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Maria Sonderéguer has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Buenos Aires and a Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies in Latin American Social Studies from La Sorbonne in Paris.

She is a full Professor at the University of Quilmes -PhD equivalent-- and Researcher at the Center for Studies in History, Culture and Memory of that University of Quilmes. She is member of the Comisión Provincial por la Memoria de la Provincia de Buenos Aires.

She has been a Director of the "Emilio Mignone" Human Rights Center and she is currently the director of the Gender, Memory and Human Rights Observatory.

She is a lecturer in several Postgraduate Programs in Argentina and a member of the Academic Committee of the Specialization in Gender, Public Policies and Society of the National University of Lanús. She is an Academic Committee member of the Masters` s in Human Rights and Democratization in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Global Campus of Human Rights.

Maria Sonderéguer lectures on Culture for Peace and Human Rights at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires, in the Chair of Peace Nobel Prize Adolfo Pérez Esquivel. She was member of the Human Rights Research Network of CONICET and the National Human Rights Secretariat.

She participated actively in the drafting of the National Plan against Discrimination of Argentina and she held the position of National Director of Training in Human Rights of the Secretariat of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice of Argentina.

Sonderéguer has supervised research on recent history, memory, gender and human rights. Her latest books are: *Crisis (1973-1976): From the intellectual committed to the revolutionary intellectual*, re-printed in 2010; *Gender and power: gender violence in armed conflicts and repressive contexts*, published in 2012; and *Memory and human rights. Continuity, validity and present of "Nunca más"*, compiled with Alejandro Kaufman and published in 2016.



Anthropologist

Valeria Barbuto

Valeria Barbuto is an Anthropologist (UBA), with postgraduate studies in cultural management (IDAES-UNSAM) and human rights and democratization (University of Chile). She is a member of the Team on Political and Legal Anthropology of the University of Buenos Aires and a member of the Institute of Justice and Human Rights of the Universidad Nacional de Lanús (IJDH-UNLa)..

She has been a director of Memoria Abierta and has been a member of the Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS) in Argentina. She is a Board Member of the Memory Site for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights [ex ESMA].

She has participated in numerous projects on human rights archives; construction of a collective memory on State Terrorism; reparation policies for victims; truth and justice processes on serious human rights violations; and approaches to these issues from a gender perspective.



Founder of the movement Mothers of Plaza de Mayo

Nora Cortiñas

Nora Cortiñas was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1930. Her son, Carlos Gustavo Cortiñas, was abducted and disappeared in 1977, during the last military dictatorship (1976-1983).

As a response, Nora and a group of mothers of other disappeared young men and women founded the iconic Mothers of Plaza de Mayo movement that had a crucial role in claiming for the rights of thousands of disappeared persons during those years and bringing to the attention of the international community the serious human rights violations perpetrated at the time.

Since then, she has dedicated her life to seeking truth, justice, reparations and memory for past human rights violations, forced disappearances and crimes against humanity.



Memorialisation Program Coordinator at the Humanitarian Law Center in Belgrade

Jelena Đureinović

Jelena Đureinović is the Memorialisation Program Coordinator at the Humanitarian Law Center in Belgrade, Serbia. She holds a PhD in

Modern and Contemporary History from Justus Liebig University in Giessen, Germany, where she also lectured.

She was a visiting researcher at the National University of Ireland in Galway, the Centre for Southeast European Studies at the University of Graz and Slovenian Academy of Sciences. Her main interests include memory studies, nationalism studies, history of Yugoslavia and the post-Yugoslav space.

Her book *The Politics of Memory of the Second World War in Contemporary Serbia: Collaboration, Resistance and Retribution* was published with Routledge in 2019.

She holds an MA degree in Nationalism Studies from Central European University in Budapest. She has completed several courses on oral history, international humanitarian law and dealing with the past.



Professor at Université Internationale de Rabat (Morocco)

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T. Jeremy Gunn is Professor of Law and Political Science at l'Université Internationale de Rabat (Morocco) and Lecturer on the Global Campus Arab Master's Programme in Democracy and Human Rights.

He received a Ph.D. from Harvard University, a Juris Doctor degree from Boston University (magna cum laude), and an A.M. from the University of Chicago. He was formerly a Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace and has worked at the U.S. State Department, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Among his publications are "The Concept of 'Separation of Religion and the State' in Islam" (2016), "The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation: Universal Human Rights, Islamic Values, or Raisons d'état?" (2017) (with Alvaro Lagresa), "Secularism, the Secular, and Secularization" in *Trends of Secularism in a Pluralistic World* (2013), *Spiritual Weapons: The Cold War and the Forging of an American National Religion* (2009), "Religious Freedom and Laïcité: A Comparison of the United States and France" (2004), and "The Complexity of Religion and the Definition of 'Religion' in International Law" (2003).



Founder and Director of the War Childhood Museum

Jasminko Halilovic

Jasminko Halilovic was born in 1988 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. He holds a master degree in financial management. Jasminko is the founder and director of the War

Childhood Museum - world's only museum exclusively focused on the experience of childhood affected by war that has been awarded Council of Europe 2018 Museum Prize.

He is also the founder and president of URBAN Association - one of the leading cultural NGOs in the Balkans region.

He is the author / editor of several books, including monograph 'Sarajevo - My City, a Place to Meet', and the award-winning 'War Childhood' that has been translated into six languages. Jasminko was a speaker on various conferences including One Young World Summit in Canada and Shape Asia-Pacific in Japan. He is regularly invited to present or teach at universities around the world, including Northwestern University (USA), Columbia University (USA), Toronto University (Canada), Kyoto University (Japan), Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (Poland).

He contributes to various media, including The Huffington Post and Asahi Shimbun. He is a member of Global Shapers Community established by the World Economic Forum, a member of WARM Foundation focusing on conflict research, and the One Young World Ambassador. In 2018 Jasminko became the first Bosnian ever to be selected for Forbes "30 under 30" list. He is also a co-founder of several companies, and huge fan of football and travelling. He has visited more than 100 cities in over 50 countries.



Research Director of the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Thailand

Prajak Kongkirati

Assistant Professor Prajak Kongkirati is Research Director of the Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Thailand. Former Head of Southeast Asian Studies Center, East Asian Institute,

Thammasat University, he is also visiting fellow at ISEAS Institute, Singapore.

Prajak received his MA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2008 support by the Harvard-Yenching Scholarship for Graduate Program, and Ph.D. from the Department of Political and Social Change, ANU in 2013, with a dissertation titled "Bosses, Bullets and Ballots: Electoral Violence and Democracy in Thailand, 1975-2011." His study has been supported by the Australian Leadership Award (ALA) of AusAID. He has been actively involved in various professional and academic activities with the government, private sectors and civil society organizations: a Country Expert (Thailand) for The Varieties of Democracy Project (V-Dem) (2015-present); a Committee Member of Peace Information Center, Thammasat University (2015-present); Project Manager, Civic Education and Democracy Training Program for Teachers, Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University in collaboration with the Thai Civic Education Network (2014-present); Editorial Board of Thammasat Review of Economic and Social Policy, Thailand (2015-present); Editorial Board of the Asian Democracy Review Journal, Korea (2013-present); Executive

Committee, Foundation for Democracy and Development Studies, Bangkok (2013-present); Translator and consultant, International Crisis Group, Thailand (2009-2011).

He is also editorial board of Asian Democracy Review and has published widely in the field of Thai politics, conflict and violence, party and electoral politics, democratization, social movements, and youth politics and education. His comments on Thai politics have been regularly appeared in many Thai-and English-language newspapers, magazines and Television Channels.

His recent research projects focused on democracy, corruption, violence and elections in Thailand. His current project “Political Dynamics of Electoral Politics and Democracy in ASEAN: A Comparative Case Studies of Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines” is supported by the Thailand Research Fund’s research grant (2017-2018).



Executive Director and co-curator of the ESMA Memory Site Museum

Alejandra Naftal

Alejandra Nafta is a Museologist. She is the Executive Director and co-curator of the ESMA Memory Site Museum - former Clandestine Center for Detention, Torture and Extermination in Buenos Aires,

Argentina.

She has coordinated the NGO Memoria Abierta's oral archive and worked on the historical research of Memory Sites. She is a founding member of the NGO Buena Memoria.

She was detained and disappeared in 1978 by the de facto Military government in Argentina, when she was in high school student, and released in 1979 after which she left the country. She remained in exile until 1983 when elections for a democratic government were held.



Former judge on the Constitutional Court of South Africa

Albie Sachs

From a young age Albie Sachs played a prominent part in the struggle for justice in South Africa. As a result he was detained in solitary confinement, tortured by sleep deprivation and eventually blown up by a car bomb which cost him his right arm and the sight of an eye.

His experiences provoked an outpouring of creative thought on the role of law as a protector of human dignity in the modern world, and a lifelong commitment to seeing a new era of justice established in South Africa.

After playing an important part in drafting South Africa's post-apartheid Constitution, he was appointed by Nelson Mandela to be a member of the country's first Constitutional Court (1994-2009). Over the course of his fifteen year term on the Court he has grappled with the major issues confronting modern South Africa and the challenges posed to the fledgling democracy as it sought to overcome the injustices of the apartheid regime.



Photographer and Founder of the Memorial Gallery

Tarik Samarah

Tarik Samarah was born in Zagreb, spent his childhood in Ljubuski and for the last thirty years he lives and works in Sarajevo. His interests mainly reside in the field of artistic and documentary photography, and his most significant professional success is deemed to be the "Srebrenica - genocide in the heart of Europe" project - a series of black-and-white photographs documenting the aftermath of Srebrenica genocide.

His photographs have been exhibited in many renowned art galleries, museums and public places in the world, both independently and in collective exhibitions such as: U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C, UN Headquarters - New York, Galerie du jour - Paris, Dutch Parliament in the Hague, Memorial Center Westerbork, Pordenone Arte Contemporanea - Italy, travelling exhibition of Anne Frank Museum - Rabat, Cape Town, Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Skokie - Chicago, Norwegian Center for the Study of the Holocaust & Religious Minorities - Oslo, The Plaine de Plainpalais - Geneva, Westminster Abbey - London and many others.

Samarah is author of two publications of his photographs; the second one - monography "Srebrenica" had been published in two editions in Bosnian-English and Catalan-English languages. Samarah's photographs also went around the world on the covers of various scientific and research books and publications. Samarah is the awarded author. Award of the International Peace Center "Freedom", GRAND-PRIX Award for the Applied Art for 2005, Award of the Book Fair Ljubljana are some of the recognitions that he has received for his work and dedication.

Today, his photographs form the permanent exhibit in Memorial Gallery 11/07/95 located in Sarajevo, a gallery that represents the final goal and summation of Samarah's work on the topic.



LATMA Programme Director

Jorge E. Taiana

Jorge E. Taiana holds a degree in sociology from the University of Buenos Aires. He is the Director General of the International Centre for Political Studies at the University of San Martin. He was held detained without trial, as a political prisoner, between 1975 and 1982.

In 1996 he was appointed Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington DC. Between 2005 and 2010 he served as Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Commerce and Worship of Argentina.

In 2015 he was elected to the Parliament of MERCOSUR and he chaired that regional body during 2016. He has shared his expertise in international affairs in numerous conferences and publications around the world. He has also been distinguished and decorated by several countries and institutions.



Director of the CIPDH

Patricia Tappatá Valdez

Patricia Tappatá Valdez has worked since 1974 for the defense of human rights in Peru, El Salvador and Argentina. Since January 2017 is the Director of the International Center for the Promotion of Human Rights - UNESCO, based in Buenos Aires.

Patricia Tappatá was the Director of the Truth Commission for El Salvador (UN, 1992) created as part of the peace agreements signed in that country between the Government and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN) and implemented by the United Nations, which investigated the twelve-year war in that country. She also directed the Human Rights Department of the National Conference of Bishops in Peru, 1977-1987, and co-founding the Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos in Perú, integrating its first Executive Committee (1985-1987).

She directed the Justice Program (1991) and the Political Representation Program at the Fundación Poder Ciudadano in Argentina (1993-1997). For three years, she also coordinated a Regional Program on Social Responsibility and Leadership developed by the Kellogg Foundation in seven Latin American countries (1997-2000). Until June 2012 was Director of Memoria Abierta (Open Memory), an organization she created and led in its development for over ten years.

Between 1996 and 1999, she served at the board of trustees of the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA). She has been part of the International Advisory Committee and member of the Jury Award for the Prins Claus Fund (Netherlands 2008-2009). Since 1995 to the end of 2012, she was a board member of the Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS) and a member of the Management Council of the Parque de la Memoria and Monumento a las Víctimas del Terrorismo de Estado (Memorial Park and Monument to the Victims of State Terrorism) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She is one of the founding members of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (2000), served on its board until December 2014 and is a member of the International Advisory Committee.

Between 2012 and 2016 she was Directorate in charge of the relationship with civil society organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Argentina where she coordinates and lead the work of the Consultative Council of Universities formed by three ministries and the federation of public and private universities, the purpose of this body is to work in promoting the presence of academic institutions abroad.

She is member of the faculty of the LLM in International Human Rights at the Faculty of Law at the University of Buenos Aires. She is currently on the Advisory Board at “Archives and Dealing with the Past” project (Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the Swiss Federal Archives and swisspeace).

Tappatá Valdez is the author of several articles and book contributions about human rights, and is an expert in human rights issues, transition to democracy, memory and democracy, among others. She has also served as guest lecturer at several universities, including Universidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad de San Andrés, Universidad de San Martín and Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina), Georgetown, Yale and Duke University, University of Massachusetts (United States), Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico); UNED-Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (España), CEDLA-Centro de Estudios y Documentación Latinoamericanos (Amsterdam) and Friedrich Schiller Universität Jena (Germany). She holds a degree in Social Work at the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba and completed his postgraduate studies in Social Sciences at FLACSO-Buenos Aires (Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales).



Director of Documenta - Centre for Dealing with the Past, Right Livelihood Award Laureate

Vesna Teršelič

Vesna Teršelič (1962) was born in Ljubljana, and currently lives in Croatia. She studied at the Faculty of Philosophy and at the Faculty of Science and Mathematics in Zagreb. She is a co-founder of several environmental, women and peace organizations (Svarun, Green Action, Anti-war Campaign of Croatia, Centre for Women's Studies, Centre for Peace Studies etc).

She has been involved in the organization of public actions and petitions (Peace Gates, Zagreb, 1991), My Voice for the Rule of Law (Trg Bana Jelačića, Zagreb, 2001), and a protest and a petition signing for the removal of the monument to the commander of the Ustasha Black Legion (Slunj, 2001).

Since 2004, she is Director of the Documenta - Centre for Dealing with the Past. She is member of Regional Advisory Council of Coalition for REKOM. She was awarded the Right Livelihood Award (1998), also known as an "Alternative Nobel Prize" and nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize (1997).



GC Academic Director

George Ulrich

Prof. George Ulrich held the position of Rector and Professor of Human Rights at the Riga Graduate School of Law from 2009-2016. Prior to this, he served as Secretary General from 2003-2009 and as Academic Coordinator / Programme Director of EMA from 2001- 2004.

Dr Ulrich is thus intimately familiar with the Global Campus of Human Rights and master's programme. From 1999-2001 he was Senior Researcher at the Danish Centre for Human Rights. He obtained his Ph.D. as well as an M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Toronto, Canada, and holds the degree of Cand. Mag. in Social Anthropology and History of Ideas from Aarhus University, Denmark.

Among George Ulrich's current research interests are issues related to the history and philosophy of human rights, human rights diplomacy, human rights and development cooperation, health and human rights, international medical ethics, and ethics for human rights professionals.

Publications include: Synergies and Linkages between Danish Efforts to Promote Human Rights at the Multilateral Level and in Development Cooperation; The Danish Institute for Human Rights, Copenhagen 2014; Human Rights Diplomacy - Contemporary Perspectives, Martinus Nijhof Publishers 2011 (jointly edited with M. O'Flaherty, A. Müller, and Z. Kedzia); The Local Relevance of Human Rights. Cambridge University Press 2011 (jointly edited with K. De Feyter, S. Parmentier, and Chr. Timmerman); The Professional Identity of the Human Rights Field Officer. Ashgate Publishing Ltd. 2010 (jointly edited with M. O'Flaherty); Beyond Activism: The impact of the resolutions and other activities of the European Parliament in the field of human rights outside the European Union, Marsilio Editori, Venice 2007 (co-authored with H. Fischer and S. Lorion); and Reparations – Redressing Past Wrongs. Yearbook Human Rights in Development, Kluwer 2003 (jointly edited with L. Krabbe Boserup).