

Speaker Bios

Alexandra Abello Colak is a Leverhulme Research Fellow at the Latin America and Caribbean Centre based at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Alexandra's research focuses on urban violence and insecurity. She is particularly interested in challenges associated with providing security in cities affected by chronic levels of violence in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as in state-society relations in the region. She has undertaken ethnographic and participatory research in urban areas affected by historically high levels of violence in Colombia, Mexico, and Jamaica. She has also co-developed methodologies to work with communities and vulnerable groups that aim at improving security conditions which have been used in these and other countries like Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador.

Janine Aguilera-Mesa was part of the Monitoring and Evaluation team of the Ideas for Peace Foundation in Colombia working on programmes related to peacebuilding, reconciliation and local economic development in various municipalities affected by the war. Janine also worked for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) evaluating a public policy in Colombia and for the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) building the most complete database on the armed conflict in the same country. Janine completed her MSc in Conflict Studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science while contributing with research to the United Nations Business and Human Security Initiative in collaboration with LSE IDEAS. She also holds a BSc in Government and International Relations from the Externado University of Colombia.

Vesna Bojicic- Dzelilovic is Senior Research Fellow at LSE IDEAS, and an associate fellow of the South East Europe Research Unit at the European Institute, at the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is an expert on the political economy of conflict and development with a particular interest in conflict-crime nexus, informal governance and the role of international aid in transitioning from conflict.

Dr Bojicic- Dzelilovic has consulted on these issues for the United Nations, World Bank, European Commission and national governments and has published widely in a range of academic journals and books.

Her geographic focus and fieldwork cover South East Europe. Most recent project which is supported by the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security investigates private sector's contribution to peace and development in the context of Agenda 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals. She holds PhD in Economics and MA in Economic development.

Christian Bwenda studied management and applied social sciences. In 2002, he joined PremiCongo, a non-governmental organization based in Lubumbashi, Katanga province in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He held various positions before becoming the coordinator (since 2008), a position he still holds today.

Since 2004, this region of the DRC has experienced a "boom" in copper and cobalt production following the promulgation of a new liberal mining code, designed to attract investors in a country

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emerging from a long armed conflict. The influx of mining investment into Katanga had and still having negative impacts, especially in environmental and social sector. This fact has led PremiCongo to take a formal interest in mining sector. It will therefore be the responsibility of Mr. Christian Bwenda to drive the new "mining program" which is mainly concerned with monitoring and advocacy for a sustainable environmental management in the sector, as well as for the defense of the rights of the impacted communities. PremiCongo has appointed Mr. Christian Bwenda as leader of this project given the experience he has accumulated through several research and publications in this field as well as an active participation in the revision of the DRC mining code (from 2012 to 2018)

Juan Andrés Cano is Co-founder and business developer of the PeaceStartup Foundation. He is a senior consultant in ethical business and sustainability. He has a deep understanding on technology and social innovation. He has vast knowledge of the role businesses play in humanitarian crises, conflicts, human rights and the environment. He is passionate about the possibility of transforming businesses to create long-term value with high social and environmental impact.

Juan is a lawyer and an entrepreneur. He has built 4 companies in complex contexts. He received the Business for Peace Award of the Business for Peace Foundation (Oslo) for using and connecting technology with the global agenda.

Phil Champaign is currently CEO of the Faith & Belief Forum, a UK charity that builds relationships between people of different faiths and beliefs. Prior to this role, Phil worked as Director of Emerging Programmes at International Alert where he helped set up the Philippines programme, together with operations in Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Lebanon, and the South Caucasus. He was among the pioneers of early thinking about the role of business in conflict, work which initially took him to the oil fields of Azerbaijan, co-editing *From War Economies to Peace Economies* in the South

Caucasus, and the establishment of the Caucasus Business Development Network. Phil's current peacebuilding focuses on the UK and the Philippines where he has recently published 'Power, Peace, and Place: why firms account for their actions'. This study explores how an energy company, local stakeholders, and civil society groups in Mindanao worked together for collective gain through innovative collaboration and problem-solving.

Marius Døcker is the Managing Director of Business for Peace Foundation. Prior to joining Business for Peace, Døcker was a senior executive with Arcus ASA, a listed Norwegian beverage company, and held various roles with Navico, an international marine electronics company. He was also a partner at PA Consulting Group focusing on financial institutions, transportation and manufacturing clients. Before that, Døcker was the Chairman and Managing Director of Etellus AS, an Oslo-based software company that develops technology for advanced internet publishing and e-commerce. He has also been a Director with Andersen Business Consulting in Oslo where he managed the firm's Nordic Financial Services Practice and served as a member of the European (EMEIA) financial services leadership team. Døcker has previously been a consultant with A.T. Kearney in New York and London.

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Prior to a career in management consulting, Døcker worked in various capacities for Continental Savings in San Francisco. He has served on the board of directors for several companies. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of San Francisco and an MBA from Columbia Business School in New York. He is currently on the board of Oslo Røde Kors (Oslo Red Cross), where he also volunteers as a refugee guide.

Martha Herrera is a social leader and passionate about social impact and transformation, Martha has been part of the CEMEX family for 25 years. Today she is the Global Director of Social Impact at CEMEX. She leads local, national and international organizations such as the CEMEX-Tec de Monterrey Center for the development of sustainable communities, the UNGC Network in Mexico, ARISE Global and ARISE Mexico, the New Employment Opportunities Alliance in Mexico, RedEAMerica and the Human Development Committee of the Nuevo León Council for Strategic Planning. She actively participates in more than 35 boards of organizations and universities and has received more than 30 recognitions for her work for the benefit of society. Her achievements involve the establishment of more than 600 partnerships and alliances of social impact at a global level and programs that have positively impacted more than 23.2 million people globally, creating shared value and improving the well-being and quality of life of society.

Jana Hönke is a Professor at the University of Bayreuth and her work is in International Political Sociology and Peace and Conflict Studies. She currently directs the ERC INFRAGLOB project Africa's Infrastructure Globalities, and is co-editor of Security Dialogue and the Spaces of Peace, Security and Development book series. Her research is concerned with how governance practices are co-produced and contested, how they travel, and to what effect. She is the author of 'Transnational Business and Security Governance. Hybrid Practices in a Postcolonial World' (2013) and 'The Global Making of Policing. Postcolonial Perspectives' (with Mueller, 2016). Her current work examines how political geographies transform through South-South relations by studying the contested social and security arrangements around multinational companies and large-scale infrastructure projects in Africa. While doing multi-sited fieldwork including in Europe, China and Brazil, much of her work takes place in Sub-Saharan Africa with research conducted in South Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Zambia, Tanzania, Mozambique and Guinea.

Jonathan Kolieb is Senior Lecturer in International Law at the Graduate School of Business and Law, RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia where also serves as the Peace and Conflict Theme Leader at RMIT's Business and Human Rights Centre.

Prior to joining academia, Jonathan held positions with the Embassy of Australia in Washington DC, as well as various think-tanks and NGOs focusing on peace, human rights and international affairs – in Australia, the United States and the Middle East. Jonathan has also been engaged as legal consultant to the United Nations' Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. Jonathan's research interests focus on global governance issues, including current projects on the legal protections of children in armed conflict and the human rights obligations of companies operating in conflict-affected regions of the world. He also collaborates with Australian Red Cross on a project focussed on embedding respect for international humanitarian law into the policies and practices of Australian businesses. Jonathan's writing appears in leading academic

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journals as well as mainstream outlets such as Foreign Policy and The Washington Post. Jonathan holds degrees from University of Melbourne, University of California-Berkeley and Monash University, he has been a visiting fellow at Australian National University and George Washington University. He is a Rotary World Peace Fellow.

Mary Martin is Senior Policy Fellow at the Department of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and Director of the UN Business and Human Security Initiative at LSE IDEAS, the LSE's foreign policy think-tank.

She is currently working with the United Nations and the private sector to contribute to implementation of the 2016 Colombian peace and stabilisation process, and to the post-conflict transition in Liberia, trialling an innovative model of multi-stakeholder partnership, the Human Security Business Partnership Framework, developed by the Initiative, in five Colombian municipalities.

She was previously Director of Communications and Research for Human Security at LSE Global Governance, and from 2006-2010, co-ordinator of the Human Security Study Group, which reports to the High Representative of the European Union. In February 2020, Hurst Books published her monograph, 'Corporate Peace. How global business shapes a hostile world', which looks at examples worldwide of private sector impacts on peace and human security.

Her research interests include the role of corporations in conflict prevention, private security in the international system, local ownership of peacebuilding and changing concepts of security. She has a PhD in International Relations from Cambridge University and was a former foreign correspondent and business editor for the Daily Telegraph and Guardian newspapers.

María Lucía Mendez completed her degrees in anthropology and political science, and an MA in political science at Universidad de Los Andes in Bogota, Colombia. She also has an MSC in Latin American Studies, which she completed at Oxford University in the UK.

Before joining FIP, she served as advisor to the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, where she coordinated the citizen participation team to support the Peace Talks between the Government and FARC.

She has broad experience in formulating and assessing citizen participation mechanisms and in research into the role of civil society in peacebuilding. She has worked in prior-consultation proceedings and in relations strategies between businesses and Indigenous and peasant communities, corporate social responsibility in the extractive sector, environmental licensing, and in risk assessments, impact, and opportunities in zones of conflict and weak governance. She has taken part in research projects on Reconciliation, DDR (Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration), and Human Rights.

Jason Miklian (PhD, NMBU; MSc, LSE) is a Senior Researcher at the Centre for Development and Environment (SUM), University of Oslo. His primary research focus is on the role of businesses as agents of sustainable development and corporate engagement for the 'Business for Peace' paradigm

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through UN SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Sustainable Institutions. He has conducted qualitative/ethnographic fieldwork in Colombia, Myanmar, India, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Bangladesh, among others, in support and has published over 50 academic articles and policy reports on the topic. He is also a member of several expert groups and advisory boards on business, peace and development, and has written for or been cited in an expert capacity by the New York Times, BBC, Economist, AFP, Guardian, Washington Post, and similar.

Ben Miller joined CDA in 2011. His professional areas of expertise are corporate social impacts, conflict sensitive business, and responsible business practice. He has been involved in a number of CDA projects in this domain, including the development and publication of the Preventing Conflict in Exploration toolkit, CDA's engagement of the Chinese business community, and assessments of corporate field operations.

Ben is currently a member of the Business and Armed-Non-State Actors project team at CDA and contributes to the management of CDA's advisory services work.

Before joining CDA, Ben worked for nine years in East Africa with an INGO, and for two years in the Persian Gulf in the private sector. He holds a Master's degree from the University of Chicago and a Bachelor's degree from Harvard University, both in social anthropology. Ben is a native English speaker and is fluent in French, Spanish, and Swahili.

Oscar Palma is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of International, Political and Urban Studies at Universidad del Rosario, Colombia. He has a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics, and a MA in International Security Studies, University of Leicester. He was a visiting research fellow at the Department of War Studies at King's College London.

Jenny Pearce is Research Professor in the Latin American and Caribbean Centre at the LSE. She was Professor of Latin American Politics in the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford 1992-2016. She is a political scientist with area expertise in Latin America.

She works with anthropological and participatory research methodologies on social change, violence, security, power and participation in the region. She considers herself a peace scholar, committed to theoretical development of the field of peace, power and violence as well as empirical study.

She has conducted fieldwork since the 1980s in Colombia, Central America, Mexico, Chile, Brazil and Venezuela, and published widely. Since 2001 she has also worked in the locality of Bradford in the wake of the riot of that year.

While committed to research on Latin America, Professor Pearce has also developed a body of work around participation and social change in the de-industrialised North of England, bringing learning from Latin America (South North learning) to this context.

She set up and directed the International Centre for Participation Studies in Peace Studies 2003 to 2014. She was Visiting Professor at the University of Monterey (2014), Mexico, and the Bolivariana

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University, Medellin, Colombia, and at Edgehill University (2014-2019) . In July 2015 she was awarded an honour as 'Outstanding Latin Americanist' by the International Conference of Americanists (ICA) at their conference in El Salvador.

She was Principal Investigator on the ESRC/Conacyt Newton Project : 'Co-Constructing Security in Mexico: From Communities to the State' 2016-2018. Her latest book is: 'Politics without Violence? Towards a Post Weberian Enlightenment' (London: Palgrave Macmillan , 2020) . She is currently conducting research on Elites, Violence and Peace in Colombia.

Karlos Pérez de Armiño is Associate Professor of International Relations at the University of the Basque Country (Bilbao), and research fellow and former Director of of HEGOA-Institute of Studies on Development and International Cooperation (<http://www.hegoa.ehu.es/hegoa>). PhD in Political Science. Coordinator of the Research Group on Human Security and Human Local Development and International Cooperation. Main research fields: peace-building (Colombia), conflicts and hunger, human security, and critical security studies.

Helena Puig Larrauri is Director of Build Up, a non-profit that works to identify and apply innovative practices to prevent conflict and tackle polarization, which she co-founded in 2014. She is a governance and peacebuilding professional with over a decade of experience advising and supporting UN agencies, multi-lateral organisations and NGOs working in conflict contexts and polarized environments. She specializes in the integration of digital technology and innovation processes to peace processes, and has written extensively on this subject matter. She is also an Ashoka Fellow.

Helena has been invited to speak about civic technology and innovation in venues including SXSW Interactive, Geneva Peace Talks, Geneva Peace Platform, The Hague Institute of Global Justice, IPI Vienna Seminar, MIT's Centre for Civic Media and more. She previously served on the Boards of Elva Community Engagement, International Alert, ImpactHub Barcelona and the Stand-by Task Force, and currently serves on the Boards of Public Sentiment and Digital Peace Now. She holds a BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Oxford University and a Masters in Public Policy (Economics) from Princeton University.

Kate Roll Assistant Professor in Innovation, Development and Purpose and Head of Teaching at UCL's Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose, is a political scientist interested in vulnerability, with a particular focus on how people in poverty gain greater social and economic security.

Her multi-disciplinary work brings together politics, technology, business ethics, and development studies. Committed to grounded research, she has conducted fieldwork in Timor-Leste, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Kenya. Prior to joining IIPP, Kate taught at the University of Oxford. She holds a BA from Brown University, and an MPhil in International Development Studies and DPhil in Politics from the University of Oxford.

Marcel Smits is the founder of FCS Impact and Director at the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) in the Netherlands. He has conducted research for LSE-Ideas on measuring corporate social

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impact in Fragile and Conflict Affected Settings and he oversaw the production of a new conceptual and technical framework for measuring intercultural dialogue by UNESCO. Currently, he involved in the production of a baseline study for UNDP that aims to establish interlinkages between SDG 16 and other goals and targets through a quantitative statistical analysis of the underlying indicators.

Prior to his time at IEP, he was the Policy Specialist on Private Sector and Conflict at Oxfam in the Netherlands where he prepared new guidance for private sector engagement in FCS. Over the last twenty years, Marcel has led peacebuilding efforts at international nongovernmental organizations operating in fragile states and conflict affected areas in South Asia, Africa, Western Balkans and the Caucasus. Among other, he served as the Director of the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response (FEWER) where he oversaw the early warning analysis in the Caucasus, West Africa and Great Lakes region as well as the production and dissemination of the first resource pack on conflict sensitive approaches to development and peacebuilding.

Marcel has a background in international law and politics and specializes in conflict analysis and prevention, peacebuilding, rule of law, human security and business and peace.

Jackson W. Speare is the Head of Secretariat of the CSO Consortium on Natural Resource Management, a Consortium of more than 22 Civil Society Organizations that work on natural resource management issues across Liberia. He is also Consultant at the Platform for Dialogue and Peace, and the Head of Secretariat/Technical Facilitator of the Country Team of the Civil Society Platform on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding. Jackson is a development practitioner and a researcher, with over 20 years of research experience in Peacebuilding and Natural Resource Management.

Between 2016 – 2017, he served as Knowledge Advisor, leading a USAID/LAVI sponsored Natural Resource Management Coalition of 8 civil society organizations and coordinated a research program on the impact of the County Social Development Fund on the lives of its intended beneficiaries across Liberia. As a result, he was invited to provide an expert opinion on the impact of the operations of mining concessionaires on rural water and sanitation in Liberia by the Country's 53rd National Legislature of Liberia. Additionally, he has served as a Consultant at the World Bank-Liberia office on natural resource management, Head of Office for International Alert-Liberia and National Program Coordinator for UNIDO. He has work extensively in the Mano River Region (Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea), and has designed and led processes at both national and field levels.

He holds a BSc in Business Management, and an MSc Candidate in International Development at the Maynooth University, UK. He also holds several professional and international certificates in Natural Resource Management and Peacebuilding from England, Denmark and Uganda.

Leda Stott is a specialist in multi-stakeholder collaboration. Over the last 25 years she has worked internationally in the management, training and research of partnership projects and processes between actors in the public, private and civil society sectors.

Her work has involved assignments with intergovernmental bodies such as the European Commission, United Nations and World Bank, with bilateral development agencies in Germany, Spain and the UK, as well as a wide range of foundations, businesses and non-governmental

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organisations. Leda has a PhD on the topic of partnership from the University of Edinburgh and has taught on postgraduate programmes relating to this theme at universities in the UK, Spain, Norway and South Africa.

She is a member of the Innovation and Technology for Development Centre at the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (itdUPM) and an Associate of the Partnership Brokers Association (PBA).

Arlene Tickner is a Professor of International Relations with 30 years of experience in undergraduate and graduate teaching, mentoring, networking, research, consulting and publishing. Main areas of expertise include Latin American security, Western hemisphere relations, Latin American and Colombian foreign policy, and critical social theory. She also writes a weekly newspaper column on global affairs in the Colombian daily, El Espectador.

Mark van Dorp is an economist with 25 years of professional experience in the field of sustainable economic development, conflict analysis and peace building, business & human rights, conflict-sensitive business, responsible supply chains, corporate social responsibility and ESG (environmental, social and governance) issues, with a focus on fragile and conflict-affected settings. He has worked in Africa, Latin America, Middle East and Asia.

Mark has broad experience in investigating and analyzing business related human rights and conflict risks, as well as identifying economic opportunities in fragile contexts, with a focus on the agribusiness, mining, oil & gas and renewable energy sector. He also supports MSMEs and smallholder producers in developing their value chains.

Mark has worked in various fragile settings, including Colombia, Lebanon, Iraq, DRC, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria and South Sudan. He has worked for consultancy firms, research centres, universities (including London School of Economics) and NGOs (including Oxfam Novib, SOMO and ActionAid), in projects funded by multinational companies, the World Bank Group/IFC, UNDP, UNHCR, IOM, the Dutch and Swedish government and the European Union.

In 2017, Mark founded Bureau Van Dorp, a consultancy firm specializing in responsible business and private sector development in fragile and conflict-affected settings.