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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT: HOW CAN THEY BE PROTECTED IN A MULTILEVEL INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK?

**A joint commitment by national and international Institutions and
Organizations together with the Academic Community**

Luxembourg, 21-22 November 2022



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Monday, 21 November 2022

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

5:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. CET

Cercle Cité

Place d'Armes, Luxembourg City

Welcome addresses

*(Moderator: **Diego Brasioli**, Ambassador of Italy to Luxembourg)*

- **Stéphane Pallage**, Rector of the University of Luxembourg
- **Laura Guercio**, Professor at the University of Perugia, Coordinator of the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict

Special Guest Speaker

- **HRH the Grand Duchess Maria Teresa of Luxembourg**, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador and UNICEF Eminent Advocate for Children

Keynote Speakers

- **Anne Goedert**, Ambassador-at-large for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Luxembourg
- **Pasquale Ferrara**, Director General for Political Affairs and Security, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (tbc)
- **Virginia Gamba**, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
- **Eamon Gilmore**, EU Special Representative for Human Rights
- **Karim A. A. Khan KC**, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

Closing remarks

- **Robert Harmsen**, Head of Social Sciences Department/ UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, University of Luxembourg
- **Giovanna Gnerre Landini** and **Simona Lanzellotto**, Organizing Committee of the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict



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Tuesday, 22 November 2022

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. CET

University of Luxembourg
Belval Campus, Maison des Sciences Humaines (Black Box)
Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg

MORNING SESSION

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. CET

○ **9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

Registration and welcome coffee

○ **9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.**

Introduction to the Conference

Robert Harmsen, Head of Social Sciences Department/ UNESCO Chair in Human Rights at the University of Luxembourg

Laura Guercio, Professor at the University of Perugia, Coordinator of the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict

○ **9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

PANEL 1

Children's right to education and armed conflict: current international commitments and challenges

Moderator

Tom Reisen, Deputy Director of Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Luxembourg

Panelists

Nevena Saykova, Advocacy and Policy Advisor, Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA)

John Packer, Professor and Director of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre at the University of Ottawa (Canada)

Hokbi Tiunn, Lawyer and Candidate for the Ph.D. in Law at the University of Ottawa (Canada)



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Harold Assou-Dodji, Sophia de Berardinis, Geri Goga, Samanda Kortoçi, Like-Minded CAAC Working Group - UNETCHAC

Maryse Arendt, President UNICEF Luxembourg

Annamaria Rufino, Professor at the University of Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli” (Italy)

Break (15 minutes)

○ **11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

Award ceremony of the participants to the *Advanced Training Course “International Criminal Jurisdiction and Children in Armed Conflict”*

Award dedicated to Ms. Francesca Tardioli, Italian diplomat, former Italian Ambassador to Australia

Georg Mein, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences. University of Luxembourg

Keynote speech:

Virginia Gamba, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

○ **11:45 a.m. –1:00 p.m.**

PANEL 2

The protection of children in armed conflict: monitoring and reporting on grave violations and accountability framework

Moderator

Fausto Pocar, Professor Emeritus at the University of Milan (Italy)/ former Judge at ICTY, ICTR, and ad hoc Judge at ICTY

Panelists

Paolina Massidda, Principal Counsel, Independent Office of Public Counsel for Victims (OPCV), International Criminal Court (ICC)

Idriss Kitulo, Lawyer at the Court of Appeal of South Kivu (Democratic Republic of Congo)

Jan Marie Fritz, Professor at the University of Cincinnati (USA)/University of Johannesburg (South Africa)

Dato’ Shyamala Alagendra, International Criminal Lawyer (Malaysia)/International Criminal Court Bar Association

Stefano Dominelli, Professor at the University of Genoa (Italy)



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LUNCH AND NETWORKING

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CET

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. CET

○ **2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

SPECIAL ROUND TABLE

The role of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in reporting on violations of international humanitarian and human rights law, war crimes and crimes against humanity in ongoing armed conflicts, with specific focus on Ukraine

Moderator

Stefano Baldi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE

Welcome addresses

Matteo Mecacci, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

Konrad Kiedrzyński, Deputy Director, Department of United Nations and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland (*OSCE Chairmanship 2022*)

Speakers

Presentation of the First and Second Reports of the OSCE Moscow Mechanism Mission on Ukraine

Laura Guercio, Professor at the University of Perugia (Italy)

Vasilka Sancin, Professor at the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Wolfgang Benedek, Professor at the University of Graz (Austria)

Mariia Sulialina, Centre for Civic Education “Almenda”

Paolo De Nardis, Professor at Sapienza University of Rome/ President of the Institute of Political Studies “S. Pio V” (Italy) (tbc)

Conclusion

Stefano Baldi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE

Break (15 minutes)



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○ **4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

PANEL 3

Children affected by armed conflict, forced displacement and asylum: the new current challenges

Moderator

Giovanna Gnerre Landini, PhD, Researcher in International Human Rights Law (Italy)

Panelists

Massimo Marelli, Head of the Data Protection Office at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Ahmed Aubais Neima Al-Fatlawi, Professor at the University of Kufa (Iraq)/ Member of Scientific Committee in the National Committee of IHL (Iraq)

Silvia Scarpa, Professor at John Cabot University (Italy)

Riyad Al-Saudi, Vitoria Rosso, Liliann Saudii, Like-Minded CAAC Working Group - UNETCHAC

Settimio Stallone, Professor at the University of Naples Federico II (Italy)

Matthew Happold, Professor at the University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

○ **5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Concluding Remarks *Outcomes and future perspectives: what's next?*

Fausto Pocar, Coordination Committee of the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict

Paolo De Nardis, Professor at Sapienza University of Rome/ President of the Institute of Political Studies "S. Pio V" (Italy) (tbc)

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

DATO' SHYAMALA ALAGENDRA *International Criminal Lawyer (Malaysia)/ International Criminal Court Bar Association*

Dato' Shyamala Alagenda 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. 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.

Shyamala successfully represented child victims in cases of historical sexual abuse by foreign clergy in a country in Africa. Compensation was paid to the victims including to the children born of those rapes. 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 domestically in Malaysia and at the ICC, STL and EULEX Court in Kosovo.

AHMED AL-FATLAWI *Professor at the University of Kufa (Iraq)/Member of Scientific Committee in the National Committee of IHL (Iraq)*

Ahmed Al-Fatlawi is a specialist in international humanitarian law, hold PhD in law from the Higher Institute at the Lebanese University in 2012, also hold diploma in IHL from Geneva academy for IHL and human rights, in 2017. Currently he is a professor at the Faculty of Law/University of Kufa since 2002.

Prof. Al-fatlawi had been engaged in several academic forums, like his participated in the advanced seminar studies in IHL, launched by the ICRC in 2017.

He was chosen by ICRC, as an expert (peer review) on updates commentaries on third Geneva Convention of 1949. In 2019, ICRC selected him as an expert (peer review) on updates guidelines for protection of the natural environment in times of armed conflicts.

Finally, he is now member of scientific committee in national committee of IHL, Prime Minister Office of Iraq.

RIYAD AL-SAUDI *Member of the Like-Minded CAAC Working Group – UNETCHAC (Jordan)*

Riyad Saudi is 25 years old from Jordan. He holds bachelor degree in Law from Petra University. He completed an intensive training course entitled: Building competencies and awareness on the international protection of children, particularly girls, affected by armed conflict. organized by the Institute of Political Studies "S. Pio V" and the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict,



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a network promoted by the University of Perugia. He did an internship at Amel Association International - Beirut, Beirut Governorate, Lebanon Training Course “International Humanitarian Law & Armed Conflicts”. Finally, he participated in the competition of the ICRC in the Moot Court “International Humanitarian Law” as a representative of Jordan, got the fourth place after Libya, Lebanon and Palestine.

MARYSE ARENDT *President UNICEF Luxembourg*

Maryse Arendt, BScEd, Lactation consultant IBCLC, child birth educator; Teaching experience in schools in Luxembourg; Co-Founder and past director for 30 years of a counselling and advocacy center for unmedicalized birth, breastfeeding and parenting in Luxemburg. Board chair of UNICEF National committee in Luxembourg; Member of the national UNESCO committee in Luxembourg; Member of the Conseil supérieur des personnes handicapées in Luxembourg; National BFHI coordinator; Member of the national breastfeeding committee in Luxembourg; Assistant editor for the Journal of Human Lactation JHL. Experienced in working in a worldwide team through the IBFAN Network. IBFAN (International Baby Food Action Network).

Member of the WABA (World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action) steering committee; Delegate for ILCA (International Lactation Consultants association) attending meetings of the WHO/FAO; Codex Alimentarius and WHA/EB. Board chair of BLL-IBFAN (Association of Lactation Consultants in Luxembourg – a member of the IBFAN network).

HAROLD ASSO-DODJI *Member of the Like-minded CAAC Working Group – UNETCHAC (Ghana)*

Harold Assou-Dodji is the founder and director of FORBIS Institute, Ghana, a continuous professional development (CPD) and training centre with additional focus on research in intercultural communication and mediation, human rights, and adult education.

As a bilingual communication and training specialist, Harold has more than 15 years' international work experience in both communication mediation and capacity building training for local NGOs, the United Nations, and intergovernmental organisations in Ghana and across sub-Saharan Africa. He is currently a member of the Chartered Institute of Linguists UK, (English and French) and also a member of the Like-minded CAAC Working Group - UNETCHAC.

His current research interest is in National Human Rights Institutions and their impact on the practice and implementation of selected UN Human Rights instruments in French- and English-speaking West Africa.

WOLFGANG BENEDEK *Professor at the University of Graz (Austria)/ Expert of the OSCE Moscow Mechanism*

Wolfgang Benedek is former director of Institute of International Law and International Relations and of the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (ETC) of University of Graz; Lecturer at Vienna Diplomatic Academy, University of Ljubljana and at the



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European Master Programme on Democracy and Human Rights in Sarajevo; Research in international and regional human rights as well as human security; expert services for UN, Council of Europe and EU; OSCE rapporteur under the Moscow Mechanism on situation of human rights in Chechnya (2018), Belarus (2020) and Ukraine (2022).

SOPHIA DE BERARDINIS *Member of the Like-minded CAAC Working Group – UNETCHAC (Italy)*

Sophia de Berardinis is 22 years old. Born and raised in Rome, she is currently working in Lisbon. She is a curious person who believes that exposure to different realities forces us to continually improve our intellectual faculties. Driven by the desire to better understand geopolitical dynamics and international issues, she studied International Affairs at John Cabot University and graduated with Honors. At university, she developed a keen interest for the study of human rights. In conjunction with her classes, she attended the intensive course on the international protection of children affected by armed conflict organized by the University Network for Children in Armed Conflict, which led her to a deeper level of awareness on this very topical issue. She continued to be involved and active within the Network, and today she is part of the "Like-Minded CAAC Working Group – UNETCHAC". She believes that without a multi-layered approach it is not possible to stop violations of human rights, and that theory must dialogue with the complex reality. In the future, she would like to work within an international or non-governmental organization to make concrete actions to fight inequalities and ensure respect for human rights.

STEFANO DOMINELLI *Professor at the University of Genoa (Italy)*

Stefano Dominelli holds a Phd in international and European Union law from the University of Genoa, where he currently is Senior researcher and teaches, amongst others, International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law.

JAN MARIE FRITZ *Professor at the University of Cincinnati (USA)/ University of Johannesburg (South Africa)*

Jan Marie Fritz, Ph.D., C.C.S., a clinical sociologist, is a professor at the University of Cincinnati (USA), a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Johannesburg (South Africa) and a Visiting Professor at Taylor's University (Malaysia). She has been a mediator for 25 years and is the editor of *Moving Toward a Just Peace: The Mediation Continuum and International Clinical Sociology*. She also is the co-editor of *Clinical Sociology in Southern Africa and Community Intervention*. She edits a book series for Springer and also is the co-editor of the *Clinical Sociology Review*, an open-access journal that appears in three languages. She is member of the Executive Committee of the International Sociological Association, Steering Committee member of the US Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council and the senior International Sociological Association representative to the United Nations (New York City).



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VIRGINIA GAMBA *Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict*

Professor Virginia Gamba was appointed Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict at the Under-Secretary-General level in April 2017. She served most recently as Assistant Secretary General, Head of the Joint Investigative Mechanism Syria (SC Res 2235 and 2319). She previously served as Deputy to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and Director of the Office for Disarmament Affairs. Past engagements with the United Nations include serving as Director to the Disarmament and Conflict Resolution Programme at the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in Geneva (1992-1996).

Ms. Gamba has a long career in peace and security, human security and disarmament issues. From 2007 to 2011 she served as Deputy Director and Senior Coordinator on Safety and Security at the *Instituto Superior de Seguridad Publica*, Ministry of Justice, Government of the Autonomous city of Buenos Aires. From 1996 to 2006 she was based in Africa serving inter-alia as peace and security consultant to the Africa Union, Deputy Director of the Institute for Security Studies in South Africa and Director for South-South Interactions of Safer Africa. She was also the senior program officer for arms control, disarmament and demobilization at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in Chicago (1991-1993). Prior to this she was an academic and a senior lecturer at the Latin American Security Studies, Department of War Studies, King's College, London (1986-1991). Moreover, she also served as an advisor to the Argentine Ministry of Defense on Civil Military Relations and Transformation of the Military under Democracy (1983-1985).

Ms. Gamba holds an MSc (Econ) in Strategic Studies, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth and a B.A. (Hons) in Spanish and Latin American Studies, University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom.

Born in San Martin, province of Buenos Aires in 1954, Ms. Gamba is married and has one daughter.

GIOVANNA GNERRE LANDINI *PhD, Researcher in International Human Rights Law (Italy)*

Giovanna Gnerre Landini is an Italian researcher and PhD in International Order and Human Rights (Sapienza University of Rome). Member of the Organizing Committee of the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict (UNETCHAC), she coordinates the two *Like-Minded CAAC Working Groups* on Education and Migration of UNETCHAC.

Her current research and activities focus on the international human rights law in particular on multi-level protection (national, regional and international) of vulnerable groups such as children, women and migrants. She has lived abroad, in particular in Brazil and Romania, conducting field studies on cultural and environmental rights of minorities and indigenous peoples.

She cooperates regularly as lecturer, consultant and analyst with several universities, NGOs and national and international institutions.



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GERI GOGA *Member of the Like-minded CAAC Working Group – UNETCHAC (Albania)*

Geri Goga is one of the participants of the Like-Minded CAAC Working Group- UNETCHAC, and has a distinguished and documented experience in International Criminal Law and International Human Rights Law, accompanied by many participations in international competitions such as Nuremberg Moot Court, upheld in March 2022. He has finished his Bachelor of Law Studies at the University of Tirana, Faculty of Law with magna cum laude, and is currently resuming his Master Studies in Criminal Law at the same faculty and also has a thoroughly detailed work experience, having previously worked at RADO CANADA VISA as a Legal Assistant-Immigration Caseworker for 3 months, earning him the decent amount of knowledge regarding Canadian Immigration Law. As of today, he is working at Oracle Solicitors as a Legal Coordinator – German Speaking, earning the possibility of acquiring knowledge on European Aviation Law, as a person who is in pursuance of constant professional growth.

LAURA GUERCIO *Professor at the University of Perugia (Italy) and Coordinator of the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict*

Laura Guercio is Lawyer in Rome and Genoa, with experience in other jurisdictions (Great Britain/Republic of Ireland). Professor at the University of Perugia of Sociology of Human Rights and of International cooperation to development. Member of the Council of the European Law Institute in Vienna; 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 (2016-2020); Expert for the Human Dimension Mechanism 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, Jourdan, Palestine. She holds a Degree of Law, Degree of Political Science and international PHD in Social Science (Trinity College Dublin- Genoa University).

MATTHEW HAPPOLD *Professor at the University of Luxembourg*

Matthew Happold is Professor of Public International Law at the University of Luxembourg. A general public international lawyer, his publications include a monograph, “Child Soldiers in International law” (MUP: 2044), and several articles and chapters on conflict-affected children. Matthew has been a Visiting Professional in the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, and from 2014 to 2022 was a member of the Commission consultative des Droits de l’Homme, Luxembourg’s national human rights institution.



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ROBERT HARMSSEN *Head of the Department of Social Sciences and holder of the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights at University of Luxembourg*

Robert Harmsen is Professor Political Science and holder of the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights at the University of Luxembourg, where he also currently serves as the Head of the Department of Social Sciences. Professor Harmsen completed his undergraduate education at the University of Alberta (Canada) and his PhD at the University of Kent (UK) as a Commonwealth Scholar. Prior to joining the University of Luxembourg in 2008, he had been a Lecturer and latterly Senior Lecturer in European Studies at Queen's University Belfast for fifteen years. His research interests and publications span a broad range of topics concerned with the European and international human rights regimes, comparative and international higher education policy, and the processes of European and regional integration (as well as the forms of opposition which they engender). Since assuming responsibility for the UNESCO Chair in 2019, he has sought further to develop its role as a national and international forum for both academic and wider stakeholder dialogues, promoting a research, teaching, and public engagement agenda focused on exploring the role of fundamental rights in the policy process. Recent events organised by the Chair have, for example, examined subjects such as Islam and Human Rights; Understanding Institutional Racism in Europe and North America; Challenges to the Rule of Law in Europe; and the Governance of Climate Change.

IDRISS MBILIZI KITULO *Trainee lawyer at the Bar of the Court of Appeal of South Kivu (Democratic Republic of Congo)*

Idriss Mbilizi Kitulo, studies done: Public Law at the Official University of Bukavu (UOB) / Former student of the Universities Network for Children in Armed Conflict in the framework of the training on "the protection of children in armed conflicts". Trainee lawyer at the Bar of the Court of Appeal of South Kivu, Junior researcher in child protection law and self-trained in the implementation of sustainable development projects. Member of Partnership network for education, research and development (REPERD).

SAMANDA KORTOÇI *Member of the Like-minded CAAC Working Group – UNETCHAC (Albania)*

Samanda Kortoçi has completed her Bachelor of Law and currently is in her last year of MSc studies in Civil law. She has worked as a legal assistant for several law firms in Tirana and as a professor assistant at her university. She has also attended the following international summer/autumn schools: Equality and Diversity in European Legal Education by Universität des Saarlandes and Pravna Fakulteta Univerza, International Intensive Course, Building Competencies and Awareness on the International Protection of Children, particularly Girls, Affected by Armed Conflicts and she is also part of "Like-Minded CAAC Working Group - UNETCHAC". Ms. Kortoçi was a project organizers of NOW 2022, which is an International academic-cultural exchange student program between University of Tirana and Humboldt University Berlin.



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She has a rich and long experience as an activist in civil society and currently is volunteering in several non-profit organization mainly for the Consumer Protection and Integration Processes and Environmental Rights Advocacy.

MASSIMO MARELLI *Head of the Data Protection Office at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)*

Massimo Marelli is the Head of the Data Protection Office at the ICRC, and Head of Delegation for Cyberspace in Luxembourg a.i.. He is also a member of the Data Protection Commission at CERN. Massimo is a member of the Advisory Board and a Fellow of the European Centre on Privacy and Cybersecurity (ECPC) at the University of Maastricht, co-director of the *Humanitarian Action Programme* at ECPC, and the co-editor of the *DigitHarium*, a global forum to discuss and debate digital transformation within the humanitarian sector, with a focus on humanitarian protection, policy, ethics and action. He is also a member of the Brussels Privacy Hub Advisory Board, and the co-editor of the Handbook on Data Protection in Humanitarian Action.

Prior to his current role, Massimo held several assignments with the ICRC in the field and at the headquarters. He also worked as lawyer at the UK Office of Fair Trading, Referendaire at the EU General Court in Luxembourg and as lawyer in private practice.

PAOLINA MASSIDDA *Principal Counsel of the independent Office of Public Counsel for Victims (OPCV) at the International Criminal Law (ICC)*

Paolina Massidda of Italy, is the Principal Counsel of the independent Office of Public Counsel for Victims (OPCV) at the ICC since its creation in 2005 and she has been appointed Counsel to represent victims in virtually all situations and cases before the Court.

One of her priorities has been to shape the OPCV in order to ensure a meaningful representation of the interests of thousands of victims of crimes against humanity and war crimes in the ICC proceedings. She sought to bring the OPCV, and with it the ICC, closer to the victims who reside in the affected communities of the situation countries. At her initiative, the capacity of the ICC to reach out to victims without discrimination of any kind was significantly strengthened. It has been a priority for her that victims of gender crimes and children victims do not go unheard. Before joining the ICC, Ms Massidda 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. She is specialised in human rights and international humanitarian law, she holds a master in international criminal law and is a member of the Genoa Bar (Italy) since 1992.

GEORG MEIN *Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences. University of Luxembourg*

Professor Georg Mein has been the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences at the University of Luxembourg since 2013. He joined the University in 2006 as Full Professor for



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Modern German Literature and Theory, serving as the Chair of the German Department from 2006 to 2012. His research interests focus on German literature from the Eighteenth Century through to the present, literacy studies, sociology of literature, and Media and Culture theory.

JOHN PACKER *Professor and Director of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre at the University of Ottawa (Canada)*

John Packer is Neuberger-Jesin Professor of International Conflict Resolution in the Faculty of Law and Director of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre at the University of Ottawa. He previously taught at the Fletcher School (Tufts University, USA) and the University of Essex (UK), held Fellowships at Cambridge and Harvard Universities, and has lectured at academic and professional institutions around the world. Over his 30-year career, he was an inter-governmental official for 20 years (UNHCR, ILO, OHCHR, UNDP, OSCE) and has advised numerous governments, communities and other actors in over fifty countries. As a UN staff member in the early 1990s, he investigated serious violations of human rights in Iraq, Afghanistan and Burma/Myanmar. From 1995 to 2004, he was Senior Legal Adviser then the first Director in the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities advising in conflict across Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union including mediating Ukraine-Russia relations and contributing to constitution- and law-making in Ukraine and development of democratic institutions (work he has continued to do). In 2012-2014, he was the Constitutions and Process Design Expert on the UN's Standby Team of Mediation Experts working around the world. The focus of his research and practice is at the intersection of human rights (including minority rights) and security, notably conflict prevention and quiet diplomacy, international mediation, transitional arrangements, constitutional and legal reform, and institutional developments at domestic and multilateral levels. He has conducted research on the protection of children in armed conflict.

FAUSTO POCAR *Professor Emeritus at Milan University (Italy)/ Member of the coordination team of UNETCHAC*

Fausto Pocar, Professor Emeritus at Milan University and member of the coordination team of UNETCHAC,

served as a Judge of the ICTY (2000-2017, President 2005-2008), of the Appeals Chamber of the ICTR (2000-2015, President 2005-2008) and at the ICJ in the cases *Belgium v. Switzerland* (2011) and *Ukraine v. Russian Federation* (2017), where he is currently sitting.

Within the UN he was a member of the Human Rights Committee (1985-2000, Chairman 1991-1992), Special Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Chechnya and the Russian Federation (1995-1996), Italian delegate to the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Committee on Outer Space. Within the EU, he was Rapporteur for the revision of the Brussels Convention (1996-1999) and the Lugano Convention (2007).

A Dr.h.c. at Antwerp and Buenos Aires, Professor Pocar is the author of hundreds of publications on International Law, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, Private International Law and European Law. He lectured at the Hague Academy of International Law and



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in many universities worldwide and is a member of the “Institut de Droit International”, Honorary President of the San Remo International Institute of Humanitarian Law and past President of the Italian Society of International Law, he was awarded the Great Cross Knighthood, the highest Italian distinction, by the President of the Italian Republic.

TOM REISEN *Deputy Political Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg*

Tom Reisen has been Deputy Political Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg since 2020. Previously, he was Deputy Permanent Delegate to UNESCO. He was also part of the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the United Nations between 2012-2016 where he chaired, at expert level, the Security Council’s Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict. Before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tom Reisen worked as a journalist for the Luxembourg newspaper Tageblatt, where he was deputy editor in chief between 2006 and 2008.

NEVENA SAYKOVA *Advocacy and Policy Advisor at Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA)*

Nevena Saykova is the Advocacy and Policy Advisor at GCPEA. She leads on the advocacy related to promoting the endorsement and implementation of the Safe Schools Declaration and the Guidelines for Protecting Schools and Universities from Military Use during Armed Conflict. Her work experience relates to international security and the promotion of human rights and international humanitarian law. Prior to joining GCPEA, Nevena worked at the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and other international organisations.

VITORIA ROSSO *Member of the Like-Minded CAAC Working Group – UNETCHAC (Italy)*

Vitoria Rosso holds a Bachelor's degree in Interlinguistic Mediation and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in International Relations at the University of Genova, Italy. She also spent a semester at the University of Tartu, Estonia, while doing her bachelor's studies.

She works at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Sanremo, Italy, as Project Assistant in the Admission Unit, Department of Refugee Law and Migration Law.

She is also part of the Like-Minded CAAC Working Group of the Universities Network of Children in Armed Conflict (UNETCHAC).

VASILKA SANCIN *Professor at the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) / Expert of the OSCE Moscow Mechanism*

Vasilka Sancin is a Full Professor of International Law, Head of Department of International Law and Director of the Institute for International Law and International Relations at University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law (Slovenia). She is currently a member (2019-2022) and Vice-Chair of the United Nations Human Rights Committee and its Special Rapporteur for the Follow-up process to



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