

MOOC Science and Human Rights

LECTURERS AND EXPERTS



President of the Global Campus of Human Rights and Judge at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Veronica Gomez

Veronica Gomez is the current Global Campus President. She was appointed by the GC Assembly at its meeting of 11 December 2019 in Pretoria (four-year mandate).

She is a Judge in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (2022-2027) and Director for Education of the International Centre for Political Studies ([CIEP](#)) at the National University of San Martin (UNSAM) where she is also the Co-Director of the Master's

Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Latin America and the Caribbean (LATMA). She has also served as Chairperson of the former Global Campus Council since 2015.

Her professional path includes her role as Principal Specialist at the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights of the Organisation of American States in Washington (1998-2009) and as a Senior Advisor on Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina (2010-2011).



Professor of law and director of the Health & Human Rights Unit at Queen's University Belfast

Thérèse Murphy

Thérèse Murphy is professor of law and director of the Health & Human Rights Unit at Queen's University Belfast. She is also a member of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies. Within the Global Campus of Human Rights, she is the Chairperson of the European Master's on Human Rights and Democratisation, the GC Human Rights Preparedness Founding Editor, and a member of the GC Council.

A former Fulbright fellow, she studied law at University College Dublin and the University of Cambridge, and was admitted to the bar at King's Inns, Dublin. Her field of expertise is human rights law and practice, with particular interests in health, science and technology, and human rights method.

She is a member of the editorial board of the *Human Rights Law Review*, associate editor of *BMC International Health & Human Rights* and co-editor of the Bloomsbury/Hart book series, Law and Health. She sits on the Moral & Ethical Advisory Group established by the UK's Department of Health and Social Care.



Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO

Gabriela Ramos

Gabriela Ramos is the Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO, where she oversees the contributions of the institution to build inclusive and peaceful societies. Her agenda includes the achievement of social inclusion and gender equality, advancing youth development; promotion of values through sports; anti-racism and anti-discriminatory agenda. She has also overseen the development and adoption of the first global instrument to promote the ethics of artificial intelligence, adopted by acclamation in 2021 by UNESCO's General Conference. Her appointment at UNESCO allows her to continue supporting an agenda of inclusive growth, and the respect of human rights and human dignity.

Prior to this position, Ms. Ramos served as the Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20/G7/APEC in the OECD, as Director of the OECD Office in Mexico and Latin America and as a member of the Mexican foreign service.

In 2013, she was decorated with the Ordre du Merit by the President of France. Her work to promote gender equality earned her the 2017 and 2018 Forbes Excellence award as well as being included as part of Apolitical's 100 Most Influential People in Gender Policy in both 2018 and 2019.

Full bio [here](#)



Right Livelihood Laureate, 2009

David Suzuki

David Suzuki is one of the most brilliant scientists and communicators about science of his generation. Through his books and broadcasts, which have touched millions of people worldwide, he has stressed the dangers, as well as the benefits, of scientific research and technological development.

He has campaigned tirelessly for environmental protection and social responsibility in science. For the past decades, Suzuki has informed the world about the grave threat of climate change and how it can be reduced.

In 2009, he received the [Right Livelihood award](#) “for his lifetime advocacy of the socially responsible use of science, and for his massive contribution to raising awareness about the perils of climate change and building public support for policies to address it.”



Korea University and Member of the UN Human Rights Committee

Changrok Soh

Changrok Soh is an accomplished human rights expert and respected academic with an extensive working relationship with civil society and government agencies and a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee. He is currently professor of Korea University Graduate School of International Studies and the Director of International Human Rights Center. He is also the President of Human Asia, which is a UN DPI accredited Human Rights NGO. He has a special interest in the field of human rights and human security, especially in East Asia.

Professor Soh has integrated his academic research into human rights policy through his role in the Advisory Committee of the UN Human Rights Council. In order to protect and promote human rights in the Asian region, he has led human rights advocacy campaigns and community development projects in many Asian countries such as Nepal and India.

After graduating from the Department of International Relations at Seoul National University, he received his Ph.D. as well as MALD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in the US.



Head of the Department of International and European Law, University of Amsterdam

Yvonne Donders

Yvonne Donders is Professor of International Human Rights and Head of the Department of International and European Law at the [University of Amsterdam](#). She also works as Commissioner at the [Netherlands National Human Rights Institute](#). In 2022 she was elected member of the UN [Human Rights Committee](#) for the term 2023-2027.

Her current research and teaching focus on public international law; international human rights law, in particular economic, social and cultural rights, and human rights and cultural diversity. Yvonne Donders is currently Chair of the Steering Committee of the Netherlands Network of Human Rights Research ([NNHRR](#)), Member of the Human Rights Committee of the Advisory Council on International Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ([AIV](#)), Member of the Editorial Board and Executive Editor of the Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights ([NQHR](#)) and Chair of the Advisory Board of the “[Shelter City](#)” project for human rights defenders. She holds a PhD from the Law Faculty of Maastricht University on cultural human rights and the right to cultural identity.



University of Deusto and Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Mikel Mancisidor

Mikel Mancisidor is a member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights since 2013 (third term until 2024). In this capacity, he was for 6 years Rapporteur for the General Comment on Science and Human Rights adopted in 2020. He has also been part of various working groups of the UN (OHCHR and WHO) and UNESCO. Mikel also teaches Public International Law at the University of Deusto, and he is a member of the Faculty and Adjunct Professor at the

Washington College of Law of the American University, Washington, D.C., where since 2016 he teaches Advanced Studies in Human Rights.

He has been teaching since 2015 at the Summer Courses of the International Institute of Human Rights - René Cassin, in Strasbourg, and has given training courses for different international organizations, governments, judicial bodies and diplomatic schools. He received the Gold Medal for Human Rights at the Centenary of the Liga Pro-Derechos Humanos de España (2013). He was received (2019) as a senior member at the Real Sociedad Bascongada de Amigos del País (RSBAP) after a lesson on the sixteenth-century jurist Fortún García de Ercilla. In 2020 he received the Eusko Ikaskuntza Prize for Humanities and Social Sciences.

He was Director of the UNESCO Centre in the Basque Country – UNESCO Etxea for 10 years (2004-2014) and continues to collaborate with UNESCO in different tasks, especially related to the Human Right to Science.



Executive Secretary of the International Science Council (ISC) Committee for Freedom and Responsibility in Science (CFRS) and Senior Science Officer

Vivi Stavrou

Vivi Stavrou is a Clinical Psychologist and development worker with extensive international experience in humanitarian emergencies and post-conflict situations as a social development consultant, evaluator and researcher. She has worked with UN and development agencies, government ministries and services and

academic institutions in the areas of child protection, mental health and psychosocial support and health systems development, Health and Human Rights, and security sector reform.



UN Special Rapporteur on extra-judicial summary or arbitrary executions

Morris Tidball-Binz

Mr. Morris Tidball-Binz is a medical doctor specialized in forensic science, human rights and humanitarian action. He contributed to the development and worldwide use of forensic science to investigate and document extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, enforced disappearances, torture and detention conditions, as well as to humanitarian action in armed conflicts and

natural catastrophes. Over the past 35 years, he has conducted fact-finding, technical assessments and capacity building missions to over 70 countries in all regions. He was appointed the UN Special Rapporteur on extra-judicial summary or arbitrary executions, on 1 April 2021.

He is currently an Adjunct Clinical Professor in Forensic Medicine, School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University, Australia and a Visiting Professor of the Department of Forensic Medicine, Ethics and Medical Law, Faculty of Medicine, University of Coimbra, Portugal and of the Department of Biomedical Health Sciences, University of Milano, Italy. Full bio [here](#).



President, Latin American and Caribbean Network on Bioethics, UNESCO

Victor Penschaszadeh

Physician specialized in pediatrics (Universidad de Buenos Aires), medical genetics and public health (Johns Hopkins University) and bioethics (Columbia University).

He was a professor of Pediatrics and Medical Genetics at the Central University of Venezuela and at the Mount Sinai, Albert Einstein and Columbia medical schools in New York. He has a long experience in the application of human genetics with respect for ethical principles and in defense of human rights. For several years he was a consultant in genetics and bioethics for various national and international organizations, including the World Health Organization (WHO). He is president of the UNESCO Latin American and Caribbean Bioethics Network.

He is currently a professor of Genetics and Human Rights at the National University of Tres de Febrero, Buenos Aires. He is author of the book "Genetics and human rights: encounters and disagreements", editorial Paidós, Buenos Aires, 2012, and numerous articles on genetics, human rights and bioethics.



Manager of Research Policy, WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR)

Robert Terry

Dr Robert Terry is the Manager of Research Policy in the World Health Organization's Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR) where he is responsible for knowledge management, open access, data sharing and ensuring evidence is translated into policy and practice.

Robert joined the World Health Organization in 2007 and led on the development and implementation of the WHO strategy on Research for Health. He is one of the lead authors of the 2013 WHO World Health Report – Research for Universal Health Coverage, the WHO guidance for research priority setting and sharing data for reuse. He developed the concept which led to the creation of the WHO Global Health R&D Observatory.

His early career in research and development was in agriculture and he went on to positions at the Royal Society and the Wellcome Trust. He led the development of Wellcome's first open access policy and the subsequent establishment of Europe PubMed Central. He has lived and worked in the Middle East and undertaken development consultancies in several African and Asian countries for Oxfam, VSO, UNAIDS and DFID. He has a PhD in Global Health Research Policy from the University of Cambridge as well as an MPhil. in Plant Breeding (crop genetics) and a BSc from the University of Sheffield.



UN Special Rapporteur on the right to health

Tlaleng Mofokeng

Dr Tlaleng Mofokeng is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

Dr Tlaleng Mofokeng is an advocate for sexual and reproductive health rights (including adolescent health, transgender affirming health, safe abortions) with experience in legislative reform, policy, health system, clinical care, and health communication.

Dr Tlaleng is distinguished lecturer at Georgetown's O'Neil Institute for National & Global health law and extraordinary lecturer at Stellenbosch University's Africa Centre for HIV/AIDS Management.



UN Special Rapporteur on Toxics and Human Rights

Marcos A Orellana

Marcos A Orellana is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Toxics and Human Rights. He currently directs the Global Toxics and Human Rights Project at the American University Washington College of Law.

Professor Orellana has lectured in various law schools, including George Washington, Melbourne, Pretoria, Geneva, and Guadalajara. His practice as legal advisor has encompassed work with United Nations agencies, governments, and non-governmental organizations. He has intervened in cases before several international courts and tribunals.

Professor Orellana has extensive experience working with civil society and indigenous peoples around the world on issues concerning global environmental justice. He also represented the eight-nation Independent Association of Latin America and the Caribbean in the negotiations of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.



Senior Policy Advisor, the Forest Peoples Programme

Joji Cariño

Joji Cariño (Ibaloi-Igorot, from the Cordillera region of the Philippines) is an active advocate for Indigenous peoples' human rights at the community, national and international levels. She is currently a Senior Policy Advisor with the Forest Peoples Programme (UK).

Her work has covered indigenous knowledge and traditional occupations; cultural and biological diversity; and international standards on forests and biodiversity, water and energy, extractive industries, and food and agriculture. She has served as member of the UN Secretary General's Scientific Advisory Board (UNSAB) and on the Advisory Committee on the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science.

She is co-lead author of "Local Biodiversity Outlooks: Contributions of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and to renewing nature and cultures". Her current focus is on community-based mapping and monitoring as tools for local governance and the coordination of a global network of Centres of Distinction on Indigenous and Local Knowledge.



Program Director, AAAS, Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program

Theresa Harris

Theresa Harris is the Program Director of the Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). She manages the Program's projects on science and human rights, including On-call Scientists, a volunteer referral service that provides technical support for human rights organizations, activities that promote greater understanding of the human right to science, and a new project on artificial intelligence and human rights. She also serves as coordinator of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition, a network of scientific, engineering, and health associations that recognize the role of science and technology in human rights.

Prior to joining AAAS, Ms. Harris represented survivors of human rights violations before United States courts, the Inter-American human rights system, and United Nations human rights mechanisms. She has served on the Board of Directors of Amnesty International USA and is a member of the governing body of the World Organization Against Torture (OMCT).

Ms. Harris holds degrees in anthropology, land use planning, and law and is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.



Project Officer, UNESCO

Matthew Wallace

Matthew Wallace has been working in the science policy field for over a decade. He currently leads the implementation of a project on 'Strengthening STI systems for sustainable development in Africa' at UNESCO (Paris). Most recently he worked as a Senior Program Specialist at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), based in Ottawa, Canada, focusing on issues such as research excellence, science funding, science advice to governments, industrial research collaboration, and careers of scientists.

Matthew has Masters' degrees both in Physics and in Science and Technology Studies, as well as a Ph.D. in the History of Science. His research in the field has focused mainly on indicators for science, research portfolio management, and the history of scientific disciplines. He also previously worked as a science policy advisor and an evaluation officer at a Canadian ministry and granting agency.



Regional Programme Specialist, Science, Technology and Innovation Policies, UNESCO Montevideo

Guillermo Anlló

He currently serves as Senior Programme Specialist, Science and Technology Policy and Capacity-Building, at the UNESCO Regional Office for Science in Latin America and the Caribbean, based in Montevideo, Uruguay. In this position, he manages UNESCO's regional activities in fields such as: Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Policies; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education; Science Communication; Gender and STEM; STI information; Promotion of Basic and Engineering Sciences; Science-Policy-Society linkages; Science Diplomacy.

Previously, he was Vice-Minister of Technology and Innovation, at the first Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry of the Buenos Aires Province, Argentina (2016-2017); and a researcher and professor at the Faculty of Economics UBA, Argentina (2011 – 2015). From 2002 to 2011, he worked at ECLAC UN Buenos Aires Office as Innovation Policy Specialist. In his prior experiences he worked with RICYT, the Ibero American Network on Science and Technology Indicators, as a researcher and as professor at the National University of Quilmes and other universities in Argentina and Latin America, and as a consultant to various National and International agencies, (IADB, OIT, UNICEF, WIPO, OPS, World Bank).

He has published and presented numerous papers related to Science, Technology and Innovation policy and Bioeconomy, and conducted training and capacity-building seminars and workshops in Latin-America.