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MEDIATION AND THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT - INTENSIVE ADVANCED COURSE

27-30 October 2025

INTRODUCTION

In contemporary conflict scenarios, children are among the most affected and yet often the least considered in mediation and peacebuilding efforts. The inclusion of child protection strategies in peace negotiations and conflict resolution mechanisms is not only a legal obligation but also a fundamental step towards sustainable peace and the safeguarding of future generations. Recognizing this crucial need, the *Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict*, with the support of the *Institute of Political Studies San Pius the V* and the *Milan Chamber of Arbitration* is pleased to present an intensive advanced course dedicated to exploring the nexus between mediation and child protection.

This course aims to provide participants with legal frameworks, operational tools, and negotiation practices to ensure that children's rights and needs are at the heart of peace processes.

METHODOLOGY

The course employs an interactive, interdisciplinary approach combining theory and practice:

- **Lectures and Presentations** – Led by experts in mediation, child protection, and international law, providing in-depth frameworks and practical knowledge.
- **Case Studies** – Examination of real-life peace processes where child protection provisions were integrated or neglected.
- **Workshops and Group Exercises** – Interactive sessions for skill-building in stakeholder engagement, drafting agreements, and ethical negotiation.
- **Role-playing and Simulations** – Practice-based learning to simulate ceasefire negotiations and child-sensitive dialogue.
- **Panels and Guest Lectures** – Exchange with field professionals and policymakers to link academic learning with operational realities.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is designed for professionals, practitioners, and advanced students who are engaged or interested in the fields of mediation, child protection, and conflict resolution. Ideal participants include:

- **Mediators and Peacebuilders:** Professionals involved in conflict resolution, dialogue facilitation, and peace negotiation processes.
- **Child Protection Officers and Humanitarian Workers:** Staff from international organizations, NGOs, and agencies working directly with children in crisis and armed conflict contexts.
- **Legal and Policy Experts:** Practitioners focusing on international humanitarian law, human rights, and the development or implementation of mediation frameworks.
- **Researchers and Academics:** Advanced students or early-career scholars in the fields of international relations, peace studies, human rights, or security studies.
- **Government and Institutional Representatives:** Individuals engaged in policy planning, humanitarian diplomacy, or multilateral negotiations with a child protection mandate.

OBJECTIVES

1. **To Understand** the international legal and normative frameworks related to children in armed conflict.
2. **To Equip** participants with strategies and tools for integrating child protection into peace processes.
3. **To Analyse** successful and failed case studies in the inclusion of CAAC provisions in mediation.
4. **To Practice** effective and ethical engagement with armed groups and children.
5. **To Promote** sustainable and inclusive peace processes through a child-sensitive lens.

AIMS

- **Raise Awareness** on the necessity of including child protection in peace processes.
- **Strengthen Competencies** in negotiation, mediation, and stakeholder engagement.
- **Bridge Policy and Practice** by promoting tested approaches in diverse conflict settings.
- **Facilitate Networking** among professionals working at the intersection of child protection, mediation, and peacebuilding.
- **Encourage Innovation** in designing and implementing child-focused conflict resolution mechanisms.

STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

The course *Mediation and the Protection of Children in Armed Conflict* will be held in **English** from **27 to 30 October 2025**, in a **hybrid format** allowing both in-person attendance at the San Pio V Institute (Rome, Italy), and online participation via Zoom platform. Daily sessions will be held in the morning from **09:00 to 13:00**, with additional **afternoon sessions from 14:30 to 17:00**.

The course is coordinated by Professor **Laura Guercio** and Professor **Ljubomir Petruljeskov**. Sessions will consist of lectures delivered by leading international experts and practitioners, followed by Q&A segments and moderated discussions designed to stimulate active engagement among participants. Sessions will be delivered by **distinguished experts and practitioners in the fields of mediation, international law, and child protection**, offering participants both conceptual frameworks and case-based reflections.

The course will admit a maximum of **9 participants on site** and up to **20 participants online**. The standard participation fee is **€250 for on-site attendance** and **€200 for online attendance**. Please note that UNETCHAC does not assume responsibility for expenses related to travel, accommodation, or meals, which remain entirely at the charge of participants.

An **early registration fee** applies to those who confirm their attendance and complete payment no later than **29 September 2025**. In this case, the fee is reduced to **€200 for on-site participants** and **€175 for online participants**. Students coming from disadvantaged areas, will be entitled to discounted rates. The **final deadline for applications** is fixed at **23 October 2025**.

All submitted applications will be **reviewed by the Scientific Committee** of the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application **via email** in due course.

To receive the **Certificate of Completion**, **on-site participants** are required to **attend 100%** of the course sessions. **Online participants must attend at least 80%** of the sessions (live or, when justified, via recordings) and actively engage in course activities. At the end of the course, participants may be asked to submit a **final project proposal or short essay**. The most outstanding contributions may be considered for inclusion in future publications or academic initiatives promoted by the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict (UNETCHAC).

Following the course, **internship opportunities** within the Network and **scholarship possibilities** for future studies may be offered to the most deserving participants.

For further information or clarification, please contact us at the official course email address: [**unetchacadvancedcourse@gmail.com**](mailto:unetchacadvancedcourse@gmail.com)

To apply, please **fulfill the application form** at the following link: [**Application Form**](#)

Programme

Day 1 – Conflict and Child Protection Foundations

27 October

Morning (9:30–13:00)

- *Overview of Children in Armed Conflict: Definitions and Global Trends. Legal Frameworks: CRC, OPAC, UNSCR 1612, 1882, 2427 (Laura Guercio)*
- *The UN's Six Grave Violations Against Children And the UN system (Federica Sola)*
- *The judicial protection of children in armed conflict ((Paolina Massidda)*

Mr. **Fausto POCAR**, Emeritus Professor, University of Milan; Former Judge at the ICTY, ICTR, ad hoc ICJ, President - UNETCHAC

Prof. **Laura GUERCIO**, Secretary General - UNETCHAC

Afternoon (14:30–17:00)

- *The legal normative framework of the CAAC agenda, including CRC, OPAC and 14 UNSC resolutions*
- *Six grave violations*
 - Monitoring and Reporting Mechanisms
 - Global Trends
- *Child-sensitive mediation – mainstreaming child protection provisions in mediation efforts*

Ms. **Federica SOLA**, UN Office of the Special Representative of SG for CAAC

- *Creating a zone of physical and psychological safety for the child:*
 - Managing the mediators biases and respecting cultural differences in defining the optimum condition for children development
 - Enabling sustainability of the mediated outcomes despite the unstable operating environments of children caregivers

Mr. **Aloysius GOH**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, SAGE Mediation

Mr. **Ljubomir PETRULJESKOV**, Program Lead Eastern Europe and Central Asia at International Development Law Organization (IDLO); Mediator, JAMS Fellow

Day 2 – Mediation Basics and Integration in Peace Processes

28 October

Morning (9:30–13:00)

- *The Role of Mediators in Protecting Children*
 - Mediator responsibilities and challenges
 - Ensuring child-sensitive approaches

Counsel **Andrea BANDINI**, Co-Vice President - Italian Association for Arbitration (A.I.A.); International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) List of Conciliators.

- *Listening to Children in Conflict Resolution: Aims, Stages, and Challenges:*

- Importance and objectives of hearing child's voice in conflict resolution processes
- Main stages of hearing the child's voice in mediation and beyond
- Key challenges faced by specialists when engaging with children during mediation and other dispute resolution procedures
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- *Negotiating with Armed Groups*
 - Approaches to recruitment and release of children
- *Practical challenges and leverage points*

Prof. **Agnė TVARONAVIČIENĖ**, Professor of Law at Mykolas Romeris University and accredited mediator (CEDR); Chair of the National Mediator Qualification Examination Commission; member of the Mediator Performance Evaluation Commission.

Afternoon (14:30–17:00)

- *Case Study Analysis – Sierra Leone and Timor Eat (Shyamala Alagendra); Colombia (Ayesha Umana-Dajud)*
 - Key actors and negotiation dynamics
 - Lessons on integrating CAAC provisions
 - Reflection questions for participants

Counsel **Shyamala ALAGENDRA**, International Criminal Lawyer and former Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions of Fiji

Ms. **Ayesha UMANA-DAJUD**, J.S.D. candidate at Cornell University; Special Jurisdiction for Peace in Colombia and ICC's Office of Public Counsel for Victims.

- *Simulation Exercise: Drafting a Ceasefire Clause with CAAC Elements*
- *Debrief and Reflection: key takeaways from simulation*

Mr. **Ljubomir PETRULJESKOV**, Program Lead Eastern Europe and Central Asia at International Development Law Organization (IDLO); Mediator, JAMS Fellow

Day 3 – Engagement, Ethics, and Child-Sensitive Mediation

29 October

Morning (9:30–13:00)

- *Basics of Conflict, ADR, and Mediation:*
 - Core concepts of conflict and dispute dynamics
 - Overview of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) methods
 - Mediation process and principles
 - Comparative perspectives: mediation vs. other ADR mechanisms
- *Group Activity: Mapping Stakeholders in child protection*
 - Identify key actors in child protection and mediation processes
 - Analyse roles, interests, and power dynamics
 - Visual mapping exercise to build stakeholder networks

Mr. **Ljubomir PETRULJESKOV**, Program Lead Eastern Europe and Central Asia at International Development Law Organization (IDLO); Mediator, JAMS Fellow

Afternoon (14:30–17:00)

- *New technologies and mediation with a Child Protection Lens*
 - Tools and methodologies for mediators

Judge **Selvete GERXHALIU**, Former Judge at the Constitutional Court of Kosovo, President of DigRights

- *Reintegration vs. Re-victimisation*
 - Rights-based approaches to reintegration
 - Preventing cycles of abuse
- *Ethical Considerations*
 - Addressing trauma-sensitive communication
 - Ensuring participation without harm

Prof. **Yvonne VISSING**, PhD, Director Center for Childhood and Youth Studies, Salem State University.

Prof. **Greg CARROLL**, PhD, Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, Salem State University (USA); Fulbright Specialist.

Day 4 – Tools, Policy, and Practices

30 October

Morning (9:30–13:00)

- *Case study: Iraq and KRG during the ISIS war*
 - Approaches to post-war child support

Dr. **Mahdi NOORULDEEN MOHAMMED**, Ph.D in Public Law, Soran University

- *Workshop: Building a Child-Sensitive Mediation Framework*
 - Principles, tools, and checklists for mediators
- *Role Play: Dialogue Simulation*
 - Practice engagement with armed group representatives

Mr. **Ljubomir PETRULJESKOV**, Program Lead Eastern Europe and Central Asia at International Development Law Organization (IDLO); Mediator, JAMS Fellow

Afternoon (14:30–17:00)

- *Breakout Sessions: Multistakeholder Mediation Scenarios*
 - Simulated mediation exercises with diverse actors
- *Final Group Presentations of Mediation Proposals*
 - Peer review and feedback

Course Evaluation and Certificate Ceremony

Certification

Participants will receive a **Certificate of Completion**, potentially co-issued by the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict and a partnering institution or university. Academic recognition or CPD credits may be available.

Scientific & Coordinating Committee

Laura Guercio
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Responsible for the Course

Ms. Laura GUERCIO, *Counsel before the ICC, Secretary-General UNETCHAC*

Ms. Guercio is a lawyer in Rome and Genoa, with experience in other jurisdictions (namely, Great Britain/Republic of Ireland). Professor of International Relations and Intelligence Systems at University “Niccolò Cusano” (Italy). Member of the Council of the European Law Institute in Vienna (Austria); Expert Consultant of the Italian National Institute for Health, Migration and Poverty (NIHMP); Italian Agent of the Management Board of the European Agency for Fundamental Rights (2015- 2020); Secretary-General of the Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights at the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (2016-2020); Expert for the Human Dimension Mechanism - Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE); Assistant to Counsel (for victims) before the International Criminal Court. Since 2010, Legal Consultant/Expert in international Projects developed in Yemen, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Afghanistan, Swaziland, Kosovo, Jordan, and Palestine. She holds an international Ph.D. in Social Science (Trinity College Dublin - Genoa University); she holds a Master's Degree of Law at the University of Rome La Sapienza, a Master's Degree of Political Science, Politics and Economics of the Mediterranean Region at the University of Genoa (Italy), and a Master's Degree of International Relations at the Queen Mary University London (UK).

Mr. Ljubomir PETRULJESKOV, *Program Lead Eastern Europe and Central Asia at International Development Law Organization (IDLO)*

Ljubomir Petruljeskov is Program Lead at the International Development Law Organization and Weinstein JAMS International fellow. He has an MBA degree from UBI Belgium. He is responsible for IDLO projects in Eastern Europe and South East Asia.

Lecturers

Ms Dato' Shyamala ALAGENDRA, *International Criminal Lawyer and former Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions of Fiji*

Dato' Shyamala Alagendra is a Malaysian lawyer with over 24 years domestic and international criminal law experience. She has served as a Prosecution Trial Lawyer at the International Criminal Court (ICC), Special Court for Sierra Leone and before the Special Panel for Serious Crimes in East Timor. At the SCSL, she worked closely with former child soldiers and led their testimonies in three out of the four trials. During her time as the Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions of Fiji between 2018-2019, she led prosecutions of child rape cases and secured the first life sentence for child rape ever to be imposed in Fiji and the Pacific. She led the investigations into allegations of human rights violations (including killings, torture and sexual violence) by regional peacekeeping troops deployed to Sierra Leone during the conflict and submitted a fundamental rights petition before the Supreme Court in 2018 on their behalf. Some of the victims were children at the time of the violations and some were children born out of rapes by these peacekeepers. This case was featured in a documentary by Al Jazeera “Peacekillers”: <https://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/peopleandpower/2018/09/peacekillers180913060801441.html>. Between 2016-2017, she successfully represented child victims in cases of historical sexual abuse by foreign clergy in Sierra Leone. Most recently, she was the Gender & Child Rights Adviser to the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM) and is presently the Sexual and

Gender-Based Crimes Legal Consultant to the OHCHR Sri Lanka accountability project. She has also represented accused persons as Counsel at the ICC, STL and EULEX Court in Kosovo.

Mr. Andrea BANDINI, *Co-Vice President - Italian Association for Arbitration (A.I.A.); International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) List of Conciliators.*

Andrea Bandini has been a member of the Rome Bar Association since 1991 and was admitted to practice before the Italian Supreme Court (Corte di Cassazione) in 2005. His practice focuses primarily on civil and commercial law, national and international contracts, litigation, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR), including domestic and international commercial arbitration and mediation. He regularly serves as arbitrator and counsel in both institutional (e.g., ICC, Milan and Rome Chambers of Arbitration) and ad hoc arbitration, at national and international level, and as mediator—both in traditional and online proceedings—for the resolution of domestic and cross-border disputes. He is a certified mediator and mediator trainer registered with the Italian Ministry of Justice. Mr. Bandini frequently speaks and teaches in seminars and training courses on arbitration and mediation, and has been a guest speaker at conferences in Italy and abroad. He has contributed to various publications and authored several articles on arbitration and mediation. He is Co-Vice President and member of the Board of Directors of the Italian Association for Arbitration (AIA); member of the Editorial Board of the *Rivista dell'Arbitrato*; co-founder and member of ARBIT – Italian Forum for Arbitration and ADR; and member of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. Since January 2023, he has been appointed by the Italian Government to the ICSID Panel of Conciliators for a six-year term. Who's Who Legal recognized him as one of Italy's leading arbitration practitioners in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Mr. Greg CARROLL, *Ph.D., tenured Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, Associate Director of the Center Childhood and Youth Studies at Salem State University (MA), USA, Fulbright Specialist.*

Ph.D., (BSc.Ed. Melbourne University Australia, MA, Columbia University USA, PhD Monash University, Australia). His research interests include human rights, youth nation-building in divided societies, resilience and globalization. He has worked extensively in the West African country of Liberia and the Southeast Asian nation of Timor-Leste, since 2015 he has been collaborating with Petro Mohyla Black Sea National University, a Ukrainian national university in Mykolaiv. His recent works are Carroll, G. (2025b). Three Dimensional Concerns for Social Justice and Human Rights and What to Do About Them. Chapter 2, pp.15-30, in *Globalization and Human Rights for Democracy and Social Justice*. Zajda, J & Vissing, Y. (Eds.). Globalization, Comparative Education and Policy Research Vol 50. Springer. Carroll, G. (2025a). Education for Human Rights in a Globalized World. In *Fourth International Handbook of Globalization, Education and Policy Research* (4th ed., p. Chapter 12). Springer. Carroll, G. (2024a). Analysis of Cultural Heritage and Children in Armed Conflict Under the Perspective of Sustainable Development Goals. In *Children in armed conflict and cultural heritage: Protecting cultural heritage as a key element in preserving children's rights in armed conflict* (pp. 145–169). Gambini editore. Carroll, G. (2024b). Human Rights for Democracy and Social Justice. In *Globalization, and Human Rights for Democracy and Social Justice*. Springer International Publishing. Carroll, G., et.al., (2023) Resilience in Liberia: an Initial Study. In Leita, S., & Vissing, Y., (Eds.) *Community Structures and Processes on Lives of Refugee Children*. Vernon Press. Carroll, G. (2022). Viewpoints on Human Rights from the Global South. In Zajda, J., Vissing, Y., (Eds.) *Discourses of Globalisation, Ideology, and Human Rights*.

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Mr. Aloysius GOH, *Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Sage Mediation*

Aloysius Goh is an internationally certified mediator since 2007 and the Founder & CEO of Sage Mediation, a Singapore-based institution dedicated to advancing professional mediation practice and training. Over his career, he has mediated disputes ranging from a few hundred dollars to over USD 1 billion, involving listed corporations, public entities, and non-profit organisations across Asia, Europe, and the Pacific. Formerly Chief Executive Officer and Registrar of the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC) and General Counsel of the Singapore Institute of Technology, Aloysius has also advised governments and large organisations on developing mediation frameworks and capacity-building programmes. He serves on the international panels of leading mediation institutions including SIMC, the Japan International Mediation Centre in Kyoto, and KCAB International, and is a member of the International Mediation Institute's Appraisal Committee and the Madrid International Arbitration Centre's Mediation Advisory Committee. Beyond his professional work, Mr. Goh is deeply committed to education and human development. He owns a Montessori kindergarten and once spent a year in a silent French monastery.

Ms. Paolina MASSIDDA, *Principal Counsel, Independent Office of Public Counsel for Victims (OPCV), ICC*

Paolina Massidda is the Principal Counsel of the independent Office of Public Counsel for Victims (OPCV) at the ICC since its creation in 2005. In this capacity, she has represented victims in the proceedings before the Court in almost all situations and cases, gaining a specific experience in gender crimes and crimes against or affecting children, victims' rights and in handling cases with high numbers of victims involved. Before joining the Court, she practised before national and international tribunals, representing accused and victims. She worked as Legal Adviser for the International Federation of the Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross and participated as expert in several European Union training programmes for judges and lawyers. Member of the Genoa Bar (Italy) since 1992, she is specialised in human rights and international humanitarian law and holds a LL.M. in international criminal law. Member of the Scientific Committee UNETCHAC. She has published extensively on matters related to international criminal law and the rights of victims.

Mr Fausto POCAR, *Former Judge at ICTY and ICTR, President UNETCHAC*

Fausto Pocar is Professor Emeritus of International Law at the University of Milan (Italy). Since 2017, he has been an ad hoc Judge at the ICJ. He has been a Member of the UN Human Rights Committee under the ICCPR (1984-2000, President 1991-92). He was Judge at the ICTY (2000-2017, President 2005-2008) and Appeals Judge at the ICTR (2000-2015). Between 2012 and 2019, he was President of the International Institute Humanitarian Law, of which he is Honorary

President since 2019. Since 1997, he has been a Member of the Institut de droit international (Treasurer and Bureau Member since 2001). He was also President of the Italian Society International Law (2018-2021) and he is ELI Council Member (2019- to date).

Ms. Federica SOLA, *Political Affairs Officer, UN Office of the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, Europe Liaison Office*

Federica Sola is a Political Affairs Officer in the Europe Liaison Office of the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict (OSRSG CAAC), based in Brussels. As part of her role, she engages on the issue of children and armed conflict with different partners based in Europe and, in particular, with the European Union institutions and its Member States and Geneva-based Human Rights mechanisms. Before joining the OSRSG CAAC, she worked with Save the Children as an international partnerships advisor in different offices at the headquarters and country levels. Federica holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Sciences and International Relations from the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, a Master's Degree in International Relations from the University LUISS Guido Carli and an LL.M in Human Rights Law from the University of Edinburgh.

Ms. Agnė TVARONAVIČIENĖ, *Professor of Law at Mykolas Romeris University and accredited mediator (CEDR); Chair of the National Mediator Qualification Examination Commission; member of the Mediator Performance Evaluation Commission.*

Prof. Agnė Tvaronavičienė brings more than a decade of experience in the utilities sector—particularly postal services—and in public procurement disputes, areas that continue to shape her professional focus. After serving six years as Chair of the Lithuanian Court of Arbitration, she developed broad expertise in resolving commercial disputes involving construction projects, sale and purchase agreements, joint ventures, partnerships, and real estate. She also acts as a mediator in divorce cases concerning matrimonial finances. She is Chair of the Mediator's State Qualification Exam Commission at the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania and a Council member of the Lithuanian Chamber of Mediators. Since 2019, Prof. Dr. Tvaronavičienė has devoted her professional activity exclusively to academia, which ensures her complete impartiality and allows her to dedicate full attention to mediation. Currently a Professor of Law and Head of the Public Law Institute at Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius, she has led or contributed to numerous European projects, including the EU E-Justice project CODEMAL and the Erasmus+ DISCOM initiative, both aimed at strengthening mediation practice and interdisciplinary skills. Earlier in her career she served as Head of the Procurement Department and Legal Counsel at Lithuanian Post and participated as researcher and mediator in several national and international programs promoting mediation and collective intelligence.

Ms. Ayesha UMANA-DAJUD, *J.S.D. candidate at Cornell University; Special Jurisdiction for Peace in Colombia and ICC's Office of Public Counsel for Victims.*

Ayesha Umana-Dajud is a doctoral candidate in Science of Law (J.S.D.) at Cornell University, where institutes such as the Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies recognized her with fellowships. Ayesha's professional experience spans roles at the Special Jurisdiction of Peace - JEP, transitional justice tribunal created by the 2016 Peace Agreements with the FARC-EP guerrilla in Colombia, and at The Office of Public Counsel for the Victims (OPCV) of the International

Criminal Court in The Netherlands supporting the representation child soldiers from Central African Republic, as well as legal research positions for the Women & Justice Collection of the Legal Information Institute (LII) and The Death Penalty Center in the U.S. After the Peace Agreements signature, Ayesha volunteered in the FARC-EP reintegration settlements to teach alternative mechanisms of conflict resolution and took part of missions to report the implementation needs of the Peace Agreements in rural communities. She also has trained Afro-Descendant leaders in the Pacific rainforest in Human Rights protection mechanisms, led a process of formalization of land ownership of farmers in the Andes, was the lead council in a land restitution process between an Hydroelectric and forced displaced farmers, and worked in previous consultation processes with Indigenous communities in the Línea Negra. Recently, she contributed to argued at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on the advisory opinion on “Climate Change emergency and Human Rights” (2023); drafted a report on women on death row that triggered a joint communication from three UN Special Rapporteurs, and two Working Groups to the Tanzanian government; drafted the litigation strategy on sexual and gender violence for a feminist organization representing victims at the JEP, and represents Wayuu female indigenous leaders who were forced displaced from their ancestral territories.

Ms. Yvonne VISSING, *Tenured, Full Professor. Department of Healthcare Studies (Founding department member and interim chair). Department of Sociology (Former chair). Salem State University. Salem MA.*

Founding Director. Center for Childhood & Youth Studies. Salem State University. Salem, MA. 2008-current. Tenured, Full Professor. Department of Sociology and Social Sciences. Ferris State University. Big Rapids, MI. 1980-1990. She promotes the Initiative for Civility in Everyday Life <https://civic-infrastructure.org/> a nonprofit organization that is designed to work with communities to promote belonging, dialogue, and social justice. The World as It Could Be <https://www.theworldasitcouldbe.org/> a human rights website that promotes human rights curricula and other positive rights advocacy projects. Training 4 Excellence ([training4excellence.com](https://www.training4excellence.com)). This business provides online training programs for organizations and individuals on a variety of health, education, and human service topics. Child Abuse Prevention Training Assistance for Organizations (www.CAPTA4.Org). This business specializes in helping organizations to conduct risk management, strategic planning, and employee training to increase child and business protection and reduce risk of injury and lawsuits around the issues of child maltreatment.