

Children Deprived of Liberty: Enacting the Recommendations of the UN Global Study

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In addition, Manfred Nowak holds a Professorship of International Human Rights at the University of Vienna, where he is the Scientific Director of the Vienna Master of Arts (MA) in Human Rights.

Manfred Nowak was Professor of International Law and Human Rights at various universities, such as Utrecht, Lund, Stanford and the Graduate Institute in Geneva, and has published more than 600 articles and books, including various language editions of the CCPR-Commentary, a CAT-Commentary and an introduction to the International Human Rights Regime. His latest books look at human rights as an answer to growing economic inequality (*Menschenrechte – Eine Antwort auf die wachsende ökonomische Ungleichheit*, Konturen Hamburg 2016) and the limits of privatization from a human rights perspective (*Human Rights or Global Capitalism*, Pennsylvania Press 2017).

In the past, Manfred Nowak has also carried out various expert functions for the United Nations, the Council of Europe (CoE), the European Union (EU) and other inter-governmental organizations. Most importantly, he served as United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture (2004 to 2010), United Nations Expert on Enforced Disappearances (1993 to 2006), as Vice-Chairperson of the Management Board of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in Vienna (2012-2017), and as one of eight international judges in the Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo (1996 to 2003).



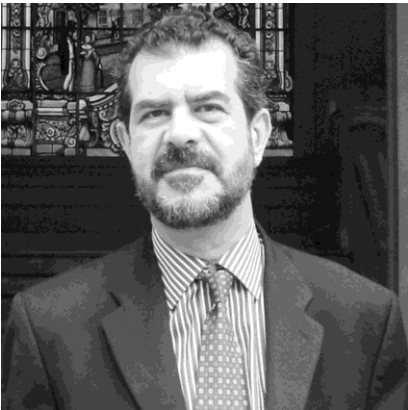
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UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children

Najat Maalla M'jid is a Medical doctor in Pediatrics who serves as the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children.

She was appointed to the role by Secretary-General of the UN António Guterres in May 2019. M'jid previously served as the Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Children Pornography from 2008 to 2014.

Furthermore, she leads and coordinates the UN High-Level Interagency Taskforce (UNITF) of the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty.



Felipe Gonzalez Morales

UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants

He was the former President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (2010-2011), where he also served as Commissioner and Rapporteur on Migrants and Refugees between 2008 and 2015, as well as Rapporteur on Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, United States, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Venezuela.

He is Professor of Public International Law at the Diego Portales University in Chile, where he is also director of the Master in

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Grace is mainly working on Child Rights, Justice for Children, ASEAN and other regional bodies. Previous to this, she was Chief of Policy and Advocacy in UNICEF Philippines. She has been with UNICEF for 14 years working on child protection, human rights, legislative reform and justice for children, governance, decentralization, social policy, gender, emergencies, social protection, urbanization, disability, migration among other areas.

She joined UNICEF in 2000 as a Juvenile Justice Training officer where she developed training manuals and Standard Operating Procedures as well as delivered training programs for all justice professionals.

Grace is a lawyer by training. She obtained a Juris Doctor degree and a Masters in International Cooperation for Development from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid.



Benoit Van Keirsbilck

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Benoit Van Keirsbilck is trained in social work and children's rights. He is the Director of the Belgian section of Defence for Children – International (DCI) and the former President of the International Executive Council (International board) of DCI.

He is one of the founders and member of the Interdisciplinary Centre for the Rights of the Child (CIDE) which gathers 4 universities and 2 NGO in the French part of Belgium.

The CIDE organises a University degree and conducts academic research on children's rights.

Finally, he is Chief Editor of the Journal of Children's Law (Belgium) and member of the Advisory board of the UN Global Study on children deprived of liberty. Benoit also represents the NGO Panel of the UN Global Study co-convened by DCI and Human Rights Watch.



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Karabo Ozah is the Director at the Centre for Child and an extraordinary lecturer in the Department of Private Law of the University of Pretoria.

She obtained her LLB and LLM in Child Law (cum laude), as well as a Certificate in Advanced Labour Law from the University of Pretoria.

She started her legal career as a candidate attorney at the University of Pretoria Law Clinic, in 2005 and joined the Centre for Child Law in 2007.

Karabo appears regularly in the High Court and had her first appearance in the Constitutional Court in 2016.