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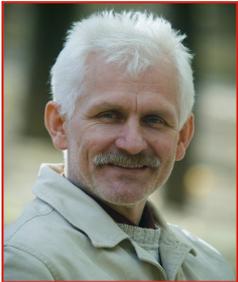
## Speakers' profiles



**Camila Asano** is the Coordinator of the Foreign Policy and Human Rights Project at the human rights organization Conectas. She has been working for the institution since 2004, initially focusing on research areas and now on international affairs and advocacy initiatives. She has also been a professor of International Relations at the Fundação Armando Alvares Penteado (FAAP) in Sao Paulo since 2010, where she teaches, among others, the subject of human rights.



**Pavel Barša** is a Professor of Political Science at Charles University and Research Fellow at the Institute of International Relations in Prague. He specializes in political philosophy and theories of international relations. His books cover a wide range of issues from ethnic conflict and feminism to politics of memory and the crisis of multiculturalism.



**Ales Bialiatski** is a leading Belarusian political activist and human rights defender. Since mid-1980's, Bialiatski was engaged in protest civic activities. He helped to organize memorial march at Kurapaty, the site where NKVD executed thousands in late 1930's. He is also a cofounder of BPF political party and founder of currently the biggest human rights organization in Belarus – Viasna Human Rights Centre. Since 2007, Bialiatski is also the Vice-President of the International Federation for Human Rights. In 2013 he was awarded the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.



**Petr Drulák** was appointed as the First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic in February 2014. In the past, he worked as the Director of the Institute of International Relations in Prague. Since 2012 he has been a Professor of Political Science at Charles University, Prague. Among his research interests belong political theories, European integration and theories of international relations. During his rich academic career Petr Drulák has published many research articles in international journals (EJIR, JEPP, JIRD, Osteuropa) and books (e.g. Regional and International Relations of Central Europe, Palgrave, 2012; The Return of Geopolitics in Europe?, Cambridge University Press, 2012).



**Carl Gershman** is the President of the National Endowment for Democracy, a private, congressionally supported grant-making institution with the mission to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts. Prior to assuming the position with the Endowment, Mr. Gershman was a Senior Counselor to the United States Representative to the United Nations. He was also a Resident Scholar at Freedom House and Executive Director of Social Democrats, USA.



**Arzu Geybullayeva** is an Azerbaijani journalist and currently the Václav Havel Journalism Fellow at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. Arzu is also the English language editor at Meydan TV and Co-Director at the Imagine Center for Conflict Transformation. She holds a Master's degree in Global Politics from London School of Economics and Bachelor degree in International Relations from Bilkent University. Her main focus areas are human rights, press freedom, gender equality and conflict transformation.



**Bahey eldin Hassan** is the co-founder and Director of the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS), an independent regional NGO based in Egypt. He was a founding member of the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (EOHR) in 1985, and its Secretary General in 1988-1993. He has also been a board member of the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF), member of the Advisory Committee of Human Rights Watch (Middle East and North Africa region MEW), member of the board of trustees of Almasry Alyoum Newspaper and member of the Advisory Board of the International Center for Transitional Justice ICTJ and Open Global Rights.



**Jan Jařab** has been the Regional Representative for Europe of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights since January 2010. Previously, he served as Member of Cabinet of Vladimír Špidla, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities (2004-2010). In 2001-2004 he served as a Commissioner for Human Rights and Director of Human Rights Division of the Government of the Czech Republic. He specializes in non-discrimination and protection of minorities, such as migrants, Roma, persons with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities, etc.



**Stavros Lambrinidis** was appointed as the EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Human Rights in July 2012. He is an attorney, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece and former Vice-President of the European Parliament. Between 2004 and 2009 he served as the Vice-President of the Parliament's Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee. Earlier in his career, he was the Chairman of the Committee for Human Rights in the Bar Association of Washington, D.C.



**Lotte Leicht** has been the European Union Advocacy Director and Director of Human Rights Watch's Brussels Office since 1994. Before joining HRW she was the Program Director of the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights in Vienna and a staff member at the Danish Center for Human Rights. She has frequently testified before international intergovernmental organizations, conducted human rights and humanitarian law investigations in various conflict zones and written extensively on human rights issues for major publishing houses. She is the co-editor of *Monitoring Human Rights in Europe: Comparing International Standards and Mechanisms*.



**Tom Malinowski** was sworn in as the Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor in April 2014. Previously, from 2001, he was the Washington Director of Human Rights Watch, one of the world's leading independent international organizations dedicated to defending and protecting human rights. From 1998 to 2001, he served as the Senior Director at the National Security Council at the White House. From 1994 to 1998 he was a speechwriter for Secretaries of State Warren Christopher and Madeleine Albright, and member of the Policy Planning Staff at the Department of State.



**Makau W. Mutua** is the Dean of the Buffalo Law School, State University of New York. He teaches international human rights, international business transactions and international law. He is currently the Vice President of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), and has been on its Executive Council. Previously, Professor Mutua was the Associate Director at the Harvard Law School Human Rights Program. He serves as the Chairman of the Kenya Human Rights Commission and sits on the boards of international organizations and academic journals such as the *Leiden Journal of International Law*.



**Šimon Pánek** is a former political activist and co-founder of the largest Czech humanitarian, development and human-rights nongovernmental organization People in Need (Člověk v tísni), of which he is currently the Executive Director. He was also one of the founders of the information agency Epicentrum which specializes in global conflict reporting. He worked at the Office of the President of the Czech Republic Václav Havel as a Foreign Policy Specialist on the Balkan region and human rights issues.



**Jerzy Pomianowski** is a Polish diplomat who is currently the Executive Director of European Endowment for Democracy. He served as Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland in 2011 – 2013. In 2008–2011, he worked at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as Director of the Partnership for Democratic Governance, an international initiative (OECD/UNDP) aimed at supporting public administrations in countries destabilized by armed conflicts or natural disasters. In 2004 - 2005, he chaired the Preparatory Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit of the Council of Europe in Warsaw and simultaneously chaired the Drafting Committee of the Summit's Political Declaration, a crucial document defining the political mandate of the Council of Europe.



**Petr Pospíchal** is a Czech journalist, diplomat and entrepreneur. As a member of Charter 77 he was working with BBC a RFE and had been imprisoned several times. He took part in the activities of the Committee for the Defense of the Unfairly Prosecuted and co-founded the independent news agency VIA and the Civic Forum. After 1989 he worked in the Office of the President of the Republic as the Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs Department and served as the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Sofia, Bulgaria. Today he works as an entrepreneur and journalist for the online newspaper Referendum.



**Yoani Sánchez** is a Cuban blogger who has achieved international fame and multiple international awards for her critical portrayal of life in Cuba under its current government. She founded the magazine *Consenso*, which promotes freedom of expression in Cuba. Her blog *Generation Y* was founded in 2007. Thanks to Yoani's work, a whole community of bloggers grew up in Cuba in the last years.



**John Strelau** has been the vice-president for peace programs at The Carter Center since 2006. He oversees the Center's programs to advance human rights, democracy, and conflict resolution globally. From 1998 to 2006, he resided in South Africa where he became the founding director of the Centre for Africa's International Relations at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Previously, he served as a senior adviser to the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict in Washington, D.C., deputy director for policy planning in the office of the U.S. Secretary of State, and in the Rockefeller Foundation where his responsibilities included supporting research and training in the fields of international security, arms control, and international economic cooperation.



**Ivan Šimonović** has been the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights since 2010, heading OHCHR's New York Office. Before joining the United Nations, from 2008 he held the position of the Minister of Justice of Croatia. Previously, Mr. Šimonović was the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations in New York, where he served as a Senior Vice-President and President of the Economic and Social Council from 2001 to 2003. He has been a Member of the Council of Europe's Commission for Democracy through Law (i.e. the Venice Commission) and the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), as well as the Agent of the Republic of Croatia before the United Nations International Court of Justice (ICJ).



**Tomáš Tožička** works for the Czech NGO Educon since 2009, where he focuses on projects related to the Millennium Development Goals. He founded the Center for Socio-economic Activities in Most, Czech Republic which provides community assistance, employment and housing to mothers in need. Since 1999 he specializes in development cooperation and global responsibility issues. He also works as a coordinator of project promoting energy accessibility and sustainable technologies.



**Danilo Türk** was the Third President of the Republic of Slovenia in the years 2007-2012. In his earlier years Dr. Türk served as the Member of the UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (1984-1992) and of the UN Human Rights Committee (1996-1998). He was Slovenia's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN (1992-2000) and was representing his country in the UN Security Council (1998-1999). Subsequently, he served as UN Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs (2000-2005).



**Feiyang Zeng** has been the leader of Guangdong Panyu City Service Centre for Migrant Workers, a labour force service agency since 1998. He is the organizer and promoter of new-era labour unions, labour education and labour movement, a founder and leader of NGOs. Zeng has been awarded as the annual Chinese Outstanding Public Welfare Figure in 2012.