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security in 2009.

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Dr. Anna Matczak is a lecturer in Comparative Criminology, The Hague University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands. She holds a PhD from the Department of Sociology, London School of Economics. Since the beginning of 2019, she has been involved in a collaborative project: Restorative Justice: Strategies for Change, which aims to encourage the development of restorative justice in Europe. Since November 2019, she has been a member of the Research Committee, European Forum for Restorative Justice. Her research interests are restorative justice, public trust in criminal justice, comparative

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sustainable peacebuilding. He has worked in these areas under several national and international fellowships including the ones from UNESCO, KAICIID, ICNC, FK Norway, etc. He regularly writes in Nepal's leading national dailies as a freelance contributor. He is an IEP Peace Ambassador 2020 awarded by the Institute of Economics and Peace.

Rajendra Senchurey is a dedicated peace practitioner currently working with Nepal Peacebuilding Initiative in Kathmandu. He teaches conflict and peace studies to the post-graduate students in Mid-Western University as a Visiting Lecturer. He holds an MPhil in International Peace Studies from Trinity College Dublin in Ireland and a master's degree in Conflict, Peace and Development Studies from Tribhuvan University in Nepal. He has a decade of experiences in the field of interfaith, interreligious dialogue, non-violence, conflict resolution, preventing/countering violent extremism, transitional justice and

FACULTIES



Professor Dr Stephan Parmentier currently teaches sociology of crime, law, and human rights at the Faculty of Law of the University of Leuven, and coordinates the Research Line on Human Rights and Transitional Justice at the Leuven Institute of Criminology. He is the Secretary-General of the International Society for Criminology since 2010, and since many years also a member of the Advisory Board of the Oxford Centre of Criminology and the International Centre for Transitional Justice (New York and Brussels). All over the globe, he has served as a visiting professor (Oñati, San José, Sydney, Tilburg, Tokyo, and Venice), visiting scholar (Buenos Aires, Harvard, Oxford, Stellenbosch, Sydney) and guest lecturer in the fields of human rights, justice and peace, criminology and socio-legal studies. He is the founder and general editor of the international book 'Series on Transitional Justice' (Intersentia Publishers, Cambridge/Antwerp), and editor of 'The International Journal of Restorative Justice' (Eleven Publishing, The Hague).



Ram Kumar Bhandari is a social justice activist. He has over a decade's experience working with marginalized communities, in particular the families of the disappeared (his father disappeared in 2001), victims and survivors of conflict, ex-combatant youth, ethnic minorities, rural youth, and women's groups. He helped launch a community radio station in Nepal, the Network of Families of the Disappeared (NEFAD), the Committee for Social Justice, and the Conflict Victims Common Platform among other organizations. He has also submitted petitions to the UN Human Rights Committee, the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and the Nepali Supreme Court. He has written extensively on victims' rights, nonviolent conflict and transitional justice. He is a PhD candidate at Nova School of Law in Lisbon.



Howard Varney is a consultant and a practising advocate at the Johannesburg Bar. His legal practice comprises human rights, constitutional and administrative law cases. He is retained by the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) as a Senior Programme Advisor on a part-time basis. His areas of expertise include investigations, prosecutions, institutional reform and reparations. He worked with the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission as a consultant on a range of matters. He was also the Chief Investigator for the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He assisted the Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation in Timor-Leste with the compilation of its final report. Howard is also a faculty member at the Geneva Academy for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and a member of the Guernica 37 International Justice Chambers.



Surya Kiran Gurung is the former Chairperson of Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Nepal. He was Ambassador of Nepal to the Russian Federation from 2007 to 2012. He was Secretary-General of the of the Parliament of Nepal from 2003 to 2007 and Secretary of the House of Representatives from 1991 – 2003. Mr Gurung has also been an Assistant Lecturer of Law at Tribhuvan University, Nepal. He holds LLM from Patna University, India (1985) and another LLM from University of Alberta, Canada (1989).

He has also been an Executive Editor for Nepal Law Review, a legal journal published by the Faculty of Law, Tribhuvan University. He has provided legal consultancy not only to the Government of Nepal but also various international organisations such as UNDP, Economic Development and Administration (CEDA), Save the Children, The Asia Foundation, LEADERS Inc., etc.



Professor Bishnu Pathak, PhD, is the former Senior Commissioner at the Commission for Investigation on Enforced Disappeared Persons (CIEDP), Nepal. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in the interdisciplinary Human Rights and Conflict Management dimension and has been working as a Professor of Human Security and Transitional Justice Studies. He is a Board Member of TRANSCEND Peace University. He is the author of over 100 international

publications including Generations of Transitional Justice in the World (2019) and Nepal's 2008 Constituent Assembly Elections: Converting Bullets to Ballots. He is the creator of the Peace-Conflict Lifecycle. He has been nominated for Nobel Peace Prize every year since 2013 for his innovation of Peace-Conflict Lifecycle.



Meenakshi Ganguly is the South Asia Director of Human Rights Watch. Before taking over as South Asia Director in 2010, she served as Human Rights Watch's South Asia researcher since 2004. In Nepal, she continues to press for accountability around rights violations during the armed conflict and for reform to bring abusive members of the government forces and the Maoist combatants to justice. She has been published in several newspapers, websites, and journals. Prior to joining Human Rights Watch, she served as the South Asia correspondent for Time Magazine, covering Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. She has a Masters in

Sociology from the Delhi School of Economics.



Bandana Rana is a leading advocate of women's rights and gender equality in Nepal. At present, she is designated as the Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and Chair of Global Network of Women Peace Builders (GNWP). She is the co-founder of two prominent organisations of Nepal called Saathi and Sancharika Samuha. Her work has won her international awards including Woman of Distinction Award by the UN NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York for her outstanding leadership, profound commitment and exceptional contribution towards the advancement of women locally and globally. A former chair of

National Women's Commission of Nepal, Ms Rana was the key architect of Nepal's National Action Plan on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 and 1820.



Lt Gen (Retd) Bala Nanda Sharma served in Nepal Army for 39 years. During his service, he held many appointments in the Army – Command, Staff and instructional. He had been an instructor in Army Training School and Commandant at Army Command and Staff College. Gen. Sharma worked for international peace for more than 4 years. He worked as a Force Commander of the UN forces in the Golan Heights. He is a resource person to the UN and engages in peace-related activities when called upon. He also worked for national peace and reconciliation within Nepal. He played a key role in the rehabilitation and integration of Maoist

Army Combatants in the society and the national Army of Nepal. Currently, he is designated as the Vice-Chancellor of National Defense University, Nepal. He is decorated with Gorkha Dakshin Bahu and Trishakti Patta-III.

GUEST SPEAKER



Ramesh Basel "Karan" is the President of Discharged People's Liberation Army Nepal (DPLAN). He was recruited to the Maoist insurgency when he was just 13 years old and studying in the 7th standard. The combatants' reintegration process facilitated by the UN Mission to Nepal (UNMIN) in early 2010 discharged Karan and his 4008 friends as 'Disqualified'. Since then, Karan and his friends are continuously struggling for justice. He has championed numerous nonviolent campaigns demanding justice, livelihood assurance, medical treatment to the injured ones as well as recognition for their contributions in building new Nepal.