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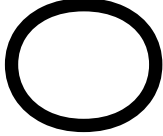
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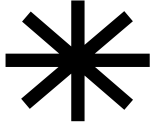
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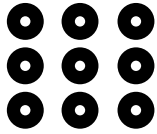
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Welcome to the Pre-Assembly 2023

We warmly welcome all participants and guests to the Global Assembly. In this brochure you will find the most important information about the 45 people who have accepted the invitation to a global exchange on human rights, democracy, and global justice. This should make it easier for you to get to know them and give you an impression of the diversity of activities represented at this assembly.

The civil society group that initiated the Global Assembly would like to thank all those who interrupted their important work defending and expanding human rights for a few days, to allow for this exchange with other activists from all over the world. We wish you good luck, inspiring debates, and enriching encounters that will possibly outlast the three days of this first Global Assembly and encourage the participants for their further work.

We're already looking forward to seeing at least some of you again in March 2024, when we plan to continue the Global Assembly with another meeting.

*The collective that initiated
the Global Assembly
for human rights, democracy
and global justice*

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Abdul Ghafoor



Rafiey



Abdul Ghafoor Rafiey is the founder and director of Afghanistan Migrants Advice and Support Organisation (AMASO) based in Kabul, Afghanistan. The organisation was established in 2014 to provide support and advice, based on the demands of a growing number of Afghans who have been deported back to Afghanistan by various European countries. Abdul has worked with hundreds of deportees and has monitored their situation following their return. Providing advice and counselling to deportees, educational opportunities, temporary accommodation, advocacy, and research are but a few of the activities AMASO has been involved in throughout the years.

Abdul is one of the first Afghans who was evacuated to Germany after Afghanistan fell into the hands of Taliban in August 2021. He has a post graduate diploma in refugee protection and forced migration studies (University of London) and has attended several other courses related to migration and asylum. Since his arrival in Germany, he has worked on research addressing the situation of Afghan refugees in Europe and has participated in several conferences across Europe.

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Abdul is currently working on a research project looking into the situation of Afghan refugees in Europe, primarily since Afghanistan fell into the hands of the Taliban in August 2021. He's looking if the change of the political situation in Afghanistan has brought any changes to the lives of Afghan refugees living in Sweden, Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium.

Afghans have had different experiences arriving in Europe, depending on the country. For example, the acceptance rate of civil society in Italy is estimated at 97%, whilst it is only at 35-40 % in Sweden. One research question addresses, whether European countries classify Afghanistan as a haven for safe return, and how this may impact renewed chances to apply for asylum for those whose application has previously been rejected.



Presenting the draft of current research to the European Members of Parliament in Brussels.



Presenting the draft of current research to the European Members of Parliament in Brussels.



Abu Augustus



Brima



Abu Augustus Brima is a Sierra Leonean civil society activist using development within a human rights framework. The aim is to pursue the transformation of society with an alternative value system that cares for justice, equality, and solidarity. For over four decades now, Abu has pushed for social justice through different social movements at national, regional, and international levels.

As a student, Abu was active in an international movement that has an “option for the poor” and uses the “Review of Life” methodology. In the working world, Abu initiated the creation of the Network Movement for Justice and Development (NMJD) in 1988, one of the leading civil society organisations in Sierra Leone. Additionally, he engineered the creation of many other thematic platforms/networks and alliances around issues of human rights, natural resource governance, economic justice, women, youth, community radio, as well as conflict transformation issues.

Abu holds a post graduate degree and many post-graduate diplomas and certificates in peacebuilding, development leadership, human rights, and African studies from diverse institutions across the globe. He is passionate about natural resource governance and global justice.

He believes in solidarity and a collective approach to transformative work because only the peoples' power can be truly liberating and empowering for them and even the oppressors. Abu is appalled and truly ashamed of the contradictions in life – abject poverty in the midst of plenty. Why should nations with abundant natural resources be the poorest, illiterate, hungry, and exploited with impunity? These injustices and inequalities cannot be condoned and lived with.

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This is the training and mentoring of young women to advocate for their own needs and to increase their participation in development and governance processes in Koidu (20 persons x 3 chiefdoms). A major preoccupation for NMJD is to create the environment and providing the knowledge and skills that enable young women to be confident, assertive, bold, courageous, and proactive in engaging at all levels for their own development, by challenging the factors that perpetuate inequality and injustices.



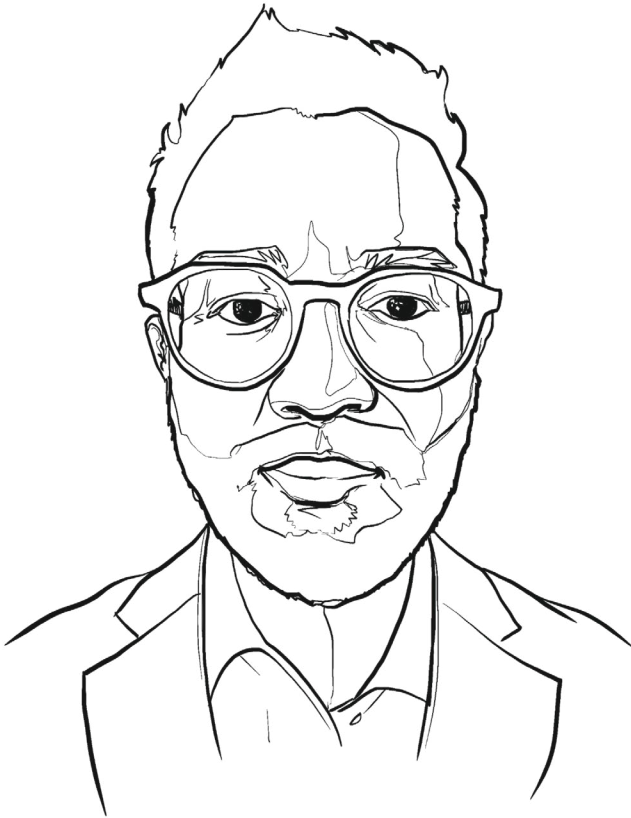
Executive director of NMJD receiving a signed copy of the by-laws to maintain peace and harmony between cattle rearers and food crop farmers. This was an initiative of NMJD in Kono district where tension and violent conflict between the two categories of farmers and their supporters/communities. The by-laws have now been adopted by the government of Sierra Leone and are being used to develop a national framework on the issue.



Ahmed



Adam



Ahmed Adam works as the UN advocacy programme manager of the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) and represents the organisation within the United Nations human rights mechanisms in Geneva. He is leading the development and implementation of FORUM-ASIA's international advocacy strategies and interventions.

The aim is to ensure that voices and perspectives of civil society and human rights defenders in Asia are included and reflected in the discussions and outcomes of the UN human rights mechanisms, in particular the UN Human Rights Council. He has worked with FORUM-ASIA since 2013, in roles relating to research, advocacy, and capacity building. Prior to joining FORUM-ASIA he worked in the Government of Maldives.

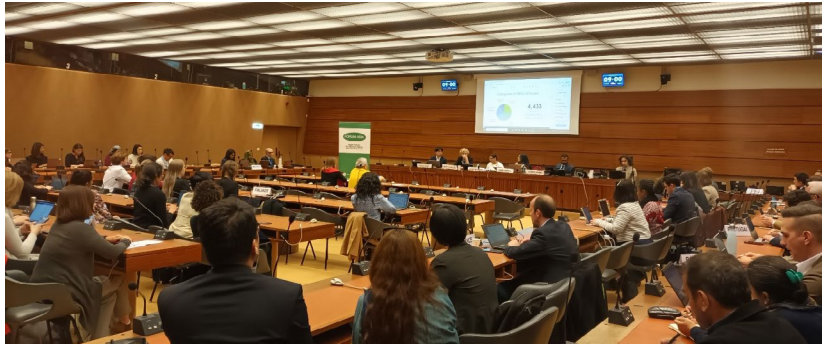
He graduated with an MA in human rights and democratisation from the University of Sydney, and a BA in social science and communications from the University of Queensland, Australia. He is a Maldivian national.

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The Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) is a network of 85 member organisations across 23 countries, mainly in Asia. Founded in 1991, FORUM-ASIA works to strengthen movements for human rights and sustainable development through research, advocacy, capacity development and solidarity actions in Asia and beyond. It has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and a consultative relationship with the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights. The FORUM-ASIA secretariat is based in Bangkok, with offices in Jakarta, Geneva and Kathmandu.

FORUM-ASIA is committed to building a peaceful, just, equitable and ecologically sustainable community of peoples and societies in Asia, where all human rights of all individuals, groups and peoples – in particular, the poor, marginalised and discriminated – are fully respected and realised in accordance with internationally accepted human rights norms and standards. It does so by:

- * Building the capacity of its members and partners
- * Bringing together activists and stakeholders to tackle human rights issues,
- * Protecting human rights defenders in Asia that find themselves in emergency situations,
- * Advocating for human rights at the national, regional and international level.



Side-event of the 52nd regular session of the UN Human Rights Council in Spring 2023, organised by FORUM-ASIA on the situation of human rights defenders working in crisis situations in Asia, especially Myanmar and Afghanistan.



Alaa



Talbi



Alaa is a Tunisian human rights activist, academic and poet. He is currently the executive director of the Tunisian Forum for Economic and Social Rights (FTDES), where he advocates for social movements as well as women's rights and immigrants.

Alaa is a member of the editorial board of the journal *Institut des Belles Lettres Arabes (IBLA)* as well as a legal representative of the Libyan Network of Human Rights Defenders (*Centre des défenseurs*). Additionally, he is a member of the working group Migration and Torture of the World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT) and the Collective of Associations Against Impunity in Togo (CACIT).

He was the organiser of the World Social Forum in Tunis in 2013 and 2015, in Salvador de Bahia in 2018 and is a member of the secretariat of the International Council of the World Social Forum. He has supervised numerous projects on the role of social movements, social and environmental justice, migration as well as social and economic rights in the transitional justice process.

Alaa obtained a PhD in history, religions and thought systems (University of Tunis and EPHE Paris) in 2017. He's interested in socio-economic issues and the emergence of new actors and all the controversial news of a post-revolutionary Tunisia. He was a member of the Institut français d'archéologie orientale in Cairo and the Institut français du Proche-Orient in Damascus between 2007 and 2011.

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International Federation for Human Rights Congress

Debate on social movements and social and economic crises in Tunisia at FTDES, including a debate on the creation of new collective identities, common spaces, solidary alliances, and the of widening political fields to allow for diverse demands and convergence between emerging social movements and established social actors.

**Lorsqu'un jour le peuple veut vivre,
Force est pour le Destin, de répondre,
Force est pour les ténèbres de se dissiper,
Force est pour les chaînes de se briser.**

- Abou el Kacem Chebbi



Alejandra



Ancheita



Alejandra Ancheita is the founder and executive director of the Project for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ProDESC). Since 2005 she has led processes aimed at the protection of economic, social, and cultural rights, achieving unprecedented results such as the application of accountability mechanisms to large transnational corporations.

Her work has focused on the defense of land, territory, and natural resources, human labour rights, as well as the right to defend human rights. This work is carried out from an intersectional and feminist perspective. She defends the rights of displaced indigenous peoples or those threatened with displacement against international investors, mainly from the extractive industry.

Due to the impact of her work, she was awarded the 2014 Martin Ennals Award by the International Human Rights Community. Likewise, in 2015 she received a recognition awarded by the Senate of the Mexican Republic for her continuous work as a defender of the rights of workers, migrants, and indigenous communities.

Alejandra holds a law degree from the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM) and a master's degree in international law and global justice from Fordham University School of Law (United States). She holds an honorary doctorate from the University of Paris Nanterre (France). She is a member of various governing and advisory bodies in civil society organisations and foundations around the world.

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Proyecto de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales, A.C. (ProDESC) is a Mexican feminist and intersectional NGO founded in 2005 by Alejandra Ancheita. ProDESC aims to defend and promote economic, social, and cultural rights (ESCR) of groups who find themselves at a disadvantage to fully enjoy their human rights in Mexico. The organisation has focused on three main areas of ESCR: 1) rights to land, territory, and natural resources of agrarian and/or indigenous communities; 2) collective labor human rights; and 3) right to defend human rights.

To do so, ProDESC has a comprehensive defense method that combines national and international strategic litigation, strengthening collective bodies and grassroots human rights defenders' capacities, produce evidence-based analytical documents to advocate with key stakeholders, and communication strategies to shift mainstream narratives.



Since 2017 ProDESC organises each year a School of Transnational Justice (STJ) for human rights defenders in Mexico. This is a formative and exchange space that aims to provide human rights defenders with skills, knowledge, and tools to potentiate their own communities or collective fights. More than 60% of participants are women. In 2022, the STJ opened to defenders from the Latin American region, understanding that they face similar challenges and opportunities towards human rights.



For several years, communities located around the Chichankanab lagoon (Quintana Roo) have been the target of constant pressures to give away their lands to megaprojects led by government and businesses.

Since 2022, the communities have asked ProDESC to strengthen their join capacities and collective spaces to defend their rights to land, territory, and natural resources.

You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time.

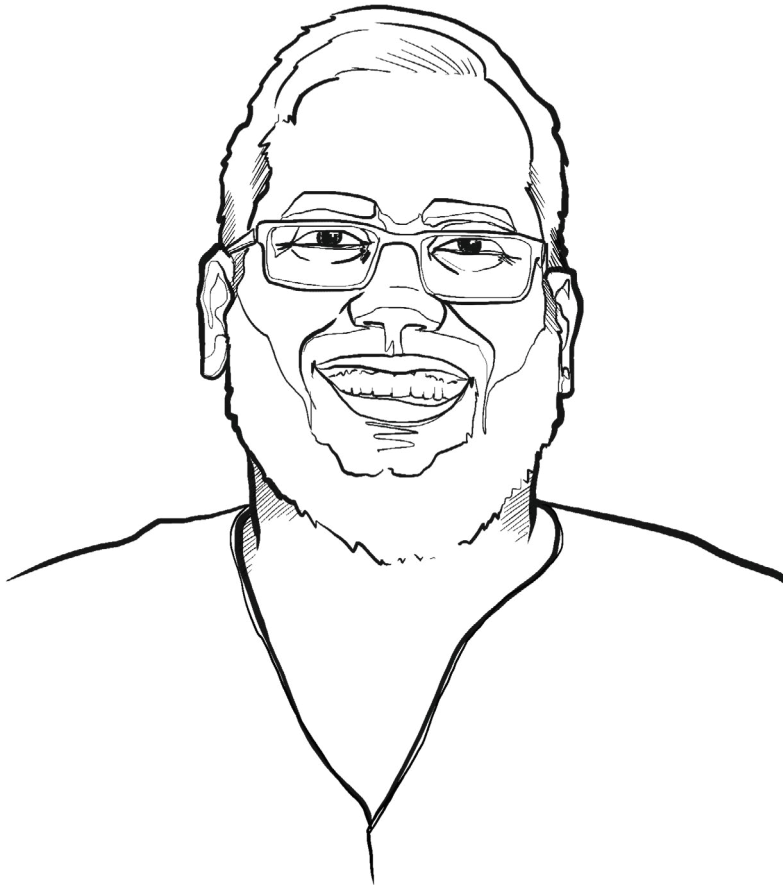
- Angela Davis



Amal



de Chickera



Amal de Chickera is a co-founder and one of the co-directors of the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI) – the first and the only human rights NGO dedicated to promoting the right to a nationality and the rights of stateless people globally.

Amal is a Sri Lankan human rights lawyer, advocate, and activist. Since 2008 he has researched, advocated, written, spoken, delivered trainings, and served as an expert on the right to nationality, statelessness, and related issues for the *UN*, NGOs, and academia. Based out of ISI's London office, Amal has particularly focused on developing ISI's movement building, discrimination, and advocacy work.

Amal believes in the power of the arts to shape and inform our understanding and response to issues of social (in)justice. He has (co-)authored children's books and graphic novels to bring the challenge of statelessness to new audiences. Before co-founding the institute, Amal led the statelessness work of the Equal Rights Trust. He was also a co-founder of the European Network on Statelessness, and a founding member of Stages – a Sri Lankan theatre group. A member of the Sri Lankan Bar, Amal holds an LLM (Distinction) from University College London and an LLB (Hons.) from the University of Colombo.

Amal is particularly interested in issues of discrimination, power imbalance, migration, and statelessness. He stands in solidarity with oppressed, excluded, and marginalised peoples. He is particularly critical of the power dynamics (stemming from geography, class, economy, race, sex etc.) which shape relationships, box people into stereotypes, perpetuate injustice and limit potential.

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The Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI) is the first and the only human rights NGO dedicated to promoting the right to a nationality and the rights of stateless people globally. We envision and work towards a world in which everyone's right to a nationality is respected, securing inclusion, equality, and rights for all.

We advance our mission by working to break down barriers that stand in the way of positive change, including the lack of knowledge or expertise of changemakers; poor representation and centring of people affected by statelessness; lack of awareness, political will or prioritisation by those in positions of power; inadequate resourcing and trust-based partnerships; structural discrimination, exclusion and marginalisation of stateless communities; and state and bureaucratic violence towards the stateless.

At our establishment, we defined our role as being an expert, partner, and catalyst. We implement these roles, which make up our DNA, through our three Core Programmes on Knowledge Building, Movement Building and Advocacy.





“Solidarity” is a word I keep on coming back to. Solidarity in its true sense is needed more than ever before. This requires humility, the willingness to truly listen and act, and the ability to change our behaviours and cede the spaces and powers we occupy.



Ashton



Harry



Ashton Harry is a First Nations woman from Canada, more specifically she is a Tsilhqot'in from Tl'etinqox, British Columbia. She was raised in her community by her grandparents in a traditional Tsilhqot'in way. Her political interests surround empowering women because she grew up in a household with strong traditional values of respect. Her journey has been to empower not only herself, but the women in her community. Her ultimate goal in life is to revive the teachings of the Matriarchs within her community by learning from their Elders, and teaching what she knows from her grandparents to others who are willing to listen.

Project

Ashton recently completed her Masters project. It was called “Matriarch in the Making: Empowering TI’etinqox Women” and it was a series of interviews with women in her community about how they felt they could be empowered. What she ended up finding was that women felt invisible, so what came of it was a traditional change management plan that included a call out to leaders of her community to create safe spaces for women, to respect their traditional roles, give women meaningful roles in community and to also bring along the men in terms of emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual development.





Drumming is another form of Indigenous prayer. Ashton enjoys participating in cultural activities such as drumming and signing for important community/nation events.



Baba Aye is a trade unionist, eco-socialist, pan-Africanist and poet. He is currently the health and social sector policy officer of a global union federation, co-president of the Geneva Global Health Hub (G2H2), and co-convenor of the Coalition for Revolution (CORE, Nigeria). He was spokesperson of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) and a member of the leadership of Campaign for Democracy (the first united front body of the left) in the late 1980s/90s, during the struggle against military dictatorship in Nigeria. This frequently “earned” him detention and torture.

After the reinstatement of civil rule, he served at different times as deputy secretary general of the Medical and Health Workers’ Union of Nigeria, deputy national secretary of the Labour Party (Nigeria) and national convenor of the United Action for Democracy (UAD). Over the years, Baba has edited several left periodicals in Nigeria, which include Cuba Si (organ of the Nigeria-Cuba Friendship & Cultural Association, NCFCA), Working People’s Vanguard (organ of the All-Nigeria Socialist Alliance, ANSA), and he currently edits the www.socialistworkersleague.org website.

Baba Aye is a contributing editor of the Review of African Political Economy (ROAPE) and author of “Era of Crises & Revolts: Perspectives for Workers and Youth”, and “Drafts of Becoming”, a collection of poems. His research interests include imperialism and the political economy of underdevelopment, histories of revolutionary movements, varieties of capitalism, (anti-)valuation of nature, post-capitalist alternatives, cultural hegemony and politics, right to health, women’s rights, fiscal justice, and if you will..... the legitimacy of leisure!

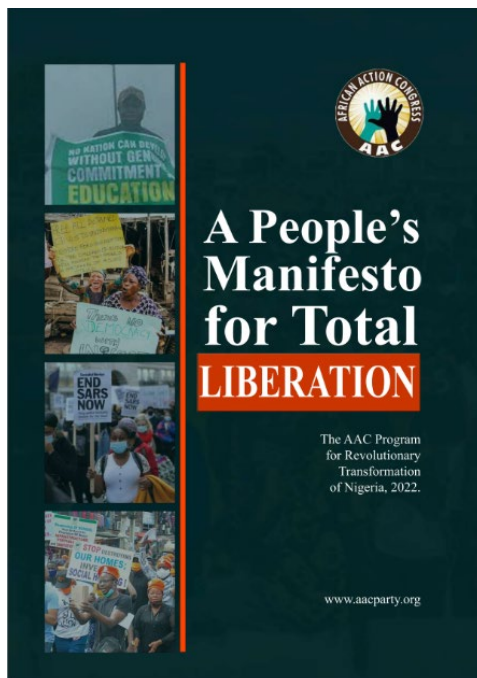
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The African Action Congress (AAC) is a revolutionary, pan-Africanist and eco-socialist party formed in 2018. It has combined electoral contest (where we have not yet been so successful) and extra-parliamentary politics in furthering the popular struggle for a better society in Nigeria.

The party was pivotal to forming the Coalition for Revolution (CORE) shortly after its formation. CORE flagged off a #RevolutionNow campaign on 5th August 2019 with demonstrations in three quarters of the states in the country.

It launched a “Charter for Total Liberation” (CTL) on 1 October 2020 and played a leading role in igniting the #EndSARS Rebellion a few days after.



Tell no lies, claim no easy victories

– Amílcar Cabral

**Those who lack the courage will always
find a philosophy to justify it**

– Albert Camus



Bashiratu is a feminist organiser, journalist, unionist, gender, labour, and safeguarding specialist. She works with the General Agricultural Workers Union of Trades Union Congress Ghana as the gender equality officer and a lead for the Combating Modern Slavery Project. Her duties include working to ensure that collective agreements, occupational safety, health and environment (OSHE,) and other policies and legislations are responsive to the needs of all categories of workers. She leads several union campaigns on the provision of childcare facilities, maternity protection, and eliminating violence and sexual harassment in the workplace.

She has authored several works focused on women and the labour market, sexual and gender-based violence, and helped in developing policies and establishing guidelines for unions, governments, and other CSOs. Bashiratu completed a review titled “Women in Islam Journal: Challenging Toxic Narratives and Stereotypes against Muslim Women”. She, as part of a commemoration of 2022 #16daysofactivism authored an article for Oxfam International titled: “Violence against Women and girls: racing against austerity”.

She has authored chapters in books on her leadership journey and building movements in Ghana. She is a cohort of the Ghanaian Women's Social Leadership Programme and a fellow in charge of the Gender and Equality Pillar as well as a council member of the Centre for Social Justice. Bashiratu has been a convener of several hashtag campaigns including #fixthecountry, #hijabisanidentity and #dismantlingmanels in Ghanaian media spaces. She currently also leads campaigns towards ratification of ILO C190 to protect women in the labour market and in politics.

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Bashiratu's current work spans across working to support victims and survivors of gender-based violence and harassment in the workplace and beyond, as well as seeking and getting justice across the African sub-region. She works as the lead for combating modern slavery in Ghana focusing on human trafficking, child labour, forced labour, debt bondage, unfair farm practices etc.

This work focuses on lobbying, advocacy and campaigns targeted at building coalitions, grassroots power, and on policy

makers building systems and structures that address inequality, poverty, and exploitation through legislations, institutional strengthening, and provision of responsive public services.

As a feminist activist, her involvement in #fixthecountry is targeted at promoting accountable and transparent democracies where the people are prioritised over wealth accumulation and privatisation of public services. Gender is integrated for an equal outcome. The #hijabisanidentity campaign focuses on promoting safer and inclusive workplaces and schools for Muslim women in all spaces.



**There is a hero in everyone,
discover your true self...**



Camila Barretto



Maia



Camila Barretto Maia is Brazilian, with a degree in international relations from the University of Brasilia and a master's degree in public policy from the Getulio Vargas Foundation. Since 2010 she has been a member of the Centre for Legal and Social Studies (CELS), an Argentinian organisation that works for the enforcement of human rights and social justice.

Camila participated in numerous regional and international advocacy processes on issues such as migration policies, the right to protest and police violence, land conflicts, and tax justice. She defends transnational articulation and empowerment of actors from the Global South, in alliance with social movements, as the only way to confront the advances of ultra-conservative and ultra-liberal sectors, which increasingly threaten the values and practices of equality, justice and human dignity.

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CELS' flag during the 2023 demonstrations for the anniversary of the coup d'état, held every 24th March in Argentina.

CELS is a national human rights organisation. Its almost 60 members work at its headquarters in the San Telmo neighbourhood of Buenos Aires. The organisation was founded in 1979, in the midst of the dictatorship, by mothers and fathers of politically disappeared people, to denounce the atrocities committed by the authoritarian regime.

Four and a half decades later, we have achieved some of our founding objectives, such as the prosecution of crimes against humanity. We continue to fight for memory, truth, and justice, for the present and for the future.

Democracy came with new objectives that equally shaped what we are today: an organisation that fights for rights and equality. To achieve this, we deployed the strategies of the human rights movement. None of these strategies work in a vacuum: whenever we have achieved our goals, it's always been by weaving alliances with activists, political collectives, organisations and movements in Argentina and around the world.

Our agenda is broad – one of our main characteristics – because we seek to intervene where fundamental definitions for the dignity of life are at stake. Our field of activities is equally broad: litigation, legal actions in emergencies, investigations of cases and occurrences, communication, legal services to the community, comprehensive care for victims, training of activists, public policy advocacy and human rights protection.

Together with other organisations and activists, we're building a Latin American perspective on global problems, to intervene in the human rights agenda at the international level.



Street activity on the right to protest, Buenos Aires, 2021.

Ante el fortalecimiento de grupos políticos de ultraderecha, más que nunca necesitamos procesos de organización social y una movilización social activa, eficaz, diversa y capaz de entusiasmar a cada vez a más personas.

 **Coumba**
 **Touré**



Born and raised between Mali and Senegal, where she is based, Coumba Touré is a writer and storyteller. She leads Falia, a creative collective of artists and educators. Coumba is the chair of the board of TrustAfrica.org and the chair of the board of the Baobab Center.

She has extensive experience facilitating meetings internationally, engaging young people, designing, implementing, and evaluating programmes to promote human rights, particularly for women and children. Coumba has worked with organisations such as the Institute for Popular Education in Mali, the 21st Century Youth Leadership Movement in Alabama, the Youth for Environmental Sanity in California, and Ashoka: Innovators for the Public.

Coumba has served on the Urgent Action Fund for the Women Africa board and as co-coordinator of Africansrising.org. Coumba has started up kuumbati.com, a consultancy and production house for education. She is a loving mother, a sister, a daughter, and a friend to many.



Delphine Kenneloum



Djiraïbé



Delphine Djiraïbé is a senior human rights lawyer and chief attorney at the Public Interest Law Center, an organisation based in N'djamena that she founded in 2006 to provide Chad's poor with access to justice and hold the Chadian government and extractive industries accountable for harm caused to local populations and the environment. She currently seats in the African Coalition for Corporate Accountability (ACCA) and the Coalition for Human Rights in Development steering committees.

In 1991, she co-founded the Chadian Association for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights and has succeeded in helping victims of former dictator Hissen Habre bring him to justice.

Delphine also serves as president of the Peace and Reconciliation Initiative's "Comité de Suivi de l'Appel à la Paix et à la Réconciliation", whose objective is to encourage dialogue among political actors, strengthen democratic practices, and promote the rule of law.

For her extraordinary efforts in protecting human rights and preserving the environment, she received the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award in 2004, was awarded Officer of the French National Order of Merit in 2014, and the French / German Award for Human Right and Rule of Law in 2019.

She co-authored several articles published in New York Times, Washington Post, the Guardian and brochures on the Chad Cameroon project co-financed by the World Bank Group.



Ekaterina
Martynova



Ekaterina Martynova is a journalist and social researcher working on the intersection of activism and solution journalism. In 2018 she joined the student-led Russian independent media DOXA to develop a horizontal left media platform for politically active young people in Russia. Considering the deteriorating social and political situation and the continuous destruction of social institutions, they've been reporting daily on how young people «survive» in modern Russia, in the face of the ongoing destruction of social institutions.

For their work, DOXA and Ekaterina faced immense pressure from the Russian authorities. In 2021, the Russian Investigative Committee started a criminal prosecution against DOXA's four editors for a video covering a student protest against Alexey Navalny's imprisonment. A year after Russia invaded Ukraine, the DOXA team had to leave Russia and is now working from exile.

In this context, Ekaterina urges the community to centre the problem of youth strategies of political participation in authoritarian countries. Authoritarian capitalism is used as an agent for the depoliticisation and the moral suppression of citizens, whilst at the same time we see Russian youngsters, building more grass-root anti-war organisations to confront power structures.

With a clear understanding of such left horizontal strategies, the public can advocate for stronger international solidarity and real consequences for the regimes who abuse power.

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I believe that wars, corruption and oppression are not inevitable, that a future without them is possible - with freedom of self-determination and a fair distribution of resources.



Emilia



Reyes



Emilia Reyes is an activist and an advocate with a decolonial and feminist lens, engaged in global macro agendas. She is programme director of policies and budgets for equality and sustainable development at Equidad de Género, Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia (Gender Equity, Citizenship, Work and Family). Emilia is co-convenor of the Women’s Working Group on financing for development, as well as a co-lead of the Economic Justice and Rights Action Coalition in the UN Women’s Beijing+25 process.

She’s coordinator of the Campaign of Campaigns, an initiative that aims to promote cross-movement mobilisation around macro-economic and environmental issues. Additionally, she’s a contributing author in the segment “Gender, Climate Justice and Transformative Pathways” of the IPCC report: “Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability”. For five years she was an organising partner of the Women’s Major Group for the 2030 agenda; for two years she was co-chair of the High-Level Political Forum’s major groups and stakeholders’ coordination mechanism. She is a member of the steering committee of the Civil Society 7.

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My global work is about advocacy and mobilisation. Here, I am with different social movements: feminist, climate justice and also in an international negotiation in the gender and climate change process.



**Trust the process.
And dance while at it.**



Fambai



Ngirande



Fambai Ngirande is a pan-African and life-long social and economic justice activist, whose life is deeply committed to helping find lasting solutions to the continued marginalisation and oppression of the people of Africa. At present, Fambai is the coordinator of the Southern African People's Solidarity Network (SAPSN). SAPSN is a regional solidarity network of social movements and popular forces in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region.

In this role, Fambai works to coordinate solidarity actions and collective pressure to help marginalised people address the negative impacts of unfettered neoliberal greed and accumulation. This entails, organising and supporting popular campaigns, civic delegations, conscientisation efforts and networking activities, bringing diverse social movements in the SADC region closer together and at one in the cause to re-imagine people-centred development models for the benefit of the many and not the few.

In the current moment in global history, Fambai is particularly active in ongoing efforts to resolve the intersecting crises of debt distress, climate change, and extreme poverty and inequality through the strengthening of the voice and agency of those at the sharp end of systemic oppression. Fambai is a proud father of two.

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Each generation must, out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfil it, or betray it in relative opacity.

- Frantz Fanon



Hagai El-Ad is the executive director of B'Tselem **בצלם בתסילם** (2014 to 2023). Previously he was director of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI, 2008 to 2014) and the Jerusalem Open House for Pride and Tolerance (JOH, 2000 to 2006). Born in Haifa, Hagai completed his BSc (Special Honours Programme) and MSc (Astrophysics) at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem; he was a pre-doctoral fellow at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (CfA) in Cambridge, MA, from 1997 to 2000. Over the years, he published numerous articles on human rights issues in Israel/Palestine. In 2014, Hagai was among Foreign Policy's "100 Leading Global Thinkers". In 2016 and again in 2018, he spoke before the United Nations Security Council calling for international action in order to end the occupation. He lives in Jerusalem and tweets @HagaiElAd.

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**With the establishment of a relationship of oppression,
violence has already begun.**

- Paulo Freire



Henri



Tiphagne



Henri Tiphagne is the co-founder of the non-profit organisation People's Watch, one of India's most notable human rights organisations. People's Watch has been researching and documenting human rights violations, as well as providing legal representation to those affected, for over 20 years. From 2006 to 2008 he was engaged in a national project, along with partners in 9 states covering 47 districts, monitoring and intervening in cases of police torture. In 1997, People's Watch set up the Institute of Human Rights Education (IHRE) as an experiment that started in a few schools across Tamil Nadu. During the UN decade for human rights education (1995 to 2004) this programme grew into one of the largest in the country reaching out to around 500,000 children in 18 Indian states.

Henri is also the national working secretary of Human Rights Defenders Alert – India (HRDA), a national platform for human rights defenders. He represents the All India Network of NGOs and Individuals working with National and State Human Rights Institutions (AiNNI) as its national working secretary. Henri was also the co-convenor of the Working Group on Human Rights in India and the UN (WGHR) and has coordinated and worked massively on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) I, II, III and IV process in India.

In April 2016, Henri became the first Indian to receive the prestigious Human Rights Award by Amnesty International, Germany. Henri is also the recipient of the 12th Nani A. Palkhivala Award for Civil Liberties awarded by Nani A. Palkhivala Memorial Trust in the year 2018.

State actors. HRDA conducts workshops/training programmes for human rights defenders working on different thematic concerns across the country, on strengthening the overall working environment of HRDs, and improving awareness on their protection avenues and digital security. This particular two-day workshop was conducted in March 2023 for lawyers from the state of Tamil Nadu and was attended by almost 50 participants. The workshop's main purpose was to assist the lawyers in understanding their pivotal role in ensuring sustainable access to justice for the most vulnerable HRDs.



**We are what we repeatedly do, excellence,
therefore, is not an act but a habit**

- Aristotle



Khin



Zaw Win



Khin Zaw Win is founder of the Tampadipa Institute, focusing on policy advocacy and capacity building in the fields of health care, conflict resolution and agriculture. He was also a political prisoner in Myanmar from 1994 to 2005, for his human rights work and “seditious writings”. His concern is about what shall happen in Burma/Myanmar after – or even before – the present civil war ends.

All sides in the conflict are pressing for an outright military outcome and negotiations don’t enter the picture. But a clear-cut military victory cannot be attained by either side. There will come a time when lines and areas of control shall consolidate, and one shall have to think about how to go on from there.

The pandemic and the 2021 coup have reversed the gains of the past decade. The present crisis and economic mismanagement have cut sharply into people’s incomes and livelihoods. It is a multi-dimensional disaster and all the more reason to urgently find a way out.

The long-deferred goal of federalism as it was understood before the February 2021 coup is more or less defunct and abandoned. Inputs from academia and contemporary history will have to be brought in to clarify and stabilise the path before the country. What remains, and what will pull this country through, is the power of ideas, good sense, and (one might add) goodwill.

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The Knowledge for Democracy Myanmar initiative nurtures a new generation of young actors to promote inclusion, gender equality, respect for diversity, and prosperity for all in Myanmar.

Following the February 2021 overthrow of Myanmar's democratically elected government by the military, support continues for evidence-based public policy to achieve gender equality within a federal and inclusive democratic future.

Making use of online courses, fellowships and research on digital spaces, the initiative supports diverse students and researchers primarily in the Myanmar diaspora and research institutions outside the country. Recognizing the role that evidence can play in achieving gender equality and reducing inequalities, the initiative will:

- * nurture capacity for public, gender-sensitive policy discussions among representatives of Myanmar's civil society, creating a large, geographically and ethnically diverse pool of aspiring young leaders;
- * provide a safety net for Myanmar scholars and activists – women and ethnic minorities in particular – to continue work on promoting inclusive democracy, gender equality and decentralization; and
- * support gender-focused research and analysis by Myanmar and international experts on the link between digital communications and democratic aspirations and the gender disparities and inequities found in digital spaces.



Knowledge for Democracy Myanmar, panel on a retrospective on the use of blogs to open virtual civic venues.

People's Goal
THOUGHT PROCESS PROGRAMME
Escape the clutches of fascism

 Naw Hser Hser General Secretary Women's League of Burma	 Dr. Khin Zaw Win Director of Tampadipa Institute	 CDM Sergeant Min Thu Ya	 Moderator Thinzar Shunlei Yi Democracy Activist
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LIVE Sunday 10:00 AM

Programme Convenor, People's Goal



Kwame



Rose



Kwame Rose is a social activist, artist, and writer. Kwame was originally known for having boldly held mainstream media, particularly Geraldo Rivera of Fox News, accountable for its inaccurate representation of protestors during the Baltimore uprising. His story is told in the award-winning HBO documentary “Baltimore Rising”.

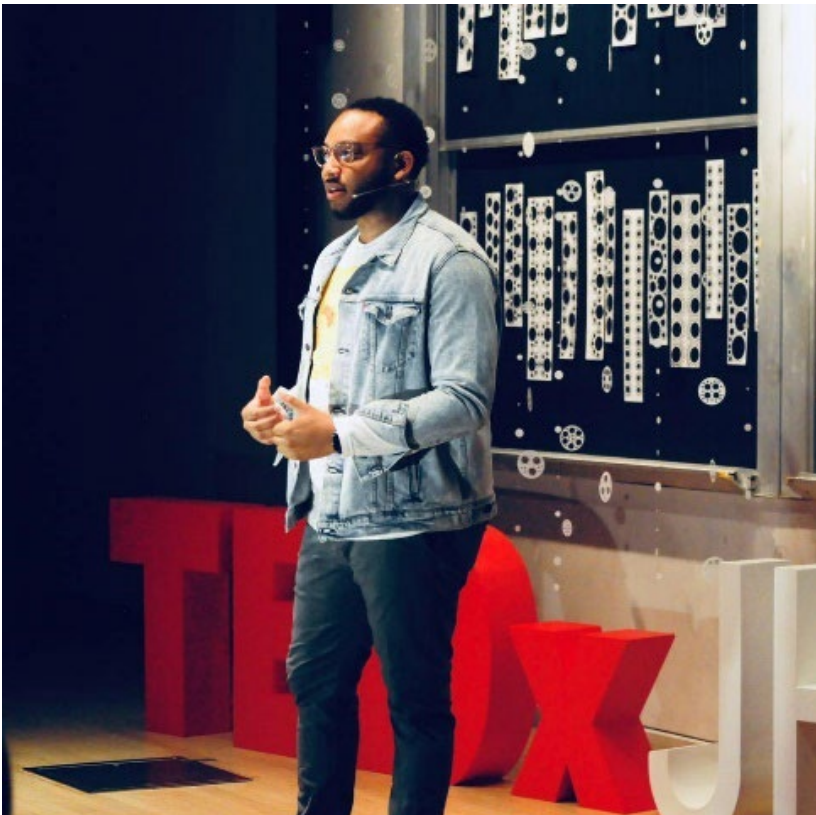
Kwame was born and raised in Baltimore, MD. His passion for public speaking once earned him a full scholarship to the University of Texas at San Antonio as a member of the debate team. Deteriorating social conditions in his hometown of Baltimore prompted the permanent return of the young activist with a firm commitment to improve and serve his community.

In 2013, Kwame helped form the organisation Brothers In Action, Inc., a mentoring group for young Black males in Baltimore City. After realising that one way to ensure the narratives of oppressed communities are told accurately, was to take control of the narrative, Kwame began writing for several publications. He has previously written for Mashable, USA Today, and Abernathy Magazine. Kwame also served as a host for the Real News Network.

After writing an article critiquing the presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sander’s lack of engagement with young change agents, Senator Sanders reached out to Kwame about how to reach young people. Kwame then served as a surrogate for Senator Sanders campaign during the 2016 election.

During the COVID-19 pandemic Kwame helped develop World Central Kitchen's #ChefsForAmerica programme. Kwame continues to use his platform to bring about tangible and equitable changes to communities globally.

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I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture of their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits.

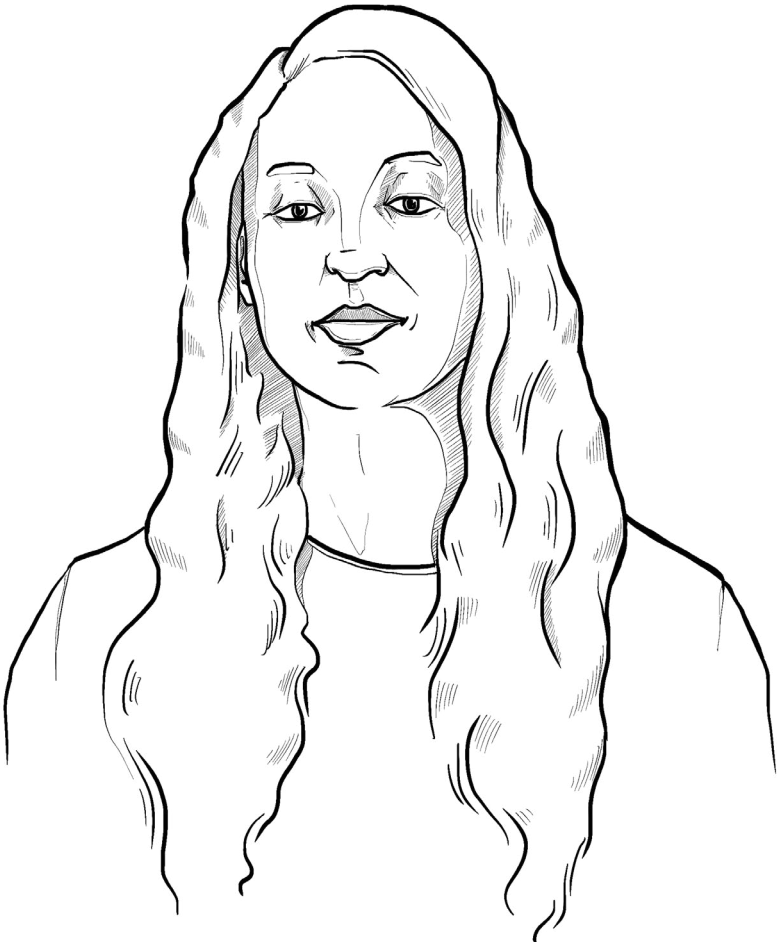
- Martin Luther King Jr.



Lara



Bitar



Lara Bitar is an independent media worker and organiser who works in Beirut, Lebanon. She is the founding editor of The Public Source, an experiment in dreaming up new ways of seeing, in the spirit of transformative politics and in resistance to the prevailing sense of powerlessness. The Public Source is a journalist-run publication dedicated to uncompromising journalism and critical commentary from the left. It specialises in long-form and in-depth reporting on vital issues from local perspectives – in the service of public interest and in solidarity with Global South publics.

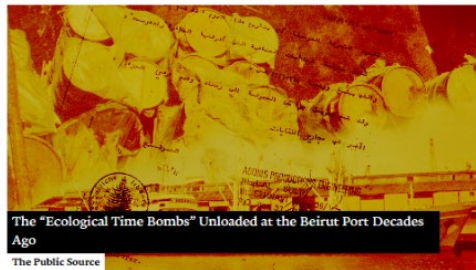
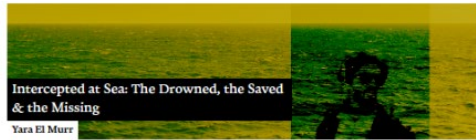
Lara also contributes reports on social movements and civil unrest to grassroots media projects around the world and writes for regional and feminist publications.

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Education & Student Mobilizations Climate & Environment Capitalism & Neoliberalism More Topics

Chronicles of the Crisis



The Public Source is a Beirut-based independent media organisation dedicated to uncompromising journalism and critical commentary from the left. We write deeply and critically on vital issues from local perspectives, in the service of public interest and in solidarity with Global South publics.

■ Editorials

I spend a considerable amount of time thinking about funding. How to remain principled, yet ensure the viability of this publication. How to secure fair living wages

Let's Talk About Funding Journalism

Lara Bitar





Lian



Gogali



Work on violent conflict in Poso, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia where she was born, made Lian Gogali a researcher who has always wanted to explore the complex interweaving of political and economic interests in natural resources, that manipulate religion as a door for conflict. Her conversations with hundreds of women in refugee camps made her aware of the voices of women who are systematically eliminated in conflict and peace efforts. While working with several NGOs made her aware of aid colonialism.

In 2009, Lian founded Mosintuwu, which means togetherness in the local language in Poso, Central Sulawesi, out of concern over political economy interests in the violent conflict in Poso that lasted from 1998 to 2014. Through the Mosintuwu Institute, Lian has been active in organising women's groups in 80 villages, through the Women's School as a space for cross-faith grassroots women's groups to learn and be in solidarity with one another. Furthermore, she organised children through Project Sophia, and organised villages through the Village Reform School, as well as organising youth through the Culture Interfaith Adventure which explores the wisdom and cultural values of villages in Poso. Lian established a safe house for women and children, a community radio, and initiated the Mosintuwu Festival, a festival rooted in the culture and food sovereignty of villages in the Poso district.

Since 2018, together with the guardian of Lake Poso, Lian has been advocating the rights of farmers, fishermen and residents of the Poso Lake area which is being exploited by hydropower interests that support electricity for nickel mines.

Additionally, Lian led the Poso expedition trip in the Poso regency in 2019, as part of an environmental campaign and cultural advocacy movement, searching for biodiversity with geologists, archaeologists, biologists, and anthropologists.

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1. Women School: Mosintuwu uses critical education methods through women schools, to enable women to seize space to speak, move, and lead reforms in development.



2. Village Reform School: Working with women through the Village Reform School, which Lian founded in 2018, has centred traditional knowledge and wisdom in managing natural

resources. Building a concept of economic development in solidarity with nature brought Lian together with the stories of women who created the theme of their struggle: sovereignty over land, water, and forests.



Poso Women Conference on Land, Water and Forests

3. Poso Expedition and Geopark of Lake Poso: Participating in advocacy on natural resource conflicts in Poso District has moved Mosintuwu to build a cultural movement with Indigenous peoples. In 2018, it established a Poso expedition team consisting of researchers, academics, fishermen, farmers, and traditional leaders to use local knowledge and science as tools to fight back. The Poso expedition finally recommended Lake Poso to become a geopark as an opportunity to protect and preserve the ecosystem and culture in Lake Poso.

Education, if it means anything, should not take people away from the land, but instill in them even more respect for it, because educated people are in a position to understand what is being lost. The future of the planet concerns all of us, and all of us should do what we can to protect it. As I told the foresters, and the women, you don't need a diploma to plant a tree.

- Wangari Maathai



Lina



Attalah



Lina Attalah is the founding editor of Mada Masr, a Cairo-based bilingual media website. She started the project in 2013 with a group of journalists, building on her experience in managing newsrooms and innovating media practice, while also introducing different ways of thinking about institutional building, organising and being sustainable in the Egyptian context. In parallel, she's developed a writing practice that builds on her relationship with information, empirics and facticity, the cornerstones of her journalism project, and intersects it with critical theory and philosophical tools of decryption.

Lina's work as a journalist has extended over the Middle East region for the past 20 years, with highlights including coverage of the Darfur conflict in Sudan, the Syrian revolution turned war, Iranian contentious and electoral politics, the siege of the Gaza Strip and the Sinai militant insurrection, amongst others. She's in constant constitutive conversations with organisations, initiatives and individual academics, researchers and artists on questions of knowledge-making and dissemination, institutional building, critical thinking, and political practice by and large.

Project

Mada Masr is an Egypt-based media organisation interested in producing intelligent and engaging journalism, and more generally in re-examining the role of media in relation to its public. Mada was born out of crisis in 2013, when a group of journalists lost their jobs in one media organisation, which cited a financial crisis, in what was a highly charged political environment in Egypt. It was also borne out of inevitability, to secure a home for a dislocated practice of independent journalism that did not survive in mainstream organisations. We started publishing on June 30th 2013, in the midst of popular protests and the ensuing political polarisation. At a time when Egypt was divided around sharp fault lines, we stepped in with a different proposition: To remain true to our practice by providing a curious journalism that transcends the simplicity of binaries and that approaches stories from different angles.

We report on Egypt in Arabic and English, with additional layers of insight or analysis, rather than simply immediately reporting on news. We write longer-form features, particularly in the areas of politics, the economy, culture, and society. We invite actors from a wide array of fields to write for us, proposing critical and different ways of understanding. Sometimes we spend months working on long-form investigations with exclusive information and insight. Mostly we write, experimenting often with narrative and language, but we also experiment with other forms, including photography, video production, sound work and visualisations.

Through our journalism, we care about witnessing events and recounting them in an attempt to create a truthful record about Egypt post-2011. We are interested in providing an engaged and inquisitive kind of journalism that constantly challenges, raises questions, and proposes different possibilities. The goal

of journalism to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comforted and to give voice to the voiceless, is one that guides us in what we cover, how we cover it and who we speak to. We are committed to an open and ongoing editorial conversation on the ethics of what we do, the weak and children and to preserve the privacy of our sources. In producing journalism in both Arabic and English, we are active participants in the Egyptian media landscape, attracting the attention of a growing base of followers, while also taking part in the international conversation about Egypt from our position as insiders.



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Liz



Meléndez



Liz Meléndez was born in 1981 in the city of Lima, Peru, to a migrant mother and father from the north of the country. Her childhood and adolescence took place in times of political, social, and economic crisis. The second of three women, she became involved in volunteering and activism at school, seeking to contribute to what she now identifies as social justice. Gender inequalities and aggressions were not alien to her, and she found in feminism the best way to confront violence and discrimination.

Liz studied sociology at the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, graduating with a thesis that dealt with sexual violence in military barracks during the internal armed conflict and the habitus of male violence. What she found during this research challenged her personally and determined her personal and political commitment to the fight against gender violence and for democracy.

Liz started working with the Flora Tristán Peruvian Women's Centre at a very young age, working in research, training, public advocacy and promotion of rights, achieving the publication of several articles, diagnoses and two books. Early on in her work, she managed to contribute to the positioning of "femicide" as a socio-legal category in the country, working for the registration of cases, their classification and the institutionalisation of this form of violence in the State.

Liz completed her first master's degree in gender equality at the Complutense University of Madrid and is currently finishing a second master in human rights at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú thanks to scholarships.

For several years Liz coordinated the national feminist network CLADEM – Peru (Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defence of Women’s Human Rights). Since 2015 she’s a columnist in several national newspapers, as well as a teacher in the master’s degree “Intervention in Violence against Women”, managed by the Catholic University of Trujillo and the University of Deusto, which she contributed to create and institutionalise. She’s mother to a 4-year-old girl and has been the executive director of the CMP Flora Tristán over the past few years.

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For more information on the Flora Tristán Peruvian Women's Centre, visit www.flora.org.pe.

Liz writes regularly for the news website Sudaca; her articles can be found at www.sudaca.pe/noticia/author/liz-melendez.



LO QUE ES MALO PARA LA
DEMOCRACIA ES MALO PARA LAS MUJERES



Maina



Kiai



Maina Kiai is the founding director of Human Rights Watch's Alliances and Partnerships Team, which focuses on working more closely with local partners to strengthen human rights, by centring them at the heart of the work. Before joining Human Rights Watch, Maina served as the United Nations special rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association from 2011 to 2017.

Prior to that, he spent the past 25 years campaigning for human rights and constitutional reform in Kenya – notably as founder and executive director of the unofficial Kenya Human Rights Commission, and then as chairman of Kenya's National Human Rights Commission (2003–2008). He has been crucial in advocacy against official corruption, in support of political reform, and against impunity following the violence that convulsed Kenya in 2008.

In 2010, Maina co-founded InformAction, a Kenyan grassroots organisation that uses film and documentaries to both educate people and spur them to claim their rights. Maina has held several fellowships and teaching positions over the course of the last 30 years and serves as a member of several boards of human rights organisations in Kenya.

Project

The Alliances and Partnerships Team works to put those whose rights are violated at the centre of the solutions to their problems. Building on the motto from the disability movement “nothing about us without us” the work also focuses on collectivity and alliances so as to amplify the voices of those seeking change. It attempts to reduce the paternalistic approach of the “Global North” telling the “Global South” what to do and how to do it, building on anti-colonial approaches.



Matilda



González Gil



Matilda Gonzáles is a lawyer that graduated from Universidad de Los Andes and studied international human rights at American University, Washington College of Law. Matilda has worked in the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights at the LGBTI Rapporteurship as a legal fellow; at Colombia Diversa as a human rights lawyer; at Instituto Colombiano del Bienestar Familiar in charge of the differential approach at the children and youth direction; and as a consultant in the International Network of Civil Liberties Organisation. Currently Matilda is leading the sex work legal strategy in Red Comunitaria Trans, working as a law professor in Universidad de Los Andes and as a video-columnist combining art and journalism at Cambio, the second media preferred by Colombian opinion leaders in Colombia.

Project

Matilda is currently working as the strategist and writer of gender identity law for Congress, and as a law professor (introduction to the law), as well as being a volunteer heading the legal strategy at a grassroots organisations founded and led by trans sex workers. Additionally, she has a video opinion column at Cambio, a traditional media, in which she combines research, opinion and art.







Miguel



Fajardo Rojas



Miguel Fajardo was born in a peasant community in the province of Vélez in the Department of Santander, Colombia. The example of his parents, who were self-sacrificing servants of their community, influenced his decision to dedicate his life to social work. Upon finishing his training, he had the opportunity to work in a community development project promoted by the social pastoral of the diocese of Socorro and San Gil. Since 1975 Miguel has been part of the processes and organisations that seek alternative human development in the provinces of southern Santander.

Miguel is convinced that the organisations of poor and excluded people are the way to their emancipation. In a society as unequal as Colombia's, the organisation of peasant communities is an essential strategy for social transformation.

Miguel is a graduate in philosophy, with a postgraduate degree specialised in education with new information technologies; theories, methods and techniques of social research as well as postgraduate training in sociology of development, management of solidarity economy enterprises and territorial planning. He has authored several books and articles on the solidarity economy and has been guest lecturer at several international universities.

Miguel is also the co-founder of the University Foundation of San Gil, UNISANGIL, of which he was a teacher, academic vice-rector and rector. Furthermore, he co-founded several social organisations: El Común, COESCOOP, REDEPAZ, LA COMETA, amongst others and is co-founder and member of the academic networks dedicated to solidarity and social economy CIRIEC/ COLOMBIA and UNICOSSOL, where he is currently the legal representative.

Project



Members of the RED UNICOSSOL in Pereira, on the occasion of the fourth solidarity economy week organised by the RED UNICOSSOL roughly six years ago.

The Corporación Red Colombiana of professionals, researchers and institutions in the solidarity and social economy aims at the production, application, and dissemination of knowledge to contribute to the sustainable development of the solidarity sector in Colombia. It's working in synergy, autonomously, and in self-managed fashion with a national and international outreach, starting with the integration of people and academic communities dedicated to research in the solidarity economy.



2015 Latacunga, Ecuador, advising on a prospective planning project for the community radio station.

La solidaridad reciproca entre los seres humanos y de estos con la naturaleza es el camino para el logro de una sociedad justa y fraterna



2021 with the team of volunteer observers of the electoral observation mission.



Miri



Weingarten



Miri Weingarten was born in Petah-Tiqva and is based in London. An Ashkenazi Jew, she has been a human rights activist in Israel/Palestine, a public interest lawyer in London and a supporter of social justice initiatives in both. She has campaigned with hunger-striking detainees and medics under fire in Palestine, acted for refugees in Calais, and represented social housing victims of the Grenfell Tower fire in London.

Miri's interests lie at the intersection between colonialist legacies in the Middle East; classist, racist and patriarchal oppression in the declining Metropolis; and the impact of migration on both of these. Global power stratifies and segregates communities and struggles from each other.

Transnational rebels and travellers from the periphery to the centre can undermine these power structures and find new languages to re-link and re-voice global struggles.

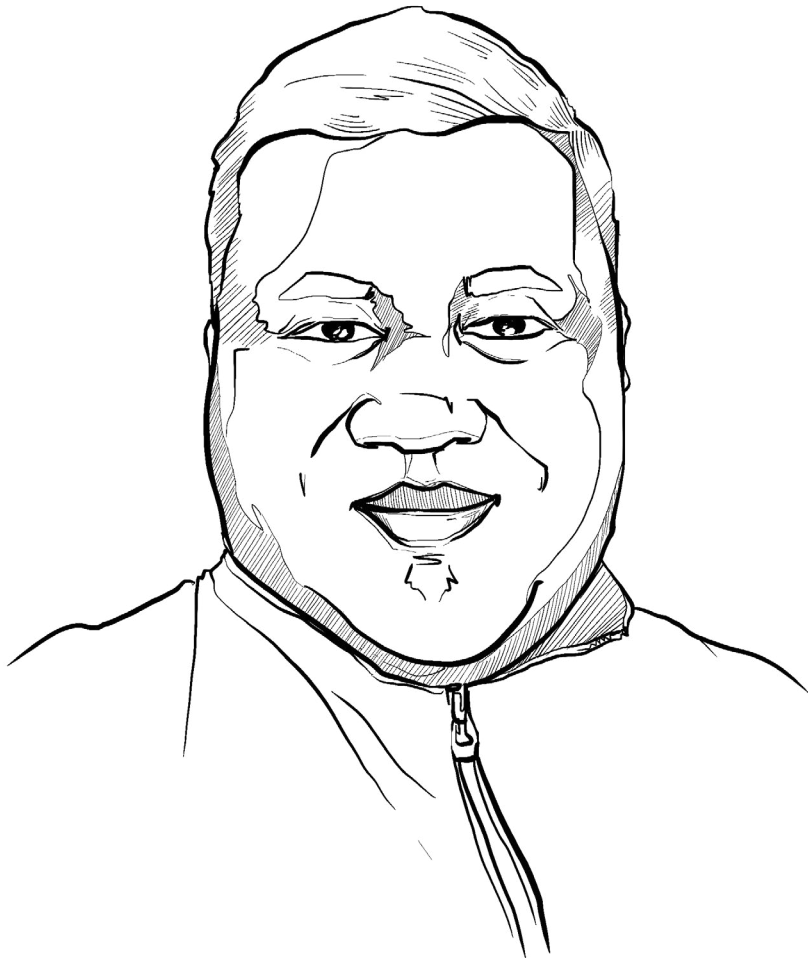
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Mirza



Zulfiqur Rahman



Mirza Zulfiqur Rahman is programme coordinator and research associate at the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung's (HBS) regional office in New Delhi. He is responsible for the programme on democracy and pluralities and co-manages the alternative development paradigms/worldviews with a geographical focus on Northeast India. He also co-manages thematic coordination and research with HBS dialogue offices in Washington D.C., Brussels and Hong Kong.

Mirza holds a PhD in development studies from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati, Assam, India. He completed his MPhil in diplomacy in disarmament and his Masters in international relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; and his Bachelors in political science honours from Hindu College, Delhi University. His research interests include pluralism and inclusion issues in Northeast India, transboundary water sharing and hydropower dams, roads and connectivity infrastructures, conflict and insurgency, peacebuilding, development politics, migration, and cross-border exchanges.

Mirza is committed to grassroots-based alternative movements and has worked with communities towards building solidarity and advocacy on critical issues related to democracy, diversity of opinion and inclusion. His work promotes cross-cultural exchanges on traditional knowledge systems, indigenous worldviews, and democratic movements.

The ability of indigenous communities to be able to participate in democratic decision-making structures through effective political mobilisation is primary to his political interests. He works on inter-faith dialogue towards promoting communal harmony and secular values in society. His interests align with

empowering youth and women towards sustaining peace and harmony, which serve as the bedrock of democratic institutions, processes, and civil society action.

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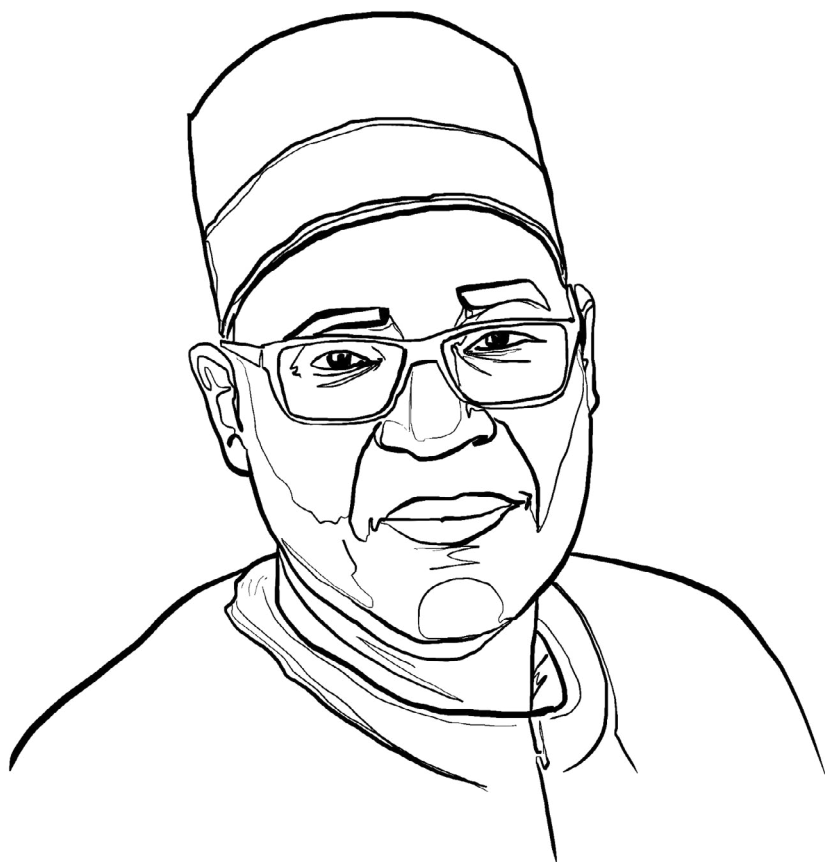
Democratic institutions and processes are meaningful when communities are able to participate in decision-making with social equity, justice and fairness.



A.T. Moussa



Tchangari



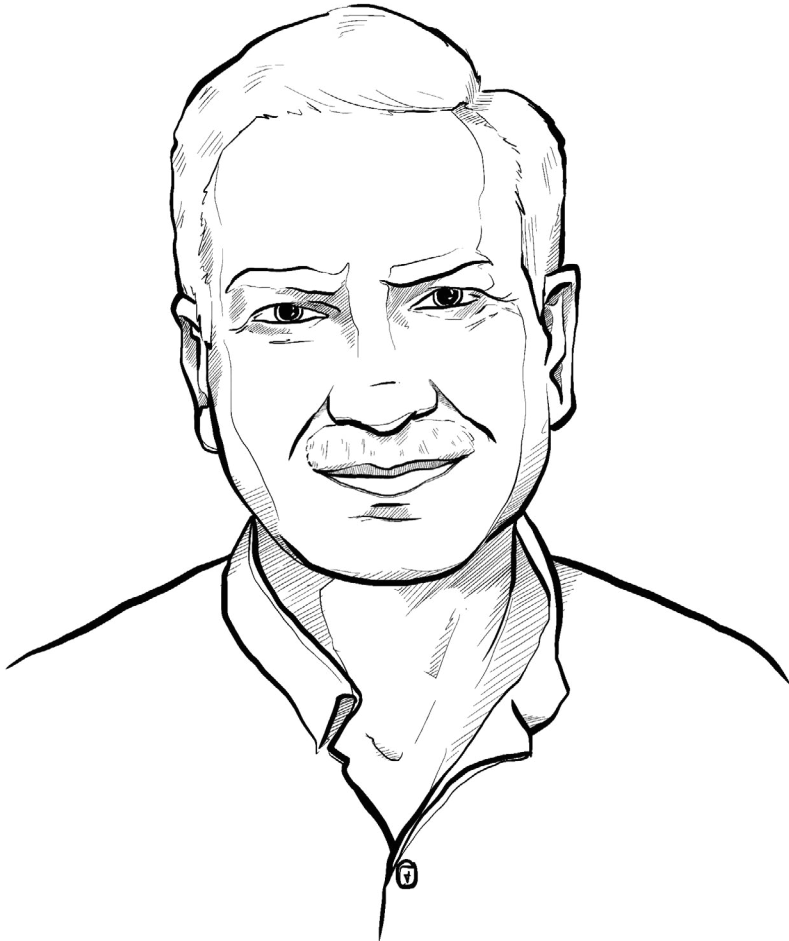
A.T. Moussa Tchangari is a journalist and the secretary general of Alternatives Espaces Citoyens (AEC), one of the most important civil society organisations in Niger. In the 1990s, he was a leader of the Union des Scolaires Nigériens (USN), a school and student organisation that – alongside the worker’s unions – was at the forefront of the struggle for democratisation in Niger. In 1991, he was one of the founders of the Association Nigérienne des Droits de l’Homme (ANDDH), the first human rights organisation in Niger.



Nasir



Mansoor



Nasir Mansoor is the general secretary of National Trade Union Federation Pakistan (NTUF), member of the governing body of Sindh Employees Social Security Institute (SESSI), member of the Sindh Labour Standing Committee and a former member of the Sindh Minimum Wage Board.

Nasir has been involved in trade union activities for four decades. He has written articles on labour related issues and has taken part in historic legislation on home-based workers as well as agriculture and fisheries workers. He is one of most prominent trade unionists in Pakistan.

Nasir has been very active in organising victims of the Ali Enterprises Factory fire tragedy into associations to fight for justice and compensation. He helped the victims to file cases against the German brand KIK, which opened the way for legislation on due diligence in Germany.

 **Nicoletta**
 **Dentico**



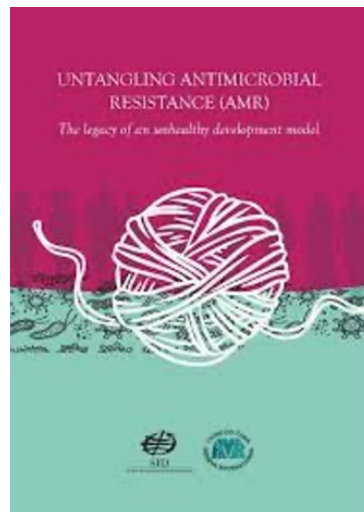
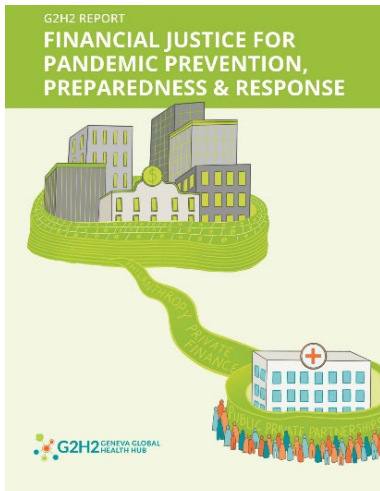
Nicoletta Dentico is a journalist and writer with a long experience in development and public health justice. After coordinating the Campaign to Ban Landmines in Italy, she led the Italian section of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), with direct involvement in starting the MSF Campaign on Access to Essential Medicines and MSF migration programmes in Southern Italy. Nicoletta was policy and advocacy manager for Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi) and then advised the World Health Organisation (WHO) on public health, innovation, and intellectual property – topics she continues following to this date.

Nicoletta was mandated by the Italian Senate’s Human Rights Committee to coordinate the research and compilation of the first White Paper on migrants’ detention centers in Italy. From 2011 to 2014 she coordinated Democratising Global Health (DGH), the civil society engagement on the WHO reform. Nicoletta now leads the global health justice programme in Society for International Development (SID) and co-chairs the Geneva Global Health Hub (G2H2), an independent platform of civil society dedicated to advancing the right to health. She’s served as board member of the Italian Ethical Bank and written extensively on health rights and development. Her most recent books are, “Rich and Generous? The Dark Weft of Philanthrocapitalism” (2020); “Health Geopolitics: COVID-19, WHO and the Pandemic Challenges” (2021).

As an activist and critical thinker her main concern is how, after benefitting from the highest conceptual and political achievements in human history, she can now meaningfully promote a justice agenda and support next generations in their struggles for survival.

Project

The idea of this report stems from the recognition that in the post-pandemic human development discourse we need to reassert the old and always new financial justice agenda that global policymaking has completely abandoned. We aim to support and enable countries to emancipate themselves from the multiple dependencies that bind them to mischievous investments, especially in view of preventing and preparing for new impending pandemics. It is not possible to treat health emergencies with the limited neo-colonial solutions adopted for specific infectious diseases in the past decades.



SID tackles the global explosion of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) as the paradigmatic representation of the negative convergence stemming from the primacy of neoliberal conceptions in shaping the global political economy of health, in its causal connection with food/nutrition, environment, knowledge and financial control. AMR projects the dystopia of a global disfunction that has been ignored and remains today not fully understood in all its structural and diverse implications. The failure by the national institutions and international organisations to adequately define the problem to address the root causes of this crisis, is in itself an enormous challenge to any notion that something relevant will be done on AMR.

Patience is revolutionary

– Mahatma Gandhi



Paula



Litvachky



Paula Litvachky is a lawyer and human rights activist. Since February 2020 she is the executive director of the Argentinian organisation Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS), of which she has been a member since 2004. Between 2011 and 2019 she headed the fields of justice and security.

Before joining CELS, between 2001 and 2004, she worked at the prosecutor's office for criminal policy and human rights of the attorney general's office. She is a graduate of the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) and a PhD candidate in human rights at the University of Lanús (UNLa). Paula has taught at the law schools of the UBA and the University of Palermo. Since 2016 she has been a member of the board of directors of Penal Reform International (PRI).

Project

CELS is a human rights organisation founded in 1979 in the midst of the dictatorship, by mothers and fathers of politically disappeared people, to denounce the atrocities committed by the authoritarian regime. It supports the struggle for memory, truth, and justice, for the present and for the future.

At CELS we fight for rights and equality. Together with other organisations and activists, we build a Latin American perspective on global problems in order to intervene in the human rights agenda at the international level.

To achieve this, we deployed the strategies of the human rights movement. None of these strategies work in a vacuum: whenever we have achieved our goals, it's always been by weaving alliances with activists, political collectives, organisations and movements in Argentina and around the world.

Our agenda is broad – one of our main characteristics – because we seek to intervene where fundamental definitions for the dignity of life are at stake. Our field of activities is equally broad: litigation, legal actions in emergencies, investigations of cases and occurrences, communication, legal services to the community, comprehensive care for victims, training of activists, public policy advocacy and human rights protection.



[...] Until recently, however, the chief response to the crisis was social protest—dramatic and lively, to be sure, but largely ephemeral. Political systems, by contrast, seemed relatively immune, still controlled by party functionaries and establishment elites, at least in powerful capitalist states like the United States, the United Kingdom, and Germany. Now, however, electoral shockwaves reverberate throughout the world, including in the citadels of global finance. Those who voted for Trump, like those who voted for Brexit and against the Italian reforms, have risen up against their political masters. Thumbing their noses at party establishments, they have repudiated the system that has eroded their living conditions for the last thirty years. The surprise is not that they have done so, but that it took them so long.

- Nancy Fraser (2017). "The End of Progressive Neoliberalism." Dissent Magazine, 2nd January 2017



Peninah



Khisa



Peninah Khisa is a regional health advocate based in Kenya. Currently she manages water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in the organisation Social Development Through Community Action (SODECA), headquartered in Nairobi.

For over seven years Peninah has been instrumental in leadership, management, advocacy, mobilisation, coordination, and implementation in the fields of gender, youth, children and elderly and their socio-economic and livelihood status. Peninah's vision remains the better well-being of the most vulnerable populations and those hard to reach.

Peninah holds an honours degree in development studies from Mt Kenya University and holds a certificate in paralegal, community development and social work. Peninah engages in legal first aid, alternative dispute resolution, psychosocial support, rights of women and children as well as hard to reach communities with a particular focus on sexual reproductive and health rights.

As the director of SODECA, Peninah manages a team of ten health advocates and numerous volunteers. She's also the regional coordinator for Peoples Health Movement in East and Southern Africa, which is a global movement, committed to comprehensive primary health care and addressing the social, environmental, and economic determinants of health in achieving health for all.

Peninah has comprehensive knowledge in understanding community health strategies, coordination, networking, and government engagement, mobilisation, and accountability. She continuously advocates for social justice, environmental,

and gender intersectionality. Peninah remains an energetic, enthusiastic social activist who engages women, youth, and children in their goals.

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The organisation SODECA is a not-for-profit, non-political organisation operating in Kenya. SODECA's work focuses on the promotion and enhancement of the realisation of health and human rights with specific reference to economic, social, and cultural rights (ESCRs). SODECA envisions a society where people enjoy health and human rights, social justice, and gender equality, and are free from poverty. Our desire is to have societies where all people regardless of their age, race, sexuality, ethnicity, disability, occupation, citizenship, social status, or religious background live a better, more meaningful life, and live in dignity.

Through community dialogue (Tie Yien), we are engaging communities that are vulnerable groups, on their rights and legal literacy. The aim is to challenge systemic issues that perpetuate the abuse of human rights, as well as cultural and religious practices that discriminate and exclude them. SODECA commits to making this possible through promotion, awareness, advocacy, and by communicating on WASH, health and human rights, adolescent sexual reproductive health and rights, and emergency humanitarian relief aid.

The primary beneficiaries are the destitute, the pastoralists' communities, marginalised groups, adolescents, and the most at risk populations. It includes recognising that these problems, such as poverty, marginalisation, illiteracy, breakdown of the family unit or insecurity – whose nature is multifaceted – are linked to certain cultural beliefs, traditions, and to socio-economic status which normalise it.

We aim for the sensitisation and awareness on the rights and freedoms as well as dignity of humanity – religious, and cultural; promote the voice of the marginalised groups and focus on raising individual awareness including on adolescent sexual reproduction health rights (ASRHR) as a public health issue and as a fundamental human right.



A community engagement dialogue (Tie – Yen dialogue).



Sensitisation and awareness on women and girl's rights at community level.



Pierina



Ferretti



Pierina Ferretti (1983) is a sociologist and has a masters' degree in Latin American studies. Pierina is a political activist and the executive director of Fundación Nodo XXI, a think tank linked to the Chilean left. Furthermore, she is a columnist in the written press and a panellist on radio and television programmes providing political analyses. Pierina is active in the feminist movement.



Bee Pranom



Somwong



Bee is a feminist lawyer who has worked for several years to support women, indigenous and climate justice defenders, and young HRDs/LGBTQI activists in Thailand as the country representative with Protection International. She is a core founder of the Community Women Human Rights Defenders Collective, which represents women from 19 sectors of community struggles across the country. Her work collectively with grassroots women incorporates the demand for a care income; and justice to strengthen the movement against environmental destruction, corporate land grabbing, and climate injustice.

Bee has developed and conducted feminist participatory training programmes for different groups of persons, including grassroots women's organisations, young pro-democracy activists, and sex workers. She has experience with political activism and lobbying national governments, international, and regional bodies, to bring national laws in line with the best international standards.

From 2010 to 2015, Bee led the Labour, Migration, and Trafficking Organising Committee of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law, and Development (APWLD). She has also worked with the Clean Clothes Campaign (CCC) and served as the international campaign coordinator for In Defense of Charles Hector. Bee's work has led to several notable victories, including the closure of a mining site in the Dong Ma Fai district and the revocation of title deeds for 23 plots that have been unlawfully issued to palm oil plantations.

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Protection International was an integral part of a huge victory in Dong Ma Fai, a district in the northeast of Thailand. After 27 years of community struggle against a quarry and stone mill, in 2020, they successfully managed to close the mining site! Now, the women and their community are working to regenerate the soil and forest. They aim to restore the area to create an eco-cultural tourism destination managed and owned by the communities.

A second notable victory is with the Southern Peasants' Federation of Thailand (SPFT), who began as landless farmers. SPFT has been engaged in a struggle with a palm oil company for 15 years over the right to communal rights to use the land. In 2021, the Thai court ordered the Department of Land and its affiliated authorities to revoke title deeds for 23 plots that have been unlawfully issued to palm oil plantations. The court found the directors general of the Department of Land and Forestry have neglected their duties. This is the first case ever where women and land rights defenders won in a Thai court. In both these struggles, women bore the same deadly risks and burdens as the men. In addition, they continued the unwaged caring work for the family and the land.

February 16th 2023 marked a historic moment for women human rights defenders (WHRDs) in Thailand, as a court ruled in favour of Angkana and Anchana, two WHRDs who were cyberbullied for their activism. The verdict recognised the legitimacy of their work and affirmed that cyberbullying is a crime. The court also acknowledged the state's obligation to protect human rights defenders (HRDs), as enshrined in the HRDs declaration and the Thai constitution. However, while there was not enough evidence presented to prove that the internal security force and the Prime Minister's office were involved in funding the cyberbullying, the decision can be appealed. This verdict marks a significant step forward for the protection of WHRDs in Thailand, and there is still much work to be done to ensure their safety and the recognition of their vital contributions to society.



Invest in caring not killing.



Roshmi



Goswami



Roshmi Goswami is a feminist and human rights activist, known for her pioneering work on women's rights. In particular on women and armed conflict, including working with women ex-combatants in Northeast India and Nepal. She has been involved in research on issues of sexual violence and gender justice, on socio-economic rights through a feminist lens in political transitions, and on the gendered dimensions of violent extremism.

Roshmi has been associated with several human rights and feminist organisations. She is presently the co-chair of the South Asians For Human Rights a key South Asian voice and platform calling out against human rights violations, authoritarianism, repression of freedom of expression plus the dilution/ undermining of democracy in the different countries of South Asia. She is a core group member of SANGAT, a South Asian feminist network. Furthermore, she serves/d on several boards including on the Urgent Action Fund, which supports women human rights defenders across the world.

Roshmi is a key questioning voice on gender from Northeast India. As a member of Sustha Samaj Bikash Chakra and Nagarik Samaj of Assam she is part of a progressive citizen's collective against majoritarianism, promoting diversities and the syncretic traditions of the country.

She has several publications to her name and contributes regularly on the gendered dimensions and implications of present-day politics in the country.

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Sofía



Monsalve Suárez



Sofía Monsalve Suárez is the secretary general of FIAN International. FIAN is an international human rights organisation working for the right to food and nutrition. Before turning secretary general in 2016, she coordinated FIAN's programme on land and natural resources for more than 15 years. This work included extensive field research and fact-finding missions, as well as close collaboration with grassroots food producer organisations.

Sofía has extensive advocacy experience in the UN human rights system, FAO and the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS). In 2021, she joined the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food).

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How can we transform food systems that make us sick, destroy nature and rob rural people of their livelihoods? For the past three years, I've been intensively involved in the collective construction of visions for transforming food systems and responding to the food crisis. At FIAN, we promote food sovereignty and human rights-based governance of food systems.



This photo was taken in Jakarta during a solidarity visit to fishing communities struggling to protect their livelihoods and marine ecosystems.



Estoy buscando una palabra, en el umbral de tu misterio,
¿quién fuera Alí Babá?, ¿quién fuera el mítico Simbad?,
¿quién fuera un poderoso sortilegio?, ¿quién fuera
encantador?

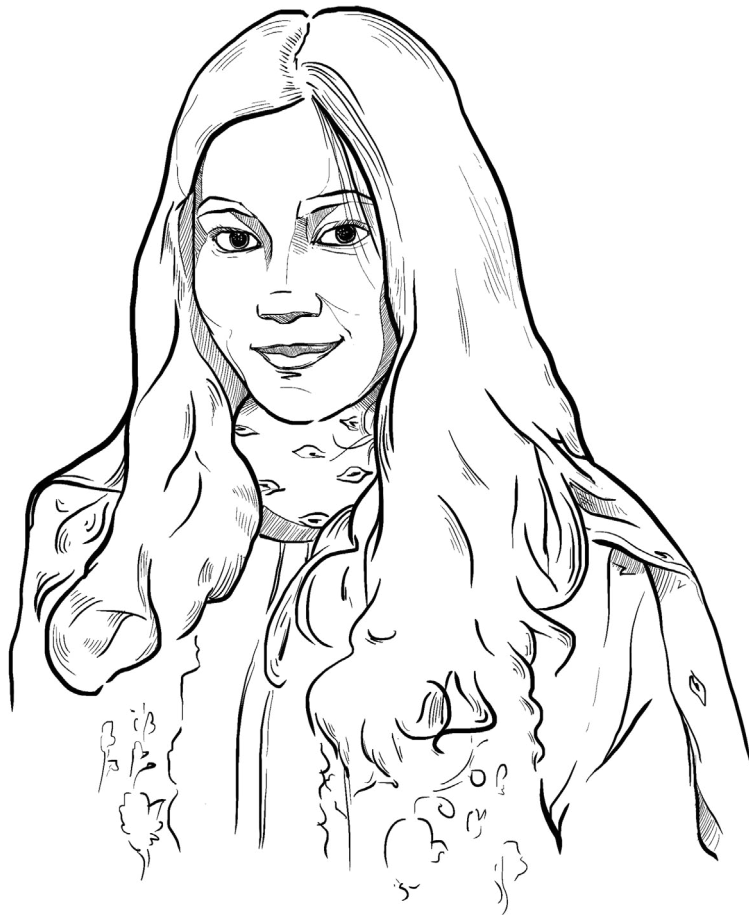
– Silvio Rodríguez



Sousan



Suha



Sousan Suha is a researcher and development worker hailing from Dhaka, Bangladesh. She is working to ensure horizontal access to public services and fulfilment of human rights in Bangladesh.

Sousan is a feminist and a human rights activist. Her work entails advocacy initiatives to ensure the fulfilment of rights of the marginalised citizens of Bangladesh. She believes that in order to achieve social justice and gender parity, it is essential to empower the ones who suffer most due to the existing power practices, hierarchy and patriarchy.

Sousan is the founder of Positive Bangladesh, a platform which offers the at-risk youths of Bangladesh an opportunity to nurture critical thinking and cultural sensitivity, and engage them in creative activities as a counter-narrative to religious extremism and social stereotypes. She has worked with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Bangladesh, as a research fellow on cohort 2022, and is currently affiliated with ActionAid Bangladesh with a focus on youth-centric policy advocacy and research.

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Sousan is currently affiliated with ActionAid Bangladesh, and her area of work focuses largely on young people. She's engaged in youth-centric policy advocacy and research. On the eve of the upcoming election, Sousan is working on sensitising young people on their political rights, and developing a youth manifesto that will reflect the needs and concerns of young people to be used as an advocacy tool to different political parties in Bangladesh.

She's also working with young women on developing their digital and leadership skills and enhancing their cognitive ability to understand the role society and state play in their lives.



Sousan and her teammate work on a model that enables the state to understand the stance of young people at a local level on accounts of preventing and countering violent extremism in the UN ESCAP headquarters, Bangkok.



Final paper presentation of Economy of Tomorrow cohort 2022 of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Bangladesh.



Tamta



Mikeladze



Tamta Mikeladze is a lawyer and founding member and member of the board of directors of the Social Justice Centre, a leftist organisation operating in Tbilisi, Georgia. Tamta is heading the Equality Policy Programme. Her work is mainly focused on minority rights, religion, and conflict transformation. She is an associate professor at Ilia State University and a PhD student in social and cultural anthropology.

Her political concerns are led to the democratic backsliding in the country as well as in the entire region, hybrid authoritarianism and the rise of far-right populism on the one hand and destructive effects of neoliberal economic and development policies on welfare of Georgia's population, environmental protection, and future development of the country. The rise of neoliberal economic policies in the early 2000s have led to an unprecedented level of inequality and created a poverty lock for hundreds of thousands of the country's most vulnerable communities by destroying even basic social protection and welfare safeguards.

An extreme gap in the welfare of the country's urban and rural areas forces members of remote and peripheral settlements to move out in droves. Alarming, economic, and social discontent amongst the population has often been contained by means of authoritarian and repressive methods. At the same time, political power, waged by political elites, is increasingly used by the political class as an instrument to access resources and a struggle for the preservation of power, which has snowballed into a brutal fight.

Tamta finds contemplation about imperialism and a logic behind post-Soviet transformations to be greatly significant

from a political perspective. The Russian occupation and the presence of the Russian military troops in Georgia undermines the country's prospect to develop independently. The process of Europeanisation and the language used by the local elites supporting this agenda tends to portray the region as an outskirts of Europe, an underdeveloped place and a society lacking of civilisation. In recent years a conflict between these two discourses has become rather harsh in political debates.

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Integrating Georgia's minorities into the country's social, economic, and cultural life is critical for successful nation-building in a fledgling democracy fighting off its Soviet legacy, including ethno-linguistic policies and institutionalisation of ethnicity, 30 years into its independence. This will require significant changes of paradigms in state policies as well as in mindset among many ethnic Georgians who have little exposure to their fellow citizens with minority backgrounds or are unaware of the benefits of integration in the process of building a democratic, fair, and inclusive political system.

Ethnic minorities are not only excluded from the political and symbolic field, but also socially more vulnerable. They have less access to education, land, social infrastructure, and services, making them doubly vulnerable. We try to put the issues of their poverty and social exclusion on the political agenda and show them in the general picture of social injustices in the country.

With the support from the Swiss Embassy in Georgia, the Social Justice Center's Equality Policy Programme has been

implementing the project Promoting Equality, Solidarity, and Social Peace in Georgia to contribute to social peace based on the principles of inclusion, equality, and diversity through evidence-based advocacy and transforming prevailing exclusionist discourse and politics.

I believe that justice paves the way towards eliminating economic, political, culture and epistemic discrimination and hierarchies and has the power to change this reality through transformative tools.



Tetet



Nera-Lauron



Tetet Nera-Lauron is a development worker with almost 30 years' experience in multi-sectoral, multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural settings at grassroots, national, regional, and international levels. She is a policy and advocacy expert and campaigner on diverse thematic areas including climate change, sustainable development, financing for development, trade, enabling environment, development cooperation, gender and women's rights, human rights, and civil society. She has served as co-chair in regional and global civil society platforms and has also represented civil society in different advocacy arenas. She currently serves as an Advisor for the United Nations Program of the Center for International Dialogue and Cooperation of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, the political foundation closely linked to Germany's Left Party.

Tetet strives to make complex international negotiations accessible to a broader audience as a contribution to growing stronger global movements for economic, social and gender justice.

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At the COP 27 climate negotiations in Egypt, where civil society campaigned on the inherent linkages between climate justice and human rights.



Speaking at a civil society press conference in Bonn, Germany.



Participating virtually at a panel discussion on UN Conference on financing for development.

**Unless we accept real solutions
and respect Mother Earth
I will not, and we will not dance to your beat**

– Nnimmo Bassey



Vainola Makan

Vainola Makan is a feminist and sustainability activist, and her work for the past 30 years includes leading and participating in grassroots women's organisations, environmental organisations, and feminist institutions. She completed a BA at the University of the Western Cape with majors in psychology and sociology and became an anti-apartheid activist. She was a founding member of the student women's group, Kopanang, and recently Sisterhood Movement. She worked for transparency and accountability in media institutions and helped to stop the corrupt and secret nuclear deal through her work at the Right to Know Campaign.

Vainola worked at the intersections of gender, development, and environmental concerns at the Economic Justice Network, Gender Advocacy Programme, and Panos Southern Africa on food security, environmental education, energy, climate change, sexual harassment, structural violence, budget literacy, and gender bullying. She does gender training and analysis, environmental education, and research projects, with the organisations Heinrich-Boell-Foundation, Green Grants Fund in South Africa, Environmental Justice Fund and Act Ubambano, as well as Transformation of Education for Sustainable Futures (TESF) with the Universities Rhodes in Grahamstown and Bristol UK.

She completed a qualitative study on the impact of mining on rural women. Vainola co-authored three articles/chapters in the past three years on issues of land access by rural women through TEF and focusing on the intergenerational collaboration of women during Covid-19, in partnership with Ubuntu Rural Women and Youth Movement. She was a panel

member at the UNESCO panel discussions on topics such as sustainable learning, on what counts as evidence, and recently on the co-construction of knowledge at the World Conference on Higher Education held in Spain in 2022.

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Vainola, facilitating a training workshop so that women from farming communities and rural and marginalised women could understand the budget and the reasons why the government should not cut social spending as women bear the brunt of economic hardship. This culminated in a protest action in front of the Legislature.



A protest on the day the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunity tabled the budget for the province. Women are being trained as advocates to make their voices heard around public participation in the budget process. It is important that for the women to exercise their right to meaningful engagement, they must be budget literate and understand how they can participate and ensure that their needs and interest are included in the budget priorities before the budget is finalised.



Young women of Sisterhood Teen Movement are at the annual leadership camp that focus on working in a team, self-awareness, negotiating healthy relationships, sexual and reproductive rights, politics of inequality and the importance of being socially aware, socially responsible, and active citizens.



Women approached the local government for land to plant crops after the land access training as they become aware that they have the right of access to land as well. Women in the coastal town of Doringbay have started their own organisation and have approached us for training to strengthen their ability to run it efficiently and to report to funders.

When we are serious about driving change, we must listen to the voices of women and other marginalised groups and let them shape the transformation agenda.



Veronika



Munk



Veronika is an award-winning Hungarian journalist and media educator with 20+ years of experience. Currently she is head of content development of the Hungarian independent online news daily Telex, and director of Telex Academy educational centre. She was the deputy editor-in-chief at Index, Hungary's largest news portal from where she and her 80+ colleagues resigned in July 2020 due to external political influence on the newspaper. They launched the independent news portal Telex, nine weeks after their mass resignation, based on crowdfunding.

Fairness, transparency, critical thinking, and cooperation are her fundamental professional principles. A sincere belief in freedom of the press, equal opportunities and other fundamental freedoms are core values for her. At a time when attacks against independent journalism and press freedom are on the rise, with her experience in independent journalism, media management and media education, she can clearly see the potential challenges and transformations that media is going through at a global level, such as:

- * the importance of economic independence and innovative media business models (such as reader revenue, fundraising, crowdfunding) as a key to journalistic independence, whether in terms of overcoming political and economic pressures or of business competitiveness in the market;
- * the importance of cross-border collaboration in quality journalism, and the complexities of implementing them in the daily life of an editorial office;

- * educating the public about how quality journalism is costly to sustain, and what press freedom and independence in the media mean;
- * the ways in which education can help, by emphasising media literacy from a very young age.

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The birth of Telex is a very unique story. Telex's entire 7050+ member editorial staff used to work for Index.hu, Hungary's largest and most influential online daily, but they all resigned in July 2020 since independent journalism was no longer guaranteed due to the increasing influence of government-linked businessmen in Index's leadership and ownership.

The mass resignation had a profound impact in both Hungary and on the international scene. Nine weeks later, Telex.hu launched, which was made possible exclusively by crowdfunding. Up to this point, more than 50 thousand people have donated to Telex, which is an absolute record in the country.

As a media platform, Telex.hu covers public affairs and offers a diverse range of content from news about the economy, culture, sports, the latest technological developments, scientific breakthroughs to exciting, entertaining, unbiased, prominent stories about events in Hungary and around the globe.

Telex Academy:

What makes something newsworthy? How can you tell the difference between news and fake news? How should you check the information? How do you reach a wide audience with information? There are a lot of similar questions about the media, and we ourselves often get asked some of them. The answers, however, are not really taught in school and they aren't always provided in the various university courses either.

This is why Telex is taking another important step: we are launching our education centre, Telex Academy (Akadémia) educational centre, where we will offer a variety of courses on a wide range of topics related to media.

The plan for the training centre is as old as Telex, and we have plenty of ideas: from teaching very practical, everyday media skills, to master classes and workshops aiming to strengthen media literacy, we will be offering a wide range of courses in the coming years at Telex Academy. In fact, we intend to cover everything that falls within the purview of education and media.





Yassin



al-Haj Saleh



Yassin al-Haj Saleh is a Syrian writer and political dissident. He was a political prisoner between 1980 and 1996 for his leftist activism. Yassin is a founding member of Aljumhuriya Collective and a regular writer in the aljumhuriya.net electronic magazine.

He is the author of nine books about Syria, prison, contemporary Islam, intellectual life, the Syrian revolution and war, and the experiences of the atrocious.

In 2012 he was awarded a Prince Claus Award and he received the Omar Ortilan Prize from Alegria, and the Swedish PEN Tucholsky Prize in 2017.

Yassin lives in Berlin since 2017.

We live in a TINA world, where there is no alternative, that is, no future. This temporal jail in a permanent present is possibly more insidious than spacial ones, the way implosion is more insidious than explosion.



Khoo



Ying Hooi



Khoo Ying Hooi is an associate professor and the head of the Department of International and Strategic Studies at Universiti Malaya (UM). Her research focuses on human rights, power politics, democratisation, and civil society in Southeast Asia, especially Malaysia and Timor-Leste. She is the author of “The Bersih Movement and Democratisation in Malaysia” (SIRD/ ISEAS/ Lexington Books, 2020) and “Seeds of Dissent” (Gerakbudaya, 2015). She has also co-edited several volumes, including “Marginalisation and Human Rights in Southeast Asia” (Routledge, 2022) and “Rethinking Human Rights and Peace in the Post-Independence Timor-Leste through Local Perspectives” (Palgrave Macmillan, 2022).

Ying Hooi is the editor-in-chief of the Malaysian Journal of International Relations (MJIR) and is also an editorial board member of the Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs, Journal of Southeast Asian Human Rights (JSEHR) and Indonesian Law Review (ILREV). She has been active in the works on human rights and democracy in Southeast Asia by combining academic and practical approaches. She also holds several other positions in regional and local organisations on human rights and democracy.

Her political concerns relate to how the concept of human rights is challenged and sustained by particular forms of power. Human rights are politicised and co-opted as a political tool through which the politics of power is advanced; therefore, a re-conceptualisation of human rights is required because asymmetric power relations must be recognised and viewed from socio-cultural, economic, and political perspectives. As a scholar-activist, she believes that diverse ideas should be appreciated.

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Malaysia and the 'Indo-Pacific': Why the Hesitancy?

The country's strategic and policymaking class has been slow to get on board the new strategic concept.

By **Khoo Ying Hooi**
August 09, 2022



Ying Hooi's projects include China's influence in Southeast Asia and its implications on human rights, academic freedom and state repression in Southeast Asia, protest politics in Southeast Asia, and geopolitical struggle in the Indo-Pacific. As Mellon/SAR Academic Freedom Fellow offered by Scholars At Risk, she explores whether there is a nexus between the threat to academic freedom and state repression in Southeast Asia.

WATCH: 'Hakoi Lia Hoax' Music Video

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May the music and the message move us to come together to combat disinformation.

WATCH this music video, #HakoiLiaHoax, which is part of the project on "Localising Digital Knowledge to Combat Disinformation on COVID-19 in Timor Leste".

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Her work on power politics and human rights involves China's influence on human rights discourse in Southeast Asia and the discourse on human rights in the contested Indo-Pacific as a strategic discourse. Localising Digital Rights Knowledge in Timor-Leste is a grant-funded project under the Disinformation Lab, a collaborative initiative between Innovation for Change East Asia and Doublethink Lab, between a local collaborator and herself. Through different forms of publicity, the project is ongoing to highlight how art and politics influence and shape one another.

All voices should be heard, and all rights should be respected.

The Global Assembly Chroniclers

The Global Assembly will be accompanied and observed by a group of authors who will subsequently publish their impressions and analyses as chroniclers. Due to their biographical background and their work as writers, they seem to be particularly suited to follow the course of a global discourse on human rights, democracy and justice through articles, essays or other texts.

Participating in the Pre-Assembly as chroniclers are:

- * Katerina Poladjan, born in Moscow, lives in Germany. She has published several novels, most recently “Zukunftsmusik”.
- * Shalini Randeria, born in Washington D.C., lives as a social anthropologist in Geneva and Vienna, where she heads the Central European University. She studied in New Delhi, Oxford and Heidelberg.
- * Baktash Siawash, born in the Afghan province of Kapisa, studied in London. He was the youngest member of the Afghan parliament and a well-known television journalist. He lives in Germany as a scholarship holder of the Writers-in-Exile programme of the writers' association PEN.
- * Ilija Trojanow, born in Bulgaria, works as a writer, publisher, and translator in Vienna. After fleeing Bulgaria with his parents, he lived in Nairobi and Bombay, among other places. His new novel “Tausend und ein Morgen” will be published soon.


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