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Biographies of speakers

- **Linda BENRAÏS**



Prof. Linda BenraïS is Adjunct Professor of Comparative Law and Mediation and Director of "Governance and Conflict Resolution" Program and Accredited international mediator in Paris and London. She coordinates international and European programmes related to governance, human rights and international mediation. Prior to joining ESSEC IRENE, she was the Director of the Agency for International Legal Cooperation- JCI in the French Ministry of Justice during 13 years. She has 17 years of experience as EU legal consultant and trainer in international legal cooperation, legal and judicial reforms, international mediation and other ADR in all the European Eastern countries (including Balkan region), Middle East, North Africa and South-East Asia. She conducts on a regular basis policy advice, training seminars, coaching, conflict analysis, mediations, retreats and co-facilitation for various international organizations and agencies (EU Commission, EEAS, Council of Europe, OSCE, UNDP, World Bank, UNDC and International Organization of Francophonie etc.) and she is member of the EPLO Executive. She is the author of a book on mediation and ADR and of other articles in peace building and conflict prevention. She holds a Ph.D. in European Public Comparative law, a postgraduate research diploma in International Economic Law and Development, a Master in Business law and a university diploma of Mediator and other international accreditations in mediation.

- **Ivana BOSTJANCIC PULKO**



Ivana Bostjancic Pulko is PhD candidate, graduated in International Relations at the University of Ljubljana. Project Manager and Researcher at the Centre for European Perspective (CEP), responsible for overall implementation of security sector reform projects in the countries of the Western Balkans in the framework of Slovenia's official development assistance. Projects she implemented cover topics of organised crime, border security, visa liberalisation, anti-corruption trainings for police, defence sector reform at joining NATO, etc. She has led or participated in several capacity-building, research and evaluation activities in the field of conflict prevention and peacebuilding, focused mainly on Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), e.g. European New Training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management (ENTRi) and H2020 research project Improving the Effectiveness of Capabilities in EU Conflict Prevention (IECEU).

- **Tedla DESTA**



Tedla Desta is currently conducting his Postdoc research in the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention, Maynooth University. He completed his PhD in 2015 at Trinity College Dublin (TCD). He has recently completed the first draft of a research on CSDP and Strategic Communication. Tedla has an interdisciplinary teaching and research interest.

- **Moussa DJIRE**



Moussa Djiré is a political scientist, and Rector Bamako University of Law and Political Sciences. He holds a PhD in history of international relations and foreign policy and has developed in parallel expertise in institutional studies, land law and local governance on which he made several publications. As consultant and researcher, he worked for diverse national and international institutions. In the WOSCAP project, he led the Mali case study team.

- **Véronique DUDOUET**



Véronique Dudouet is Programme Director for Conflict Transformation Research at the Berghof Foundation in Berlin (Germany). Since joining the Berghof research team in 2005 she has managed various collaborative research projects on non-state armed groups, negotiations and third-party intervention in asymmetric conflicts, inclusive political/security transitions, post-war governance and civil resistance. She conducts regular policy advice, peer-to-peer advice and training seminars for/with conflict and peacebuilding stakeholders. She also carries out consultancy research for various civil society organisations and international agencies (e.g. UNDP, OECD-DAC, European Parliament/External Action Service, GIZ, NOREF) and serves as Academic Advisor of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict in Washington. She is also member of the French Research Institute for Nonviolent Conflict Resolution (IRCN).

Véronique holds an MA and a PhD in Conflict Resolution from the University of Bradford, UK, as well as a BA in political science and a postgraduate research diploma (DEA) in International Relations and Security from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Toulouse, France.

- **Tobias FLESSENKEMPER**



Tobias Flessenkemper is a programme associate at ECDPM since 2017. He has worked with ECDPM since 2015 on a study on the European Union Special Representative (EUSR) system and on the CIVILEX project, for which he provides expertise on the Common Security and Defence Policy. He is managing director and founder of the Berlin-based advisory organisation elbarlament.org. He has among other things led projects in countries affected by conflict, including Syria, Iraq and Myanmar. He is also a senior fellow at the Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE) in Nice and a lecturer in European politics at the University of Cologne. In 2012 and 2013 has was a visiting fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin. From 2004 to 2012 he served in EU Common Security and Defence Policy operations in policy and management functions in the Western Balkans region and Brussels. Before that he worked as advisor for the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), UNICEF, the EU and the Berlin-based Centre for International Peace Operations (ZIF).

Tobias Flessenkemper holds a Master's degree in Political Science with a focus on European integration from the University of Cologne and in International Humanitarian Assistance (NOHA) from the Ruhr-University Bochum.

- **Georg FRERKS**



Prof. Georg Frerks holds a chair in Conflict Prevention and Conflict Management at Utrecht University and a chair in International Security Studies at the Netherlands Defence Academy. Till mid 2014 he held the chair of Disaster Studies at Wageningen University, the Netherlands. Frerks served for nearly twenty years in the Dutch Foreign Service both at headquarters and abroad. He also was head of the Conflict Research Unit of the Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael'. Frerks focuses on conflict and conflict management as well as on international and national conflict-related policies and interventions and the international security architecture. He also works on the topic of gender and conflict. Frerks has (co-)authored or (co-)edited 22 academic books, over 80 journal articles and book chapters, and 70 policy reports and monographs in his field of expertise. From 2014 till present he functions as the academic coordinator of the Whole of Society Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding project funded under the EU H2020 programme.

- **Anna-Karin HÄGGEORG**

Anna-Karin Höggeborg works in the European External Action Service (EEAS). As a Civilian Capabilities Expert in the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPC), she is responsible for the lessons process and work strands connected to capability development in the field of civilian crisis management. Previously she worked for the Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) in Sweden, developing and conducting training in the area of the EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), including courses for political advisors and Senior Mission Leaders. Ms Höggeborg served two years in the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia, working mainly with Human Security and Information Management. She holds a master in Crisis Management and Peacebuilding from Umeå University, Sweden.

- **Kirsi HYTTINEN**



Kirsi Hyttinen holds a position as Senior Manager for Research at Laurea University (Laurea UAS) and she acts as Consortium Coordinator for IECEU –project. She has been responsible of progress of the IECEU project as well as coordinator among beneficiaries during the IECEU implementation. She has had responsibilities in project management, coordination and large networks through international projects. She has years of experiences of the design and implementation of different adult education and higher education training programs in the field of crisis management and conflict prevention. Beyond from previous her research interests in IECEU focused on the political aspects of security and defense, leadership and technologies in conflict prevention and peacebuilding.

- **Arnold KAMMEL**



Arnold Kammel studied Law and Political Science in Graz, Vienna and Alcalá de Henares (Madrid) and holds a Doctor of Law degree of the University of Graz. He obtained a Master of Arts in Business from the University of Applied Sciences in Eisenstadt. In 2004 Arnold Kammel became a research fellow at the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES). From 2007-2014, Arnold Kammel served as the Secretary General of the AIES. Since 2015, he has been Director of the AIES.

Arnold Kammel is also Vice-President of the Atlantic Treaty Association in Brussels. He teaches regularly on European and security topics at Austrian and foreign universities.

His research covers the topic European integration (focusing on EU foreign, security and defence policy) as well as EU Governance and transatlantic relations.

- **Toivo KLAAR**



- **Mary MARTIN**



Mary Martin is Senior Research Fellow at LSE IDEAS and the Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and visiting Professor at the Institute of International Studies in Barcelona (IBEI). She is Director of the UN Business and Human Security Initiative to develop innovative models of multi-stakeholder partnership between, the private sector, governments and civil society to address resilience and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in post-conflict and post-crisis spaces. She was previously Director of Communications and Research for Human Security at LSE Global Governance, and from 2006-2010, co-ordinator of the Human Security Study Group, which reports to the High Representative of the European Union. Her research interests include the role of corporations in conflict prevention, private security in the international system, local ownership of peacebuilding and changing concepts of security.

- **Anselmo MARTIN SEGOVIA**

Colonel Martin Segovia is currently Head of Division for Exercises, training and analysis, European Union military staff. He was previously Chief of the International Relations Branch within the Strategy Division of the Joint Defence Headquarters. He was responsible for presenting proposals to NMAs, and therefore to the EUMC, related to military initiatives and to the implementation of the Global Strategy in the field of Security and Defence, for providing recommendations to enhance the NATO-EU Strategic Partnership, proposing and planning guidance and procedures to enhance the individual and collective training of the national contributions to the ESP-led EU BGs, and for contributing to provide national postures and offers related to concept development initiatives and training working groups. He has represented Spain in numerous multinational fora.

- **Maria MEKRI**



Maria Mekri (MPhil, MBA) is the Executive Director of SaferGlobe, Finland's leading independent think tank on peace and security as well as the Conceptual Framework Manager of the H2020 funded IECEU-project (Improving the Effectiveness of Capabilities in EU Conflict Prevention). She is an expert in a wide range of topics in peace and security with years of management, academic and teaching experience. Her specific interest is to drive the development of new tools and new understanding.

- **Annemarie PEEN-RODT**



Annemarie Peen Rodt is Associate Professor at the Institute for Strategy, Royal Danish Defence College. Her research appraises Protection of Civilians (POC), Responsibility to Protect (R2P) and Prevention of Mass Atrocities – primarily in wider Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa. Ongoing H2020 research: 'Preventing and Responding to Conflict: Developing EU Civilian Capabilities' and 'Improving Effectiveness of Capabilities in EU Conflict Prevention'. Recent books: *The European Union and Military Conflict Management: Defining, Evaluating and Achieving Success*; and with Stefan Wolff, *Self-determination after Kosovo*. Recent collaborative activities include establishing the Nordic Protection Platform and participating in the Task Force on EU Prevention of Mass Atrocities.

- **Giorgio PORZIO**



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He holds a Cambridge D.E.S., a M.A. in History from Madrid, Spain and an INSEA Architecture degree from Paris.

Giorgio Porzio is currently Head of Division at the CMPD. He joined the Commission in 1981 (DG IX) and then Council Secretariat in 1985 as Administrator. From 1996, he was appointed Head of Division in Directorate General E, External Relations, at the Council (Consular, Protocol, Admin, Classified Comms, Law of the Sea). From 2002 to 2010, he was Head of Division at the EU Situation Centre and then 2011, in EEAS Acting Director at Intcen, and Head of Division

- **Sonya REINES – DJIVANIDES**



Sonya Reines-Djivanides is Executive Director of EPLO since April 2015. She is a peacebuilding professional with over a decade of experience in international conflict resolution. Prior to joining EPLO, she was the Director of Search For Common Ground's (SFCG) Brussels Headquarters, managing European fundraising, liaison, advocacy and programme support. She also managed the development and implementation of SFCG's Track II programmes. Sonya holds a Master of Arts in International Relations with focus on International Conflict Negotiation and an advanced Certificate in International Conflict Management from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

- **Jan Reinder ROSING**



Jan Reinder Rosing is currently working as a Peace and Conflict Advisor within EEAS PRISM. In that capacity he is working on the conflict prevention policy of the EEAS and working on conflict analyses for specific regions. Before, he was working in the Netherlands' Ministry of Foreign Affairs on political UN files, the International Criminal Court, (regional) security issues in the Dutch Embassy in Ankara and Dutch contributions to international missions and operations.

- **Petteri TAITTO**



Petteri Taitto (MA (education), General Staff Officer) is Principal Scientist at the Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland. His previous positions include Training Manager at the ESDC/EEAS (2014-2016), with the responsibility to coordinate CSDP mission related training, Project Leader and Head of Training positions at the Crisis Management Centre Finland (2007-2013), Principal Instructor at the Emergency Services College (2004-2006), teacher at the National Defence College (1995-1997) and in various positions in the Finnish Defence Forces (1990-2003). In 2013, he held a presidency of International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC). His crisis management mission experiences are from UN missions in the Balkans.

- **Thierry TARDY**



Thierry Tardy joined the EUISS in May 2013. Previously he was Senior Fellow at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). Thierry has researched and published extensively on military and civilian crisis management with a particular focus on the United Nations and the European Union, inter-institutional cooperation in security governance, security regionalism, and the EU Common Security and Defence Policy. His latest research has also focused on crisis management in Africa, the financing of CSDP operations and the EU maritime operation in the south Mediterranean Sea.

Thierry has a PhD in Political Science; he is a graduate of the National Session of the Institute of Higher National Defence Studies (IHEDN) in Paris (2010) and a member of the editorial board of International Peacekeeping. He has taught at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (HEID) in Geneva as well as at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques and the War College in Paris, and currently lectures on CSDP at the Sorbonne. He is also the EUISS representative at the European Security and Defence College (ESDC).

- **Stefano TOMAT**



Stefano Tomat is currently working for the European External Action Service as Head of PRISM, the newly created structure responsible for Prevention of Conflicts, ROL/SSR, Integrated approach to crises, Stabilization and Mediation. Previously, he was for a few year the Head of the Division responsible for the running of the Political and Security Committee and the European Correspondent team as well as deputy to the Chair of the Political and Security Committee of the European Union. As an EU official, some of his previous positions included Political Counsellor (Head of Political Section) in the EU Delegation to the United Nations in New York and Executive Coordinator of the directorate dealing with Civilian Crisis Management in Brussels.

Mr. Tomat also worked as UN official in the UN Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific. Before joining the UN, Mr. Tomat held several positions in the Italian administration including as Head of Private Cabinet of the Italian Minister of European Affairs and Head of the Private Cabinet of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Tomat started his career working in the European Parliament and for the OSCE as long term Electoral Supervisor in Srebrenica (BiH) in 1996. (to be sent)

- **Mascia TOUSSAINT**



Mascia Toussaint is the co-founder and executive director of Enquiryra, a Dutch SME focusing on developing turn-key software solutions and consultancy, supporting governments and companies with data driven quality assurance in safety and crisis management. She holds masters in international relations, European law and Dutch civil law from Leiden University. Before joining Enquiryra, she worked in the Netherlands for the Ministry of Justice, the National Police Agency, the Ministry of Interior and in Brussels for the European Commission.

- **Nina TSIKHISTAVI-KHUTSISHVILI**



Ms. Nina Tsikhistavi-Khutsishvili, Director (2017) and Chair of the Board (2013) of the International Center on Conflict and Negotiation (ICCN) is actively working in the field of peace, conflict resolution and promoting non-violent approaches to disputes through gender equality, human rights approaches, same time advocating for women's rights since 1996. She initiated and coordinated several large-scale programs to ensure the CS's participation in negotiations (Track 2 and Track 1,5) and peace processes (CBM), ensure women's participation in positive peace building, and elaboration of Legal Mechanisms in order to combat domestic violence, promote institutional machinery for gender equality and create effective mechanisms in Georgia, involving governmental agencies and SCOs.

Ms. Tsikhistavi-Khutsishvili initiated and participated in numerous researches in the field of conflict and gender studies. She is also a researcher and co-author of "IDP Women's Rights Violation" (2008), "Trafficking in Women" (2000), "Hidden Female Discrimination" (1999). She is a Doctoral Researcher (Social and Political Sciences) at the Tbilisi State University (TSU) (2014), working on the thesis: "The Role of Leader Women in Conflict Resolution"; she holds M.S. in Biology (1993), and M.S. in Agricultural and Natural Sciences (1989).

- **Chris VAN BORGH**



Chris van der Borgh (PhD), Centre for Conflict Studies, Utrecht University, specializes in issues of peace and security, political order, and international intervention. His recent publications focus on the politics of security provision in Libya, South Sudan and El Salvador.

- **Monique VAN ES**



Monique van Es is Programmes Director, providing strategic direction and methodological guidance to the EIP's multi-track conflict prevention and peacemaking programmes. As such she also oversees the global interventions of EIP's Preventive Diplomacy Group. Currently EIP's interventions span the Middle East and North Africa region, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe and the Western Balkans, Latin America, and increasingly in Central Asia. Previously, Monique served as ACORD's Programmes Development & Operations Manager leading programme content and innovation, and provided institutional leadership as part of the NGOs Senior Management Team. With Oxfam Novib she was director of the Pan Africa Programme, influencing conflict prevention and peace efforts of the AU and Member States, as well as on issues of governance and accountability; she previously led Oxfam's post-conflict recovery and reconciliation programme in Burundi. She furthermore served with UNHCR in Chad, South Sudan and Kenya.

- **René VAN NES**



René is since its creation early 2017 deputy Head of PRISM, the Division in the EEAS working on Prevention of Conflicts, Rule of Law, Integrated Approach, Stabilisation and Mediation.

In 2016 he was seconded to the Dutch Government as their Special Envoy for the World Humanitarian Summit. In that capacity he witnessed first-hand the need to prevent conflicts and to reduce the need for humanitarian assistance.

Conflicts and crises are no new phenomena; Rene was four years the coordinator of EEAS Libya team. Before that he spent 12 years in EU



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- **Ana VILLELLAS**



Ana Vilellas Ariño is a researcher at the Conflict and Peacebuilding Programme in the School for a Culture of Peace (ECP) at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona since 2006. She coordinates the area of conflict, social political crises and peacebuilding in Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, while her areas of interest also include the women, peace and security agenda. She has carried out field research on gender and conflict in various countries, including Turkey, northern Iraq and the

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Ana Vilellas holds an MSc in International and European Politics by the University of Edinburgh, a Postgraduate Diploma on Peace Culture (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, UAB) and a BA in Journalism (UAB). She has also worked as a journalist in several national newspapers and magazines in Spain as well as a freelance translator. She participated as electoral observer in OSCE's electoral observation mission in Armenia.

- **Gabriella VOGELAAR**



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- **Olai VOIONMAA**



Olai Voionmaa joined the European External Action Service mediation support team on African files in December 2016 after working five years in the United Nations Department of Political Affairs. From 2014 until 2016, he worked as special assistant to the Personal Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for Western Sahara, Ambassador Christopher Ross. Prior to that, he worked in the UN DPA mediation support unit on French-speaking African countries, mainly the Central African Republic and Mali. From 2008 until 2011, he served in the French Ministry of Foreign

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- **Rok ZUPANČIČ**



Rok Zupančič is a Marie Curie post-doctoral fellow at the Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz. He earned his PhD at University of Ljubljana (Faculty of Social Sciences) on the topic on conflict prevention in Kosovo and the role of international organizations in the country. Before joining University of Graz, he worked as Assistant Professor at University of Ljubljana, teaching the courses on international and regional security (Security in international relations, Common security and defence policy, Security in Southeast Europe, Conflict studies, Theory of strategy).

Between 2015 and 2016, he was a principal investigator of the University of Ljubljana in a Horizon2020 project 'IECEU-Improving capabilities of the EU in conflict prevention', leading the working package on CSDP missions and operations in the Balkans.