University of Cambridge and the European University Institute. Her book entitled *Victim Reparation under the Jus Post Bellum: A Historical and Normative Perspective* will be published with Cambridge University Press in 2018.

Claire Pierson (Manchester Metropolitan University)

Claire is a Research Associate at Manchester Metropolitan University, my research interests include reproductive health/rights, the UN women, peace and security agenda and gender and governance in post-conflict societies. I am co-founder of the Reproductive Health Law and Policy Advisory Group, a coalition of academics who provide evidence and knowledge exchange on reproductive health (<https://reproductivehealthlawpolicy.wordpress.com/about/>). My research has been published in journals such as the British Journal of Politics and International Relations and the International Feminist Journal of Politics. I am co-editor of a forthcoming collection of papers exploring access to abortion in Ireland and Prince Edward Island (Canada) and co-author of a forthcoming book Reimagining Global Abortion Politics published by Policy Press.

Dáire McGill (Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University)

Dáire is a PhD candidate at the Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University. Previously he received a BA from the University of Liverpool and an MSc from the University of London. His current research utilises the theoretical framework of transformative justice to analyse the contribution of rural initiatives in reducing structural violence in Colombia. This is expected to give insights into necessary characteristics to address structural violence, and the wider question of whether a transitional justice approach is appropriate to do so. Further research interests include processes of state formation, societal resilience, exclusion and inequalities.

Daniela Méndez Royo (University of Nottingham School of Law)

Daniela is a Chilean lawyer and researcher who joined the University of Nottingham in October 2014, fully funded by the CONICYT Bicentennial Becas-Chile Scholarship. Her research involves the incorporation of socio-economic rights to transitional justice processes, from a Latin American perspective. She is a qualified lawyer who received her Degree in Bachelor of Legal Sciences from the University of Talca (Chile) and her LLM in Public International Law from the University of Nottingham. Daniela has developed a career as a researcher and lecturer in the areas of Public International Law and Human Rights at the University Santo Tomas, University Viña del Mar, University Andres Bello and University of Talca, in Chile.

Marwan Darweish (Centre for Trust Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University)

Marwan is Principal Lecturer in Peace Studies at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations at Coventry University. His current research focuses on peace processes, conflict transformation and nonviolence. Dr. Darweish carries extensive experience across the Middle East region and has a special interest in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. He has considerable international experience in leading training courses in conflict transformation and peacebuilding, and in undertaking consultancies. His most recent book is *Popular Protest in Palestine: The Uncertain Future of Unarmed Resistance* (with Andrew Rigby, Pluto Press, 2015).

Sanaa Alsarghali (An-Najah National University, Palestine)

Sanaa is an Assistant Professor in Law at An-Najah National University, Palestine. She is the first Palestinian female holding a Ph.D in constitutional law from the UK. Sanaa was awarded a full scholarship from An-Najah University to study constitutional law in order to participate in constitution building in Palestine after her return. She also holds an LLM in International Trade and Commercial law from Durham University and a BA in Law from An-Najah University. In 2016 she was elected as the Chairwoman of TAM, an NGO that intends to change the stereotypical image of the Palestinian women in the Media.

Yadaira Orsini (International Alert)

Yadaira is a political scientist and holds a Master's Degree on Security Studies. She has worked as a researcher on business, conflict and human rights issues in think tanks in Columbia and Brazil and has worked as a social responsibility and human rights coordinator in an oil company in Columbia. Ms Orsini has experience in the work with communities and national and multinational companies from the extractive sector and others such as agribusiness and construction, in capacity building and training, addressing human rights issues, stakeholder engagement and conflict management. Currently, Ms Orsini is head of economic development for peace and leads on the advocacy and engagement with actors to ensure their economic activities contribute to peace. Prior to this, Ms Orsini led on Alert's work with the private sector and its contribution to peace and stability, working with state authorities, NGOs and companies in places like Columbia, Peru, the Philippines, Uganda, South Africa and the DRC. Her prior position in International Alert was as senior programme officer for Latin America, where she coordinated the work on business and human rights issues with extractive and agribusiness companies, civil society organizations and state agencies in Columbia, Peru and Ecuador.