Stepan Danielyan – Armenia

Chairman, Collaboration for Democracy Centre

Stepan Danielyan is current editor-in-chief of both Religion and Society, a scientific journal, and the Religions in Armenia website (www.religions.am). He also serves as chair of "Collaboration for Democracy," an NGO operating from Yerevan, and is a former producer and political commentator for Armenian National TV. Co-founder of Armenia's "Mashtots" Daily in the early 1990's, Mr. Danielyan is also an engineer and author of more than 400 articles and interviews in international and local magazines.

Neville Rochow – Australia

Barrister/Board Member, University of Adelaide Research Unit for Society, Law and Religion

Mr. Rochow practices from Howard Zelling Chambers, which grew from the chambers that he, with Steve Roder, (now Supreme Court Registrar), founded in 1992. He appears at first instance and on appeal in a variety of areas of commercial law, specializing in trade practices and competition matters. Mr. Rochow has had broad commercial litigation experience. He has most frequently appeared in the Federal Court of Australia (Adelaide Registry) and the Supreme Court of South Australia. He also appears in other registries of the Federal Court. Mr. Rochow has also appeared in the High Court of Australia, District Court of South Australia, South Australian Industrial Relations Court and other State and Territory jurisdictions. He has appeared before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, the Australian Securities and Investment Commission, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Australian Competition Tribunal and the Delegate for the Registrar of Trade Marks. The range of matters in which he has been and continues to be retained to advise and appear before superior courts include trade practices contraventions, interpretation of statues, construction of contractual terms, restraint of trade, failure to use trade marks bona fide, annual valuation of land, negligent misstatement and pure economic loss, caveats over real property titles, indefeasibility of real property title, shareholder disputes, international product liability and sale of goods. Mr. Rochow has also had broad experience in the mediation of disputes.

Ping Xiong – Australia

Lecturer, University of South Australia Law School

Dr. Ping Xiong is a lecturer at the Law School of University of South Australia. Dr. Xiong's research interest is in the field of international economic law with a focus on intellectual property policy in international trade, and its implications for free trade agreements and for international human rights protection. Dr. Xiong is also interested in comparative approaches to Chinese law and laws in other jurisdictions. Dr. Xiong is a member of the International Law Association and a member of the Australia and New Zealand Society of International Law.

Augusto Cotta Zimmermann – Australia

Associate Dean and Senior Lecturer, Murdoch University

Dr. Augusto Zimmermann LLB, LLM, PhD (Monash) is Senior Lecturer and Associate Dean for Research at Western Australia's Murdoch University, School of Law. Dr. Zimmermann has been awarded the 2012 Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research, and has also been awarded two consecutive Faculty Dean's Research Awards, in 2010 and 2011. Among other things, Dr. Zimmermann has been appointed by the WA Governor in Executive Council to the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia, in June 2012. He is also the Founder and President of the Western Australian Legal Theory Association (WALTA) and a Vice-President of the Australian Society of Legal Philosophy (ASLP).

Rik Torfs – Belgium

Senator, Belgian Senate

Since 1988 Rik Torfs has been a full professor at the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium), where he was Dean of the Faculty of Canon Law from 1994-2003. He has in addition been since 2000 visiting professor at both the University of Strasbourg (France) and the University of Stellenbosch (South Africa). The author of nearly 350 articles and numerous books dealing with canon law, law, and Church and State relationships, Professor Torfs is editor of the European Journal for Church and State Research, is a member of the Board of Directors of the European Consortium for State-Church Research, and is a newspaper columnist and host of his own television program. In 2009 he became a member of the Commission for Intercultural Dialogue (Assises de l'Interculturalité) of the Belgian government. On 13 June 2010 he was elected a member of the Belgian Senate.

Ninoska Lazarte – Bolivia

Councilwoman, Municipal Council of Cochabamba City

In addition to pursuing a successful career as a journalist for over 15 years, Ninoska has held important government positions as national deputy (2006-2010) and president of the Municipal Council of Cochabamba. Currently, she serves as City Councilwoman. In addition to her extensive background in journalism and Bolivian politics, she has actively participated as a speaker at international conferences on religious freedom issues. Ninoska graduated from the Faculty of Communication and Journalism of the Bolivian Catholic University in 1995.

Gilberto Garcia – Brazil

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Gilberto Viana Antonio Garcia, is a practicing lawyer specializing in religious liberty. He holds postgraduate and Master of Laws degrees. He has been a University Professor for over two decades. He served as State Counselor of the Order of Lawyers of Brazil (Rio de Janeiro) from 2007 to 2009. Member of the IAB - Institute of Brazilian Lawyers; President of the Rotary Club of St. John Meriti in Rio de Janeiro from 2007 to 2008; Vice-President of the Evangelical Association of Lawyers of Brazil from 2009 to 2011. Dr. Garcia is a frequent speaker on religion and law, and is the author of over 200 articles and books on religion and the law. Site Manager: www.direitonosso.com.br

Aldir G. Soriano – Brazil

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Ligia Dias Fonseca – Cape Verde

First Lady, Office of the President of Cape Verde

Ligia Dias Fonseca is a seasoned attorney, with experience across a broad array of fields and is former president of the National Bar Association of Cape Verde (2001-04). She graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon (1987) and received advanced training in advocacy from the Portuguese Bar Associated (1987-89). She has extensive experience with legislative drafting projects (Code of Practice for Commercial Businesses in Cape Verde; International Shipping Registry; development or amendment of laws relating to the environment, health, food quality, water supply, health facility licensing, and other matters). For many years, she has also advised domestic and foreign companies on commercial, labour, and general corporate matters. Ms. Dias Fonseca is a founding member (and has been a board member) of the Association for Solidarity and Development, a human rights NGO and a member of MORABI, an NGO promoting social and economic development for women. Ms. Dias Fonseca is a founding member of the Cape Verdean Women in Law Association and a member of the Fédération Internationale Des Femmes Des Carrières Juridiques. In addition to her native language (Portuguese), Ms. Dias Fonseca is fluent in English and has some faculty in French. She is the First Lady of Cape Verde.

LIU Peng – China

Director, Pu Shi Institute for Social Science

LIU Peng is a senior research fellow in the Institute of American Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing, China, and a non-residential fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University Law School, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. He is also the founder and director of Beijing Pu Shi Institute for Social Sciences, a private think tank and the first and only institute working on the issues of religion and rule of law in China since 1999. LIU Peng is considered one of the most influential advocates for religious freedom and the rule of law in China with his own institute and website (www.pacilution.com).

María Patricia Ariza-Velasco – Colombia

Fourth Deputy Attorney before the Council of State, Procuraduría General de la República de Colombia

Maria Patricia Ariza Velasco, Attorney-at-Law, specializing in criminal law, administrative law, and philosophy of law. Candidate for master's degree in defense of human rights before international organizations. Prosecutor Delegate to the State Council. Antioquía administrative court judge. Local Prosecutor. Recipient of the Order of Merit for Democracy Medal from the Senate of the Republic. University teacher and lecturer. Author of the book "Law and Women. Yesterday and Today".

José Dario Salazar-Cruz – Colombia

Senator, Colombian Senate

Jose Dario Salazar Cruz, Attorney-at-law graduate from the University of Cauca. He specialized in commercial law at the Universidad Javeriana, and in public law at the Universidad Externado in Bogota, Colombia. He has a Master's in Administrative Law from the University of Sergio Arboleda. He was a representative to Congress for the Department of Cauca from 1990-2002, and then was elected to the Senate in 2002 where he has served as a Senator to the present. He is a member of the First Commission to the Senate and presides over the Third Constitutional Permanent Committee dealing with Economic Affairs. He was a spokesman of the Colombian Conservative Party (2007-2008). He was voted a member of the National Conservative Party and later appointed President (2010-2011). He is an Editorialist (editorialist) for the following newspapers: La Republica, El Liberal de Popayan and El Meridiano de Córdoba. He recently sponsored important initiatives in Congress, including: an Anti-corruption Statute "First Employment" law; National General Budget Law for 2011 and the law issued by the National Development Plan for 2010-2014. He is the author of Law 1236, of 2008, which increased the penalties for sexual offenses against minors; and the author of the draft law "For the Right to Live" initiative for constitutional reform.

Fidel Lorenzo Merán – Dominican Republic

Minister, Dominican Council of Evangelical Unity

Reverend Fidel Lorenzo was born in the Dominican Republic. He is married to Mrs. Altagracia Gomez and has four children. He completed studies in Psychology from the Inter-American University. He also studied Information Technology in the Dominico Americano Institute and received advance leadership training from the Haggai Institute in Hawaii. Reverend Lorenzo started his ministerial education in the Theological Mennonite Seminar. In 1984, he founded his first church in the Dominican Republic. From 1990 until the present Reverend Lorenzo has dedicated his efforts to establishing and supporting the Mennonite and Methodist community. He is currently president of the Dominican Council of Evangelical Unity, one of the largest evangelical communities in the Dominican Republic. Reverend Lorenzo actively promotes human rights and religious liberty and is involved in the promulgation of a draft religion law in the Dominican Republic.

Elvis Medina – Dominican Republic

Bishop, Iglesia de Dios

Bishop Elvis Samuel Medina was born in the Dominican Republic. Bishop Medina has represented the evangelical community in events hosted by Billy Graham Ministry in Washington D.C. and Brazil. As an educator, Bishop Medina has been an active participant in the Latin-American Association of Educators and Theologians and in the Ministry of Tourism to Israel. He received his law degree from Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD) in 1997. He also received a bachelor's degree in theology from the National Evangelical University in Santo Domingo in 2001 and a master's degree in advance education from UASD. As pastor of the Evangelical Church he has devoted his life to serving the youth in his community, encouraging them to pursue studies and self-development. He has been an active defender of religious liberty, human rights, democracy, and education. He is married to Mrs. Dorkas Jimenez de Medina and has four children.

Marine Solomonishvili – Georgia

President, LEA International Foundation and Georgian-Jewish Information Center

Marine Solomonishvili is a graduate of the Tbilisi State Academy of Arts-Faculty of Architecture and a Faculty Member of Journalism at the Moscow Central Scientific Research Institute of Education. She has also she worked as an architect. In addition to her professional activities, she has achieved success in different pursuits, including painting, graphics, and applied art. As a Journalist, she has worked at different newspapers and is now the Head of the Jewish Information Center. Since 1997, she has been the President of the International Foundation LEA & Council of Jewish Women in Georgia and a Network of women with different ethnic minorities. Since 2005, she also has been an Expert at the Council of Ethnic Minorities of the Office of the Public Defender (Ombudsman) of Georgia. Marine actively works on different issues, including development of gender equality and interfaith and inter religious dialogue among different ethnic/religious community. She works on monitoring Government plans for new laws, related documents and their implementation, offering recommendations and notes in the process of development of various governmental programs, and on the development of recommendations for the Public Defender and other officials. She systematically participates in local and international conferences and symposiums and has published many articles, which have been printed and published as books. She is also the author of several projects.

Sven W. Speer – Germany

Chairman, Forum Open Religious Policy

Sven Speer, M.A., is the founding Chairman of the Forum Open Religious Policy, an advocacy network campaigning for the opening of the state for all religions and secular outlooks. He is a scientific staff member at the German Bundestag focusing on integration and Islam. He has worked at the Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies at the University of Osnabrueck and the Cluster of Excellence 'Religion and Politics' at the University of Muenster. He was a fellow with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom and with the German Marshall Fund of the United States in Washington, D.C.

Emmanuel Kwabena Quansah – Ghana

Professor of Law and Dean, School of Research and Graduate Studies, Mountcrest University College

Professor Emmanuel Kwabena Quansah holds the degrees of LL.B and LL.M from the University of London, United Kingdom; LL.D from the University of South Africa, Pretoria South Africa. He is a Barrister of Gray's Inn, London, Barrister and Solicitor of Ghana and Attorney of the High Court of Botswana. He has taught various law courses at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels at universities in Nigeria, Botswana and Ghana. In 2008, he was one of 20 scholars who were invited by the Centre for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia to a roundtable conference to discuss contemporary problems in the relationships between law, religion, and human rights in selected African countries in Durban, South Africa. He is currently the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Mountcrest University College, the first private university accredited to offer law courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in Ghana.

Carlos Sabino – Guatemala

Professor, Universidad Francisco Marroquin

Carlos Sabino, Sociologist, Buenos Aires University, 1970. Doctor in Social Sciences, Central University of Venezuela, 1987. History and Sociology Professor, Francisco Marroquín University, Guatemala. Emeritus Professor, Central University of Venezuela. Adjunct Fellow, Independent Institute Member, Honorary Board, RELIAL Member, Academic Council, CADAL. Selected Publications: The Dawning of Liberty, the Independence of Latin America; Guatemala, the Silenced History, 1944-1989, two volumes; Everyone Makes Mistakes, Memories; The Failure of Interventionism in Latin America.

S.K. Pachauri – India

Director, Amity Institute of Good Governance

Dr. Pachauri obtained his school education at La Martiniere College Lucknow. He then did graduated from St.Stephen`s College Delhi University. Following his graduation, he obtained an LLB from Law Faculty Delhi University, and a PhD in Public Administration from Osmania University Hyderabad. He was selected in the Indian Administrative Service in 1968 and retired in 2005 in the rank and pay of a Secretary to the Government of India. He has rich administrative experience at the District level, State level and National level in addition to a large amount of experience in matters influencing the message of Secularism, religious harmony, and communal riots from his experience as a Member Secretary of The National Integration Council of India. Dr. Pachauri was also Secretary of The Justice Liberhan Ayodhya Commission of Inquiry, which inquired into the facts and circumstances resulting in Demolition of the Babri Masjid on 6th December 1992.This also caused unprecedented communal rioting across the length and breadth of India and abroad. The Inquiry Report was presented in Parliament and his contribution was mentioned in it.

Cekli Setya Pratiwi – Indonesia

Lecturer, Universitas Muhammadiyah Malang Faculty of Law

Cekli Setya Pratiwi received her undergraduate degree from Universitas Brawijaya Malang in 1998 and a Master's Degree in Laws (LL.M) from Utrecht University in 2006. She also works as Director of the Human Rights Central Study at the Faculty of Law Universitas Muhammadiyah. In 2006-2008, she was the head researcher for "Research of Judge's Verdict in East Java," research which was conducted together with the Indonesian Judicial Committee, with results published in the KY Journal. She has published widely in areas of Indonesia law including the state legal system, human rights, international law, and Indonesia's judicial system. She is also a member of the International Ford Foundation Program (IFP) on Human Rights.

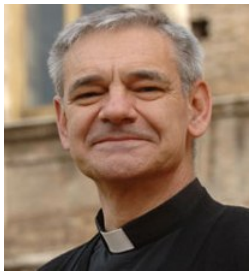
Silvio Ferrari – Italy

Professor of Canon Law, University of Milan

Silvio Ferrari is Professor of Canon Law at the University of Milan and Professor of Church-State Relations at the University of Leuven in Belgium. He has been visiting professor in Paris (École Pratique des Hautes Études) and Berkeley (University of California) and has worked for many international organizations, including the European Union and the Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe. He founded, together with other professors, the European Consortium for

Church and State Research. Professor Ferrari is a member of the Scientific Committee of the Institut Européen en Sciences des Religions (EPHE, Paris) and of the Board of Experts of the International Religious Liberty Association (Silver Spring, Maryland). His main fields of interest are Law and Religion issues in West Europe; Comparative Law of Religions (in particular Jewish Law, Canon Law and Islamic Law); Relations between Israel and the Vatican. Professor Ferrari is Life Honorary President of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies and is an Editor-in-Chief of the Oxford Journal of Law and Religion.

José T. Martín de Agar – Italy



Professor of Canon Law, Pontificia Università della Santa Croce

José T. Martín de Agar has been a Catholic priest since 1976. He is a Doctor of Canon Law (1976) and Law (1984), an Assistant Professor of Canon Law in 1974 (Faculty of Canon Law of Navarra), and a Professor of Church-State Relations and State Law on Religion since 1978 in the same university. Since 1984, he has taught such subjects in Rome at the Faculty of Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Santa Croce since its Foundation. In 2011, he obtained his Doctorate honoris causa from the University Pazmany Peter (Budapest). His interests include freedom of religion, conscientious objection, canon law, religious marriage, church-state agreements, and concordats. He has written a canon law handbook, the English version is: Handbook on Canon Law, Wilson & Lafleur (Canada) second ed. 2008 and a monograph on Catholic Marriage in Spanish Civil Law. He is also an editor of two volumes on concordats from 1950 to today and another on the edicts of the Conference espiscopales in over 70 countries. He designed and runs a website: bibliotecanonica, which contains writings of canon law, church-state issues and similar commentary from various authors.

Tasuku Matsuo – Japan

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Mr. Tasuku Matsuo, founding partner of the Tokyo law firm of Matsuo & Kosugi, is a world-renowned expert on both domestic-Japanese and transnational law. With over fifty years of professional experience, Mr. Matsuo is an authority on corporate litigation, labor disputes, bankruptcy, international commercial matters, and acquisitions. After graduating with an LL.B from Waseda University in 1953, Mr. Matsuo established his own practice. He continued his pursuit of an international education, receiving his M.C.L. from the University of Washington Law School in 1969. He returned to the United States as a Teaching Fellow at the Columbia University Law School in 1984. He has twice served as a Visiting Professor at Leuven Catholic University in Belgium (1989, 1993), at the University of Melbourne Law School (1994), and at Nihon University's Global Graduate School in Tokyo (2002). He was a Lecturer at his alma mater, Waseda University (1997), and at the Nihon University Law School (2004).

Hanna Kildani – Jordan

Secretary General, Jordanian Christian Council

Rev. Hanna Kildani is a Jordanian Catholic priest of the clergy of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. He is the author of Modern Christianity in the Holy Land, published by AuthorHouse in 2010, and currently serves as General Secretary of the Council of Church Leaders in Jordan. Rev. Kildani holds a PhD in history from Saint Joseph Jesuit University in Beirut along with bachelor degrees in philosophy and theology from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. He speaks Arabic, English, French and Italian and is active in several associations and societies, particularly in the field of interfaith dialogue.

PHOTHIRATH Quneheuane – Laos

President, Lao Front for National Construction

Mr Qunheuane Phothirath was born on June 20, 1952 in Ban Houa Xang, Nasaythong District, Vientiane Province. He is now living in Ban Dong Nathong, Sikhot District, Vientiane Municipal, Vientiane Province. He married Ms. Thongsouay in 1975 and they have 8 children. He was a teacher in 1975 then was transferred to the administration at Nasaythong District in 1977. He has been the President of the Lao Front for National Construction of Vientiane Capital since 2006. His workplace is in the Vientiane Capital Governor's office, Ban Phonxay, Saysetha District, Vientiane Capital.

PHANOUVONG Sosonephith – Laos

Director of Home Affairs, Department of Ethnic and Religious Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs

Mr. Sorsonephit Phanouvong is the Director of the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Ethnics and Religious Minorities at the Ministry of Interior. He was born in 1963 in Xieng Khouang Province, Northwestern of Laos. He is married and has 3 children. He has worked for the Department of Religious Affairs, Lao Front for National Construction since 1982. He got a promotion and then became the new Director of Home Affairs under the Ministry of Interior and Prime Minister Headquarter Office.

Jallah Allen Barbu – Liberia

Chairperson, Constitution and Justice Division, Law Reform Commission

Jallah A. Barbu is a Liberian lawyer. He read law at the Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law (undergraduate) in Liberia and Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington (graduate). He also holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Liberia. Mr. Barbu is a member and former Secretary of the Liberian National Bar Association and the Bar of the Supreme Court of Liberia. He was the first Vice Chairperson and is now the Chairperson of Liberia's Law Reform Commission in addition to his membership on the Law School's faculty, teaching Constitutional Law and Moot Court.

Jesús Alcántara Méndez – Mexico

Religious Affairs Counsel, Secretaría de Gobernación

Jesus Rogelio Alcantara Méndez is an Attorney-at-Law for The Center of Economic Research and Teaching (CIDE) and a Professor in Theology at the "Universidad Iberoamericana." He has an education in Gender Theory from the College of Mexico and graduated from the Coexistence University Seminar in the Holy Land from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has been a Law Professor in Public Policy and Comparative Law. He has participated in research and teaching projects in CIDE and in the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO). He is the co-author of the book Case Study Administrative Law from the Oxford Editorial series, and author of the essay "Spain: Church and the Democratic Transition," published by CIDE. He is currently an Advisor to the Mexico Sub-secretary of Population, Migration and Religious Affairs in the Ministry of the Interior.

Máximo Moscoso Pintado – Mexico

Religious Affairs Coordinator of the State of Tabasco, Secretaría de Gobernación

Maximo Moscoso was born April 18, 1960. Degree in Economy (graduated from the Polytechnic School). Additional Education: Degree in Political Analysis (Universidad Iberoamericana), Degree in Mexican Electoral System (Technological University of Netzahualcoyotl), Degree in Federal Public Administration (Universidad Iberoamericana). Employment Information: latest job positions in the last ten years: (i) Religious Associations General Coordinator (State of Tabasco 2007 to date), (ii) Sub-secretary of Political Development (State of Tabasco, 2003-2006), (iii) State Delegate (Federal Delegation of ISSSTE in Tabasco, 2001 to 2003).

Javier Saldaña Serrano – Mexico

Dr., Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)

Dr. Saldaña Serrano studied law in Mexico, obtained a doctorate in Spain, and pursued postdoctoral research in Spain and Italy with a focus on human rights and the integration of Roman legal thought within European and Latin American legal systems. He has taught in Chile, Spain, Argentina, and Mexico. At the Federal Judiciary Institute of Mexico he teaches judicial ethics, specializing in the circuit and district courts. Dr. Saldaña Serrano also serves as editor of the two-volume national report "Judicial Ethics in Mexico" and investigator at the legal research institute of the Nacional Autonomous University of Mexico. He has authored and coordinated several books, including Current Issues in Human Rights, Human Rights and Human Nature, State Power and Religious Freedom, Ten Years of Entry into Force of the Law on Religious Associations and Public Worship in Mexico, and The Rules of the Law of Religious Associations and Public Worship. The Supreme Court of Mexico has published, as part of its Judicial Ethics series, two of his works: The Principles of Judicial Objectivity and Commentary on the Model Code of Judicial Ethics for Enforcers of Justice of the United Mexican States.

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Professor of Law, Tilburg Law School, Universiteit van Tilburg

Sophie van Bijsterveld graduated in law at the University of Utrecht in 1983. She received a doctorate in Law at Tilburg University in 1988. Currently, she is professor of religion, state and society at the School of Humanities. She has published extensively in the fields of (international) human rights protection, religious liberty, constitutional law, and hybrid governance. As of June 2007, Dr. van Bijsterveld has been a member of the Dutch Upper House of Parliament [Eerste Kamer der Staten-Generaal] for the Christian Democratic Party (CDA). She is also a Member of the Board of the Scientific Institute of the Christian Democratic Party in the Netherlands.

Brenda Ninoska Martínez Aragón – Nicaragua

Attorney at Law, Taboada & Asociados

Brenda Ninoska Martínez Aragón was born November 22, 1976, in Jinotepe, Nicaragua. She graduated with honors from the Catholic University Redemptoris Mater in Managua, receiving a law degree in 1999. In 2000 she was admitted by the Supreme Court of Justice as a Notary Public and to the practice of law. As a fellow of the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI), she graduated in 2003 with a master's degree in computer science and law at the Complutense University of Madrid, Spain. Since August 1999 Ms. Martinez has been

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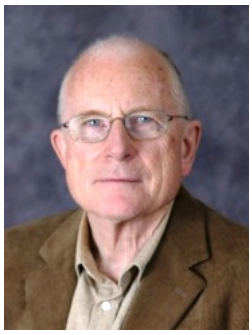
Imam Abdur-Rahman Olanrewaju Ahmad – Nigeria

National Missioner, Ansar-ud-Deen Society of Nigeria

Imam Abdur-Rahman Olanrewaju Ahmad is a renowned Islamic Scholar who began his career as a journalist and has held Imam positions at several levels starting from his secondary school days. He holds membership of many organizations including the National Executive Committee of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), Nigeria Inter-Religious Council, National Interfaith Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (NACA), Interfaith Advisory Committee against Corruption to the EFCC and the chairmanship of the Movement Against Corruption (MAC). He is currently the National Missioner, Ansar-ud-Deen Society of Nigeria and Overseas.

Tøre Lindholm – Norway



Associate Professor, Norwegian Center for Human Rights, University of Oslo

Tore Lindholm is associate professor (philosophy) at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo and board member of the Oslo Coalition on Freedom of Religion or Belief and of the Human Rights Committee of Church of Norway. His research interests focus on (1) the grounds for embracing universal human rights and in particular the right to freedom of religion or non-religious conviction and (2) the two-way traffic between human rights and religions (in particular with respect to Islam and Muslims). He co-edited, with Cole Durham and Bahia Tahzib-Lie, the volume *Facilitating Freedom of Religion or Belief: A Deskbook* (Brill 2004), which is now published in Indonesian and Russian translations, with a Chinese translation under way. Lindholm co-initiated and sat on the steering committee of the Norwegian Research Council Ethics Program 1990-2001. He co-edited a book on An-Naíimís Islamic reform thinking, *Islamic Law Reform and Human Rights: Challenges and Rejoinders* (1993, with Kari Vogt) and with Cora Alexa Døving and Sidra Shami produced *Religious Commitment and Social Integration: Are there significant links?* A pilot study of Muslims in the Oslo area with a family background from Pakistan (2010). He is author of *The Cross-Cultural Legitimacy of Human Rights: Prospects for Research* (1990/1994); Article 1: A new beginning? in *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: A Common Standard of Achievement* (1999); *Ethical justification of universal rights across normative divides in Universal Ethics* (2004); and *Perspectives and Proposals from Scandinavian Scholars* (2002).

Marylin Vallarino – Panama

Member of Congress, National Congress of Panama

Marylin Elizabeth Vallarino Bartuano de Sellhorn is a current member of Panama's National Assembly. Ms. Vallarino graduated from the University of Panama's School of Public Administration, receiving a Customs Degree. She has served as a Legislator in the National Assembly of Panama since her first term of office commenced in 2004. Her current term will run through 2014. She worked in 2009 as the Chairperson of the National Assembly's Committee on Women, Children Youth and Family. Ms. Vallarino is serving as the 2009-2014 Chairperson of the Commission on Equality and Gender, Children and Youth of the Latin American Parliament. She is the President of the Foundation for the Integral Development of Women and Family (FUNDADER) which she founded in 2003. Since 1998 she has been President of the Customs Agency Sellhorn, S.A. She is also currently the International Vice President of Legislators for Early Childhood, a position she has held since 2003.

Moisés Arata Solís– Peru

Professor, University of Lima, San Martín de Porres and San Ignacio de Loyola

Mr. Arata Solís earned his law degree from the National University of San Marcos and was admitted to the Lima Bar of Lawyers in 1990. He earned a master's degree in civil and commercial law from San Martin de Porres University. He is a professor of property law at the Universities of Lima, San Martin de Porres and the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. His principal areas of practice are property law, contracts, public law, and urban planning, with special emphasis on land registration law. He has developed specialized consultancies in property rights and public records for the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). He has provided advice on matters in his areas of specialization to institutions of the Peruvian government like the Property Registry Authority (Superintendencia Nacional de Registros Públicos), the Special Commission on Privatization (Proinversión), and the Government Property Authority (Superintendencia de Bienes Estatales). Mr. Arata Solís was a member of the commission charged with of amending the regulations of the Law of Urban Development, representing the Property Registry Authority (Superintendencia Nacional de Registros Públicos) and was also a member of the committee responsible for reviewing the draft of the property registration's regulations, representing the Board of Deans of the Peruvian Bar of Lawyers. Additionally, he was a consultant in property registration issues for the public investment project "Registration with National Jurisdiction" (Inscripción Registral con Competencia Nacional - IRCN) of the Peruvian Property Registration Authority (Superintendencia Nacional de Registros Públicos).

Jorge Luis Salas Arenas – Peru

Supreme Judge, Supreme Court of Justice

Jorge Luis Salas Arenas, Supreme Judge, Supreme Court of Justice of Peru. The Supreme Court of Justice of Peru is the highest court in the country and is the institution that guarantees the right to a second hearing in judicial processes. As supreme judge, he deals with matters related to human rights. Dr. Salas Arenas has also participated in the developing of a policy of inclusion of the different religions in Peru and the government. He is a lawyer with a master's degree in civil law. He graduated with a doctorate in law from the University of Alcalá de Henares, Spain. Professor at the Faculty of Law.

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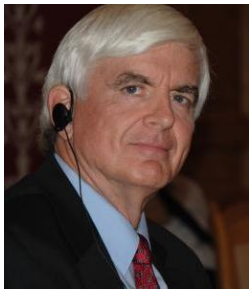

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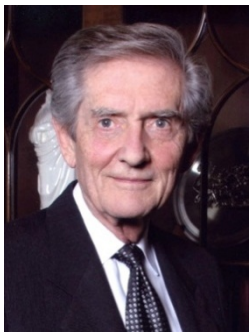

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