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Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves - Brazil

Professor, Law Faculty, Universidade Federal de Uberlândia; Director, Brazilian Center of Studies in Law and Religion



Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves is a member of the Faculty of Law of Universidade Federal de Uberlândia, the Federal University of Uberlandia (Brazil) and the Leading Researcher of the Brazilian Center for Studies in Law and Religion. He is a researcher at the Ratio Legis - Center for Legal Research and Development of the Autonomous University of Lisbon on the topic religious freedom, social tension and security, and was an Academic Visitor at the University of Oxford (2014-2015). At the United Nations Office at Geneva he served as guest speaker at the Sixth Session of the Forum on Minority Issues on Beyond Freedom of Religion or Belief: Guaranteeing the Rights of Religious Minorities (OHCHR), which led to the publication of a set of recommendations by the Human Rights Council. He sits at the International Academic Advisory Board of the Advanced Program on Religion and the Rule of Law at Oxford and is a member of the Editorial Board of the Series *Law and Religion in a Global Context*, published by Springer, and the editor of the book *Latin American Perspectives on Law and Religion*. He was a member of the Expert Advisory Group for the International Development of Law Organization (IDLO) study on freedom of religion or belief.

Carmen Asiaín Pereira - Uruguay

Alternate Senator, Parliament of Uruguay



Carmen Asiaín Pereira serves as a senator in the Parliament of Uruguay, and as vice president of the Latin American Consortium for Freedom of Religion and Belief. She is a professor of law and religion, graduate studies program, at the University of Montevideo and a professor of law and religion and of health law, graduate program, Facultad de Teología del Uruguay Monseñor Mariano Soler. She has participated as a panelist on religious liberty and law and religion at international conferences, and at the UN, and has published papers internationally on many topics. Dr. Asiaín is a member of the Judeo-Christian Fellowship and a founding member and vice-president of the Instituto de Derecho Religioso del Estado (IDRE), Uruguay, and of the International Advisory Council, Canon Law and Ecclesiastical Law General Journal, IUSTEL. As an attorney accredited by the National Ecclesiastical Court (Uruguay and Argentina) and a partner at the law firm of Pollak & Brum, she is a litigator in matrimonial canon law. She is an advisor and litigator in cases involving freedom of conscience and religion or belief against the State. Dr. Asiaín received a doctor in law and social sciences from the University of the Republic.

Paul Babie - Australia

Adelaide Law School Professor of Property Theory and Law, The University of Adelaide



Paul Babie holds a personal chair of law at the Adelaide Law School of the University of Adelaide. He is currently Associate Dean (International) of the Faculty of the Professions at the Adelaide Law School and Director of the Law and Religion Project of the Research Unit for the Study of Society, Ethics, and Law. He holds a BA in sociology from the University of Calgary, a BThSt from Flinders University, an LLB from the University of Alberta, an LLM from the University of Melbourne, and a DPhil in law from the University of Oxford. He is a barrister and solicitor (inactive) of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta (Canada), and an associate member of the Law Society of South Australia. His primary research interests include private law theory, property theory, and law and religion. He has published and spoken extensively in these fields. He teaches property law, property theory, law and religion, and Roman law.

S. David Colton - United States

Chairman, International Advisory Council, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University



David Colton is currently a student coach at the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University as well as Chairman of the International Advisory Council of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS). He is assisting with several initiatives with ICLRS. He and his wife, Julie, recently served as Government Relations missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints assigned to the United Nations in New York, City. David also worked as Europe Area Legal Counsel for the Church. He retired as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Frreport-McMoran Copper & Gold Company (formerly Phelps Dodge). He was a partner at Van Cott, Bagley, Cornwall & McCarthy. He earned a JD from BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School. He has been an active part of ICLRS since its formation.

Ganoune Diop - United States

Secretary General, International Religious Liberty Association; Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, Seventh-day Adventist Church



Dr. Ganoune Diop, PhD & Doctor Honoris Causa, is the Director of Public Affairs & Religious Liberty for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists World Headquarters, and Secretary General of the International Religious Liberty Association, as well as Secretary of the Conference of General Secretary of Christian World Communions. Dr. Diop was the Permanent Representative of the SDA Church at the United Nations in New York and Geneva. He extensively works to foster mutual understanding between Christian faith traditions and other world religions and philosophies. He regularly trains leaders in capacity building in reference to peace, justice, and human rights: the pillars of the United Nations. He was granted a doctorate Honoris Causa for his work in helping promote a culture of human rights grounded on human dignity. He is executive editor of *Religious Freedom World Report* and executive editor of *Fides et Libertas*. Dr. Diop is graced with a fascinating combination of gifts and expertise in Biblical Exegesis and Theology, Philology with an emphasis on Biblical languages, and Comparative World Religions and Philosophies. He earned a masters' degree in Philology at the School of Languages and Civilizations of the Ancient Near East in Paris. He earned a PhD candidacy in New Testament Studies with a focus on Apocalyptic Literature at the Catholic University of Paris.

He also earned a diploma of in-depth studies in New Testament. He completed postgraduate studies in Semiotics Studies and applied Linguistics at the University of Sorbonne, Paris. He graduated from Andrews University with a PhD in Old Testament Studies in 1995. He was the Director of Global Study Centers on World Religions and Philosophies at the World Headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Gary B. Doxey - United States

Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, United States

Gary B. Doxey, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, joined the Center in 2005 and serves as regional advisor for Latin America. He also heads the Center's development effort. He has co-authored several commentaries on draft legislation, and a number of amicus briefs in Latin America. He also teaches in the History Department at Brigham Young University. Professor Doxey's career has been divided between academia and public service. Prior to joining the law school, he was chief of staff and general counsel to Utah governors Mike Leavitt and Olene Walker and served as deputy commissioner of financial institutions and as associate general counsel to the Utah Legislature. He has a PhD in History from Cambridge University and a JD from Brigham Young University.



W. Cole Durham, Jr. - United States

Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, United States

Cole Durham is Susa Young Gates University Professor of Law and Founding Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS) at the J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, where he was a Note Editor of the *Harvard Law Review* and Managing Editor of the *Harvard International Law Journal*. He has been heavily involved in comparative law scholarship, with a special emphasis on comparative constitutional law. He is a founding Editor-in-Chief of the *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*. He served as the Secretary of the American Society of Comparative Law from 1989 to 1994. He is an Associate Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law in Paris—the premier academic organization at the global level in comparative law. He served as a General Rapporteur for the topic 'Religion and the Secular State' at the 18th Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law, held in July 2010. He served in earlier years as Chair both of the Comparative Law Section and the Law and Religion Section of the American Association of Law Schools. Professor Durham was President of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS) from 2011-2016.



Boris Falikov - Russia

Associate Professor, Russian State University for the Humanities

Boris Falikov graduated from the Faculty of Foreign Languages of Saratov Pedagogical Institute. He joined the teaching staff of the Institute of USA and Canada with the Russian Academy of Sciences. There, in 1985, he defended a historical sciences PhD candidate's thesis, *Socio-political aspects of some religious movements in the US (Hinduism and Buddhism)*. He has worked in the Orientalist Institute with the Russian Academy of Sciences, in the Department of Comparative Cultural Studies, where he's been studying the phenomenon of spreading of Hinduism and Buddhism in the Western culture. During the early 1990s, he has been lecturing at Lewis & Clark College, University of



Georgetown and the University of Kansas. In 1997 - 1998, he was the OSCE expert on issues of freedom of religion. Since 1999, he is an assistant professor at Russian State University for the Humanities (RSUH). He teaches at the RSUH Centre of Religion Studies and is Head of the International Department of *Culture* newspaper. Boris Falikov is the author of 4 monographs: *Religion as part of political life in the US* (1985), *Neo-Hinduism and the Western culture* (1994), *Christianity and other religions* (1999), *Cults and culture: from Helena Blavatsky to Ron Hubbard* (2007). In 2000-2002, he was the Chief Editor of the internet portal *World of Religions*.

Silvio Ferrari - Italy

Emeritus Professor of Canon Law, University of Milan; Founder and Honorary Lifetime President, International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies



Silvio Ferrari, founder and honorary lifetime president of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS), was visiting professor at the University of California (Berkeley), the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies (London), the École Pratique des Hautes Études (Sorbonne, Paris), and the University of Leuven. His publications in English include *Law, Religion, Constitution* (edited with Cole Durham, Cristiana Cianitto, and Donlu Thayer); *Religion in Public Spaces* (edited with Sabrina Pastorelli); *Law and Religion in the 21st Century* (edited with Rinaldo Cristofori); *Law and Religion in Post-Communist Europe* (edited with Cole Durham and Elizabeth Sewell), *Islam and European Legal System* (edited with Anthony Bradney). He is a member of the Advisory Council on Freedom of Religion and Belief of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe / Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, member of the International Academy of Comparative Law, a founding editor of the *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*, and member of the editorial board of the *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*. He delivered a Messenger Lecture at Cornell University and received the Distinguished Service Award of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies.

Ján Figel' - Slovakia

Special Envoy for the Promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief Outside the European Union, European Commission



Dr. Ján Figel' has undertaken pioneering work as the first Special Envoy for Religious Freedom outside the EU. After a distinguished career in both academia and politics in Slovakia, he was appointed a Commissioner of the European Union for Education, Training, Culture and Youth. He took part in founding the Christian Democratic Movement (KDH) in Slovakia and was appointed the First Deputy-Prime Minister of the Government of Slovakia and Minister of Transport, Construction and Regional Development 2010-2012. He served as Vice-President of the National Council of the Slovakia Republic between 2012-2016 when he was appointed Special Envoy for Religious Freedom.

Gabriel Gonzáles Merlano - Uruguay

Professor and Coordinator of the Humanities, Universidad Católica del Uruguay



Gabriel Gonzáles Merlano is a priest with a Bachelor of Theology from the Gregorian University of Rome, a Bachelor of Canon Law from the Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca, and a Doctor of Canon Law from the Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina. He is a judge and judicial vicar of the Ecclesiastical Court of Canelones. Since 1999, he is dedicated to teaching, and is currently a full professor at the Faculty of Law of Universidad Católica del Uruguay, and a researcher in the area of the state-

law-religion relationship. Professor Merlano is a founding member of the Institute of Religious Law of the State (IDRE) and a member of the Latin American Consortium for Religious Freedom (CLLR). He has participated in forums and conferences in Uruguay and abroad, and is also the author of books and articles in national and international publications, mainly in relation to the canonical subject, freedom of religion, and philosophy and history law.

Muhammed Haron - Botswana

Professor, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Botswana

Muhammed Haron is a professor at the University of Botswana's Theology & Religious Studies Department where he teaches Religious Studies courses. Haron was formerly associated with the University of the Western Cape where he taught Arabic Studies. Currently, Haron is an Associate Researcher at the University of Pretoria and was a visiting Professor at Rhodes University (April-May 2018). He edits University of Cape Town's *Annual Review of Islam in Africa* and is the Editor-in-Chief of Duke University's *Research Africa Reviews*. He authored *The Dynamics of Christian-Muslim Relations* (2006), edited *Going Forward: South African-Malaysia Relations* (2008), compiled *South Africa's Muslims: Annotated Bibliography* (1997), and *South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission: An Annotated Bibliography* (2009), and co-edited *Islamic Civilization in Southern Africa* (2009) and *Muslim Higher Education in Postcolonial Africa* (2016). He co-edited *Proceedings of the 2016 Islamic Civilization in Southern Africa Congress* (Istanbul 2018 [forthcoming]) and edited N. Chand's *Bechuanaland's Muslim Pioneers: Their Heritage and Legacies* (Gaborone 2018 [forthcoming]).



Marta Hotton - Argentina

Event Coordinator and Executive Assistant

Marta Gaspari de Hotton lives in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She is married with three sons. She organizes corporate events on both national and international levels. She recently assisted in the organization of the 2018 G20 Interfaith Forum in Buenos Aires.



Scott E. Isaacson - United States

Regional Advisor for Latin America, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, United States

Scott Isaacson is Senior Fellow with the International Center for Law and Religion Studies of the J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, and a member of the International section of the law firm Kirton McConkie. He advises domestic and foreign businesses and not-for-profit organizations regarding all aspects of international trade and business, with specific emphasis in Latin America. He previously served as International Legal Counsel for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, supervising all of the church's legal work in South America. As part of this position, he managed international real estate acquisitions and construction, complex litigation and international arbitration, international tax compliance for not-for-profit organizations, government relations, and legal implementation of new programs. On a regular basis, he makes presentations at international seminars held in countries such as Chile, Argentina, and Mexico about legal matters related to non-profit and religious organizations. Isaacson is recognized as one of Utah's Legal Elite in international law.



Tore Lindholm - Norway

Emeritus Professor, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo

Tore Lindholm is Emeritus 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 the grounds for embracing universal human rights, in particular the right to freedom of religion or non-religious basic conviction, and on the ongoing two-way traffic between human rights and religions/basic convictions, in particular with respect to Islam and Muslims. He co-edited *Facilitating Freedom of Religion or Belief*, now published in Indonesian and Russian. He edited *Islamic Law Reform and Human Rights: Challenges and Rejoinders* and made a study of Muslim immigrants to Oslo, *Religious Commitment and Social Integration: Are There Significant Links?* Other writings include "The Cross-Cultural Legitimacy of Universal Human Rights: Plural Justification Across Normative Divides", in Francioni & Scheinin, eds., *Cultural Human Rights* and "Magna Carta and Religious Freedom", in Magraw & Martinez, eds., *Magna Carta and the Rule of Law*.



Susanna Mancini - Italy

Full Professor and Chair, Comparative Constitutional Law, The University of Bologna School of Law

Susanna Mancini (PhD, European University Institute; JD, University of Bologna) is a full professor and the Chair of Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Bologna School of Law. She is also affiliated with the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University and is a vice president of the International Association of Constitutional Law. She is a recurrent visiting professor at the Central European University (Budapest) and the Cardozo School of Law (New York City). She has taught at the Fordham School of Law (New York City), at the Toulouse School of Law (France), and at the Radyzner School of Law of the Interdisciplinary Center (Israel), and has been a senior scholar at the Italian Academy for Advanced Studies in America at Columbia University (2018), as well as a Braudel Senior Fellow at the European University Institute. She is interested in exploring how race and gender-related social and cultural constructs have shaped the balance of power and privilege in a liberal society, and in the role of the law in perpetuating and/or combating the marginalization of women and of racial, religious, and sexual minorities. Her work explores issues of law and religion, reproductive rights, the partnership of feminism and multiculturalism, self-determination, and secession. Her latest publications are *The Conscience Wars* (Cambridge University 2018, with Rosenfeld), *Comparative Constitutional Law: Cases and Materials* (with Dorsen Rosenfeld, Sajo, and Baer, West, 2016), and *Constitutional Secularism in an Age of religious revival* (Oxford University Press, 2014, with Rosenfeld). She is the editor of the forthcoming *Handbook of Constitutions and Religion* (Elgar, 2019).



Giovanna Martelli - Italy

Former Deputy of the Italian Parliament

Giovanna Martelli is a former Deputy of the Italian Parliament. She graduated in sociology, and since 1996 has worked in the Social Assistance Service and directed the social planning of the Mantua district. She made the first agreement on work-life balance with companies in the textile district of Mantua. She also coordinated the investigation on the needs and interests of working families and the Child



Protection Service of a Consortium of Municipalities in the Province of Mantua. In 2011, she was named Vice President of the Province of Mantua and dealt with Labor Policies, Youth Policies, and International Cooperation. Ms. Martelli coordinated the first Provincial Plan Work Orientation and the first Provincial Plan for work-life balance, in synergy with the main Mantuan companies. With the Labor Unions and the Union of Business Activities, she created a fund for the economic support of workers affected by the economic crisis. In February 2013, she was elected Congresswoman for the Democratic Party. She worked in the Labor Commission of the Chamber of Deputies, and followed the issues related to the employment of women and youth. With an amendment to the "Jobs Act", for the first time in Italy, an economic support for working women victims of domestic violence was introduced. With an amendment to the law of education reform, the promotion in all schools and for students, parents and teachers, the education to gender equality, prevention of gender violence and all discrimination were introduced. Ms. Martelli was Councilor for Equal Opportunities of the Prime Minister Matteo Renzi from October 1, 2014 until December 2015. For the Department for Equal Opportunities, she contributed to the drafting of the Extraordinary National Plan Violence against Women and the writing of the first National Plan against Human Trafficking. In October 2015, she took part in the UN Security Council intervening on the theme "Women, Peace and Security." Since 2015, she has followed the Peace Agreement in Colombia and the implementation of the agreement, in particular: the full reparation of victims, the application of resolution UN 1325 and UN Convention CEDAW, the forced displacement of communities, and the reincorporation of guerrillas to civil life. In March 2018, she finished her parliamentary activity. Since June 2018, she collaborates with Italian NGOs for planning in developing countries.

Javier Martínez-Torrón - Spain

Professor of Law and Director of the Department of Law and Religion, Complutense University School of Law



Javier Martínez-Torrón is Professor of Law and Director of the Department of Law and Religion, Complutense University of Madrid and Vice-President of the Section of Canon Law and Church-State Relations of the Spanish Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation. He is Honorary Foreign Member of the National Academy of Law and Social Sciences of Cordoba, Argentina; a former member of the Organization of Security and Co-operation in Europe/Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights Advisory Council for Freedom of Religion or Belief; and a member of the Spanish Advisory Commission for Religious Freedom within the Ministry of Justice. His research on law and religion issues is characterized by a predominant interest in international and comparative law. His writings, published in twenty-three countries and in twelve languages, include twenty books as author, co-author or editor, and more than one hundred essays in legal periodicals or collective volumes. His book *Conflictos entre conciencia y ley. Las objeciones de conciencia* (2nd ed., in collaboration with R. Navarro-Valls, 2012), contains possibly the most complete study published until now on the issue of conflicts between law and conscience.

Alberto Melloni - Italy

Professor of the History of Christianity, University of Modena-Reggio Emilia, and UNESCO Chair on Religious Pluralism and Peace



Alberto Melloni is a professor of History of Christianity at the University of Modena-Reggio and Chair Holder of the Unesco Chair on Religious Pluralism and Peace for his university and the University of Bologna. Since 2007 he has also served as director of the John XXIII Foundation for Religious Studies in Bologna. He serves on

the board of several international journals of religion and has written numerous books on the history of the Vatican. He was a contributing author to *The History of the Second Vatican Council* and he currently serves as a member of the EU's TRES (Teaching Religion in a multicultural European Society).

Nicholas Miller - United States

Professor; Director, International Religious Liberty Institute, Andrews University

Nicholas Miller is Professor of Church History at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he also directs the International Religious Liberty Institute. He holds degrees in law (Columbia University), church history (University of Notre Dame), and theology (Pacific Union College), including a PhD in the history of religious freedom in America. He has appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court in the church/state case of *Mitchell v. Helms*, written many federal appellate briefs on church/state matters, and authored numerous scholarly and professional articles on matters of the law and history of church/state matters, and written a book dealing with religious influences on the American Constitution entitled *The Religious Roots of the First Amendment* (OUP 2012).



Juan G. Navarro Floria - Argentina

Professor of Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina

Dr. Juan G. Navarro Floria graduated in law from Pontificia Universidad Católica of Argentina, where he teaches civil law, ecclesiastical law, and law and religion in Latin America. He earned a PhD in Law from Complutense University (Spain). He was Chief Advisor to the Secretariat of Religious Affairs of the Argentine Government; founder, board member, and past president of the Argentine Council of Religious Freedom (CALIR); and founder and past-president of the Latin American Consortium for Religious Freedom. He is a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS-BYU) and of the National Committee 'Justicia y Paz' at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Argentina, and is founder and member of the Steering Committee of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS-Milan), and a member of the Section of Family Law and BioLaw of the National Academy of Law and Social Sciences.



Ewelina Ochab - United Kingdom

Legal Researcher; Author of *Never Again: Legal Responses to a Broken Promise in the Middle East*

Ewelina U. Ochab is a legal researcher and human rights advocate, and author of the book *Never Again: Legal Responses to a Broken Promise in the Middle East*. Ochab works on the topic of the persecution of minorities around the world, with main projects including Daesh genocide in Syria and Iraq, Boko Haram atrocities in West Africa, and the situation of religious minorities in South Asia. Ochab has written over 30 UN reports (including Universal Periodic Review reports) and has made oral and written submissions at the Human Rights Council sessions and the UN Forum on Minority Issues. She is currently working on her PhD in international law, human rights, and medical ethics at the University of Kent. She is a contributor to *Forbes*. She has also published in *HuffPost*, *Providence Magazine*, *Oxford Human Rights Hub*, *UnHerd*, and *Washington Examiner*.



Norberto Padilla - Argentina

President, Latin American Consortium for Religious Liberty

Norberto Padilla is an attorney who graduated from the University of Buenos Aires in 1970. He was an advisor to Dr. Fernando de la Rúa, Chairman of the Commission for Constitutional Affairs in the Argentina Senate, between 1983 and 1989. In the Foreign Affairs Ministry, he served as an advisor and Assistant-Secretary for Religious Affairs (Worship) from 1989 until 1998, and as Secretary for Religious Affairs (Worship) with the rank of ambassador from December 1999 to December 2001. Padilla began his career as a professor of Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences at the University of Buenos Aires in 1972. He was Assistant Professor of Constitutional Law, now retired. Since 1974, he is a professor of Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Law, the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, where he reached the position of a full regular professor. He has been a member of the Board of the Faculty and of the High Council of the University. He is a full member of the Argentine Association of Constitutional Law, of the Editorial Board of the review of culture *Cristerio*, former President and life Board Member of Fundación Navarro Viola, recently appointed full member of the National Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, honorary advisor of the Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI), and a life member of the Argentine Institute of Genealogical Sciences. He is a founding member and member of the Board of the Argentine Council for Religious Freedom (CALIR), and founding member and currently President of the Board of the Latin American Consortium for Religious Freedom. Since 1972, he has been a co-worker for the Argentine Bishops Conference Commission for Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue, and has been appointed on three occasions by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity to ecumenical and Catholic-Jewish conferences.



Andrea Pin - Italy

Lecturer in Comparative Law, University of Padua

Andrea Pin is a senior lecturer in constitutional and comparative law at the University of Padua. He holds a PhD from the University of Turin. He has clerked at the Italian Constitutional Court since 2011. He is a senior fellow at the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University. He has authored two books, edited two books, and translated two additional books into Italian. His fields of study cover law and religion, comparative perspectives on human rights, comparative federalism, and constitutional interpretation.



Clelia Piperno - Italy

Professor of Comparative Constitutional Law, University of Teramo

Clelia Piperno, Professor of Comparative Constitutional Law, University of Teramo, published *The Constitutional Court and the Limit of Political Question* in 1991, and *The Democratic Coexistence Possible in a Multicultural Country* in 2008. She collaborates with the Italian Ministry of Education, Universities, and Research (MIUR) and has held numerous institutional positions in the field of development cooperation, assisting local authorities and private institutions in this field. Her key areas of study are women, new technology, and Judaism. She is the Project Director and Chair of the Talmud Translation Project's Board of Directors. The Talmud Translation project is the an international translation project - one volume is currently available in Italian, the first Italian translation of the Talmud in 500 years.



Ann Power-Forde - Ireland

Presiding Judge, Constitutional Court Chamber, Kosovo Specialist Chambers, The Hague; Former Judge, European Court of Human Rights



Ann Power-Forde SC is an international judge, a senior counsel, and an academic. She is currently the Presiding Judge of the Constitutional Court Chamber of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC) in The Hague. She served as a judge of the European Court of Human Rights— working through French and English — from January 2008 until her final case in July 2015. During her time on the European Court of Human Rights, her separate opinions contributed to notable developments in the case law, including, on the protection of journalists’ sources, the right to conscientious objection at work, and the right to international protection from persecution on the basis of religious belief. She adjudicated on issues arising from the invasion of Iraq, the annexation of Crimea, the consequences of global terrorism, the refugee crisis in the Mediterranean and the legacy of European genocide. A consultant adviser in International Human Rights Law, Ann joined Doughty Street Chambers in London as an Associate Tenant in September 2015, and she is a member of the Doughty Street International Team. She is Senior Counsel with extensive experience in Medical Law, Public Law and Constitutional Law. As an academic, Ann has over 20 years’ experience of teaching Philosophy and Jurisprudence. She has published and presented papers on a wide range of topics — including international human rights law, bioethics, and risk management. She is a regular guest speaker at national and international conferences. Ann has a keen interest in the not-for-profit sector having served at Executive Board level on numerous bodies, including, the Board of Governors of a national hospital, the Board of a Statutory Health Care Agency and the Academic Council of All Hallows College, Dublin. She continues to serve on a voluntary basis in the not-for-profit sector.

Melissa Rogers - United States

Nonresident Senior Fellow in Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution



Melissa Rogers is a nonresident senior fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution. She recently served as special assistant to the president and executive director of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, during the Obama administration. Melissa previously served as chair of the inaugural Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Prior to that, she was director of the Center for Religion and Public Affairs at Wake Forest University Divinity School. She has also served as executive director of the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life and general counsel of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. Her area of expertise includes the First Amendment's religion clauses, religion in American public life, and the interplay of religion, policy, and politics. Rogers co-authored a case book on religion and law for Baylor University Press, *Religious Freedom and the Supreme Court* (2008). She holds a JD from University of Pennsylvania Law School and a BA from Baylor University.

Hans Ingvar Filip Roth - Sweden

Professor of Human Rights, Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS), Stockholm University



Hans Ingvar Roth is Professor of Human Rights at Stockholm University. He holds a PhD in ethics from Lund University, a Master of Letters in philosophy from Oxford University, a BA in Political Science, Philosophy, Peace and Conflict Studies from Uppsala University and an MA in History and Religious Studies from Stockholm

University. He has written extensively on human rights, freedom of religion, affirmative action and multiculturalism. His most recent book is *P.C.Chang and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (forthcoming at University of Pennsylvania Press in October 2018). Roth has also worked as a professor in human rights studies at Lund University (chair), senior lecturer in religious studies at Linköping University, researcher at the Centre for Multiethnic Studies at Uppsala University, senior advisor at the Ministry of Justice, as Human Rights Officer for OSCE in Bosnia and as secretary in the parliamentary committee on discrimination laws. Roth has also been a member of the Swedish Cultural Council (Non-fiction committee). Roth is head of the Swedish team in the EU project "Accept Pluralism" which is a comparative study of integration- and minority policies in Europe. (www.eui.eu/Projects/Accept/Home.aspx) Roth has given lectures at the University of Concepcion in Chile and he is also involved as an advisor in the PhD program at the Department of Education at the University of Concepcion. He has also given guest lectures at Toronto University (Department of Political Science), Aarhus University (Department of Political Science), and Gdansk University (Philosophy). Roth is also active as a public intellectual in daily press, especially in the national newspaper *Svenska Dagbladet*.

Gabriell Sabalones - United States

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Gabriell was born in Louisville, Kentucky to an American mother and a Filipino immigrant father. She attended college at Brigham Young University--Hawaii and there obtained a Bachelor of Arts in International Cultural Studies with a primary emphasis in Intercultural peacebuilding, a secondary emphasis in communications, and a minor in music. During her undergraduate years, she took a break to serve for a year and a half as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Chiclayo, Perú. After graduating, she went to work at the Justice Court in Sandy, Utah. She is currently pursuing a juris doctorate degree from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark School of Law. Last year, she did an externship with the Church's Office of General Counsel over the Caribbean Area. She currently works as a research assistant for the International Center for Law and Religion Studies.

Vanja-Ivan Savić - Croatia

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