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BIOGRAPHIES

Ahmed ABADDI

Secretary-General, Rabita Mohammadia des Oulémas, Morocco



Membre du Conseil Economique, Social et Environnemental, M. Abbadi est né le 14 juillet 1960 à Settat. Titulaire d'un doctorat d'Etat en études islamiques de l'Université Qaddi Ayyad de Marrakech en 2002, M. Ahmed Abaddi enseigne, depuis 1988, l'histoire comparée des religions et la pensée islamique au sein de cette université. Depuis 1995, il assure également des cours comme professeur de sociologie de l'Afrique du Nord dans le cadre d'un programme de coopération entre l'Université Qaddi Ayyad et l'Université De Paul de Chicago.

M. Abaddi est l'auteur de deux ouvrages ainsi que d'un nombre d'articles et d'analyses publiés au Maroc comme à l'étranger. Ahmed Abbadi, qui est membre du Conseil de l'Université Qaddi Ayyad depuis 2002, a été nommé Directeur des Habous et des affaires islamiques en avril 2004, et depuis avril 2006, il est le Secrétaire Général de La Rabita Mohammadia des Oulémas.

Nazim AHMAD

Representative of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)



Currently Representative of the Aga Khan Development Network for Portugal and Mozambique, Nazim Ahmad, in parallel with his career as Businessman and General Manager of several companies since 1965, held various functions in the Ismaili National Council for Portugal since 1979. From member of some of its institutions to President of the Ismaili National Council for Portugal, up to 1992 when he was appointed member of AKF Portugal National Committee (ex-officio) and then Chairman of AKF Portugal National Committee. Since 1991 Nazim Ahmad developed his activity within the diplomatic arena, both with the Portuguese Government and Diplomatic Corps accredited in Portugal as well as with the Government of Mozambique and Diplomatic Corps accredited in Mozambique. He was responsible of several negotiating processes with the Portuguese

Republic, achieving, namely and among others, the legal recognition of AKF Portugal as a Portuguese Foundation and a Private Institution for Social Solidarity, the establishment of the Focus Foundation Europe, the Protocol of Co-operation between the Government of the Portuguese Republic and AKDN, the International Agreement between the Portuguese Republic and the Ismaili Imamat as well as the support for the elaboration of the new Religious Freedom Law. His activity in Mozambique as Representative of AKDN since 1998 lead to the development of relationships and agreements with Government and the Diplomatic Corps, namely the Agreement of Co-operation between the Government of the Republic of Mozambique and the AKDN, etc. Since 2004, he has also been a member of the Commission for Religious Freedom, officially appointed by the Minister of Justice, after being appointed candidate member by His Highness the Aga Khan. From 2010 to 2013, member of the administration board of the Observatory of the Portuguese Language. Since 2013 member of the NOVA University Faculty of Human and Social Sciences Council.

On June the 10th, 2004, National Day of Portugal, he was awarded with the decoration *Comendador da Ordem do Mérito* (Commander of the Order of Merit).

Hatem ATALLAH

Executive Director, Anna Lindh Foundation



Ambassador Hatem Atallah is the current Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation. Coming from a rich diplomatic background he was the Tunisian ambassador in several countries including US, UK, South Africa and Ethiopia. He was also the Permanent Representative to the African Union, the Economic Commission for Africa, UNEP and UN-Habitat, in addition he was appointed as Diplomatic Advisor to the Head of the Tunisian Government until February 2015. Ambassador Atallah participated in numerous summits of the African Union, United Nations and the Arab Maghreb Union and ministerial meetings adding up to his organization of many cultural activities: exhibitions of paintings, Cinema Days, musical performances, lectures on history and heritage, and debates on inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue.

André AZOULAY

Senior adviser to His Majesty the King of Morocco



Born in Essaouira-Mogador (Morocco) in 1941, André Azoulay was educated in Paris where he studied economics, journalism and international relations. André Azoulay has been a senior adviser to His Majesty the King of Morocco since 1991. Previously to his current position, A. Azoulay, had a long career with the Paribas Bank in Paris (1968-1990) where, as Executive Vice-President, he covered the Middle East and North Africa Regions as well as heading the bank Public Affairs department.

In parallel to a brilliant career in economics, Mr Azoulay devoted himself to the promotion of dialogue between cultures, populations, women and men from both banks of the Mediterranean. He is known for his highly active contribution to the peace process in the Middle East promoting reconciliation between Jews and Muslims and for his contribution to intercultural dialogue namely as President of the Euro-Mediterranean Anna Lindh Foundation or as one of the founders of the Aladin Group.

Mehdi BENSÂID

Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of the Kingdom of Morocco, Chair of the Union of Young African Parliamentarians



Mehdi Bensaïd, 31 ans est député à la Chambre des Représentants depuis 2011, Président de la Commission des Affaires étrangères, de la Défense Nationale, des Affaires islamiques et des Marocains Résident à l'Étranger. Il est également président de l'Union des jeunes parlementaires africains (UJPA) et membre de l'Assemblée Parlementaire du Conseil de l'Europe. Titulaire d'un diplôme de la Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government en Sciences politiques et M. Bensaïd est également détenteur d'un Master en Droit pénal international et analyse des conflits de l'Université Toulouse

Maria Luisa de BIVAR BLACK

University scholar, expert for the Council of Europe



As a university teacher in Lisbon, Portugal, Luisa Black was responsible for Initial Teacher Training (History), focusing mostly teaching methods (didactics), at Universidade Lusíada. Working as expert for the Council of Europe since 1996, Luisa Black was involved in bilateral, regional and intergovernmental projects in various countries including Cyprus, Bosnia, Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, Moldova, Kosovo, Russia Federation, Ukraine, Hungary, Austria, Serbia, Romania, Norway and Estonia. In this capacity, Luisa Black prepared and delivered keynote speeches in seminars, led interactive workshops, written education materials for teachers and learners and prepared reports for the Council of Europe.

Acting as expert for Euroclio since 1998, Luisa Black animated workshops, delivered keynote speeches, was involved in teacher training mainly in the Balkans and was one of the experts involved in the project Understanding a Shared Past, Learning for the Future, which included Albania, Bulgaria and Macedonia. As a consultant for the Council of Europe, Luisa Black organized large-scale projects in Bosnia & Herzegovina and Kosovo, being responsible for engaging relevant experts for a series of seminars and meetings concerned with curriculum development and teaching methods, and planning the content of the meetings. She wrote a Manual for History Teachers in Bosnia & Herzegovina (2008) and History Teaching Today, Approaches and Methods (2011), for Kosovo, both published by the Council of Europe. She has been regularly involved in history education projects with the Council of Europe, such as The image of the Other in History Education and Shared Histories for a Europe without Dividing Lines, which is currently being disseminated (member of the editorial team she was responsible for Theme IV: Europe and the World). She is a Member of the Council of Europe's expert group on Competences for Democratic Culture.

Samia BIBARS

Minister Plenipotentiary – Director, Inter Civilizations Dialogue Department – League of Arab States (LAS), LAS Focal Point to the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations(UNAOC)



Born in Egypt in 1963, Samia Bibars holds a degree in Political Sciences, from the Faculty of Economy and Political Sciences of the Cairo University. She started her professional activity in the LAS in 1993 where she worked in different Departments in the Political Affairs' Sector, before becoming Officer in Charge of the Intercultural Dialogue Department and more recently head of Media Monitoring Division, Media and Information Sector, position she holds since 2013. Throughout her career her responsibilities span from being in charge of the Arab-European Dialogue, Promotion of Arab-American Relations, Arab-African Cooperation, file of Sudan, as well as the Arab-Chinese Relations. She has published more than 120 studies, researches and articles in different Arab newspapers, periodicals and strategic reports. Editing Advisor of Journal of Arab Affairs, published by the League of Arab States (www.arabaffairsonline.org), she regularly gives lectures at The Institute for Diplomatic Studies, affiliated to the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mbarka BOUAIDA

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Morocco



Mme Mbarka Bouaida, née en 1975 à Lakssabi près de Guelmim, a été nommée en octobre 2013, Ministre Déléguée auprès du Ministre des Affaires Étrangères et de la Coopération. Membre du bureau politique du Rassemblement National des Indépendants (RNI), Mme Bouaida a été élue en 2007 pour la première fois à la Chambre des représentants. Elle avait coprésidé la commission parlementaire mixte Maroc Union européenne depuis sa création en mai 2010, avant de présider, durant l'année 2010, la commission des Affaires étrangères, de la Défense nationale et des Affaires islamiques à la Chambre

des Représentants. Durant la période 2008-2009, elle a occupé les postes de vice-président de la commission des Finances et des Affaires économiques et de rapporteur de la même commission pour le projet de loi de finances 2009. En juin 2009, Mme Bouaida a été élue membre du conseil de la ville du Grand Casablanca. Sur le plan international, Mme Bouaida a été nommée "Young Global Leader" du World Economic Forum 2012. Elle est, depuis septembre 2011, vice-présidente du forum parlementaire international pour la démocratie. Elle est aussi membre du Centre Nord-Sud du Conseil de l'Europe, de l'Alliance des Civilisations des Nations unies et de "Munich Young Leaders" de la Conférence Internationale de Munich sur la sécurité. Mme Bouaida est titulaire d'un MBA de Hull University (Angleterre), d'un Master en communication de l'université de Toulouse et d'un diplôme de l'Ecole Supérieure de Gestion de Casablanca.

Hamid BOUKRIF

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Career diplomat, Ambassador in charge of Policy planning, specializing in strategic and security issues. Assigned as diplomat in several countries and member of delegation to international conferences in relation to non-Aligned movement human rights, environment and fight against terrorism. Mr Boukrif holds a PhD, is a university lecturer and author of several publications. He participated in drafting African convention on terrorism and United Nations resolutions on global fight against terrorist threat. He was a panellist in GCTF seminars on Kidnapping for ransom and foreign fighters, as well as in UNCCD conferences on security borders. He was a keynote speaker at OSCE meetings on security days and radicalization. He is also a focal point for the United Nations Alliance of civilization and key note speaker on tolerance and fight against radicalization.

François BOUSQUET

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Prêtre du Diocèse de Pontoise. Prêlat d'honneur. Recteur de Saint-Louis des Français à Rome. Membre du Conseil Pontifical de la Culture, Consultant du Conseil Pontifical pour le Dialogue Interreligieux. Ancien Vice-recteur à la Recherche de l'Institut Catholique de Paris. Philosophe et théologien. Ancien Directeur de l'Institut de Science et Théologie des Religions. Thèse sur la christologie de Kierkegaard ; spécialisations en théologie fondamentale, théologie des religions et dialogue interreligieux. Nombreuses publications, d'ordre scientifique aussi bien que pastoral. Principaux ouvrages : Croire, Le Christ de Kierkegaard, La Trinité, Les grandes révolutions de la théologie moderne (dir.), Dieu et la raison, (codir.), Chine et Occident (éd.), Le dialogue interreligieux. (2009, codir.), Chrétiens et musulmans ont-ils le même Dieu ? (2009, en collaboration avec Dalil Boubakeur)

Alicia CABEZUDO

Vice-President of the International Peace Bureau – IPB Geneva, Switzerland



Alicia Cabezudo is Emeritus Professor at the School of Education, University of Rosario, (Argentina) and at the UNESCO CHAIR on Culture of Peace and Human Rights, University of Buenos Aires (Argentina) . Her work is rooted in the Contemporary History of Peace, Conflict Resolution and Democracy in Latin America - from a research and teaching perspective. She focused in the field of Education / Training on Democracy, Citizenship, Culture of Peace, Intercultural Dialogue and Human Rights. She is Annual Visiting Professor at the MA in Peace Education, University of Peace, Costa Rica; at the MA in Mediation and Social Inclusion in the University of Barcelona, Spain; at the MA on Development, Conflict and Peace, University Jaume I (Castellon) Spain and at the MA in Social Conflict and Construction of Peace, University of Cartagena de Indias (Colombia) . In the last eight years she is teaching Culture of Peace & Citizenship Education at Summer Institutes to students coming from Arabic countries in Alexandria and Cairo launched at the Institute of Peace Studies - today the new Centre for Peace and Democracy / Bibliotheca Alexandrina (Egypt). She is Visiting Professor in many other international universities and was recently appointed as Faculty Member of a new program on Citizenship and Human Rights Education at the MA in Human Rights / School of Political Sciences/ University of Brasilia, Brazil. Professor Cabezudo is Vice President of the International Peace Bureau - IPB Geneva. Member of the Think Tank Group of the North South Centre of the Council of Europe - Lisbon / Strasbourg and Member of the North South Centre of the Council of Europe Global Education Network. She is author of various publications; books; research articles ; international projects and programmes as well as on-line courses and training seminars.

Jean-Michel CAUDRON

INGO Conference, CoE



Autodidacte, il commence sa carrière de terrain en gérontologie il y a 37,5 ans comme agent de service hospitalier, puis comme aide soignant. Depuis 25 ans, il est consultant en ingénierie gérontologique et conseille des collectivités locales, quant à leurs politiques du vieillissement, sur toute l'Europe francophone, de St Pierre et Miquelon à Mayotte, et, depuis peu, sur l'Amérique latine et le Maroc. Il accompagne depuis 15 ans, des cabinets ministériels français, belges et luxembourgeois, par mes conseils, la rédaction de rapports ou la conduite de recherches-action. Il fut ou est actuellement chargé de cours pour plusieurs universités françaises, belges, marocaines, etc. Comme formateur, il accompagne l'élaboration de projets d'établissement de maisons de retraite ou d'autres services dans les champs du vieillissement et du handicap, sur la base de méthodes participatives. Pour la société civile, il porte un projet de convention internationale des droits des personnes âgées devant l'ONU. De même, il est membre de la commission des ONG sur le vieillissement auprès de l'ONU de Genève et rapporteur de la Conférence des OING du Conseil de l'Europe, au titre de la FIAPA (Fédération internationale des associations de personnes âgées), dont il est administrateur chargé de la communication et du lobbying. Militant acharné d'un nouveau contrat social renforçant la cohésion entre les générations, il est investi

bénévolat dans l'animation d'associations et de communautés sur la toile de près de 50.000 contacts (entre autres via www.lamaisondelaautonomie.com).

Murat DAOUDOV

President of Middle East Development Network (MDN), Lecturer at Marmara University, Istanbul



Murat Daoudov is university lecturer, senior international consultant and entrepreneur. Multidisciplinary expert, he is skilled in leadership in multi-cultural and multi-national context, PR & government relations, alternative diplomacy and international cooperation. He is founder and president of the Middle East Development Network (MDN), an international consultancy enterprise specialized in public policy, and is currently lecturer at Marmara University in Istanbul.

His areas of expertise cover broad range of governance and public policy, cities and urbanization, higher education and human capital development, youth and migration matters, leadership and entrepreneurship. Daoudov's experience highlights include involvement with range of organizations in the spheres of central and local government, international local government

associations, migration & integration, development cooperation, think-tanks, civil society, higher education and lately media (covering geographically Europe, Balkans, Turkey and Middle East). Following four years involvement with high-level North-South Centre Think Tank of the Council of Europe in 2010-2014, in 2014 he was nominated International Ambassador of Madinah Institute for Leadership & Entrepreneurship (MILE), and in 2015 nominated member of the UN Global Network on Digital Technologies for Sustainable Urbanization (ITSUN). He is also member of various international professional networks. Fluent in English, French, Turkish, Arabic, Russian, and Dutch, he studies other languages. Author of book "Foundations of Local Foreign Policy" (TR) and of number of articles in international newspapers and magazines. Belgian national; his current main residence is Istanbul/Turkey.

Stavros DRAKOULARAKOS

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Stavros I. Drakoularakos is currently finishing his PhD Thesis at the Panteion University of Athens on post-cold war Turkish-Israeli relations. He obtained his Bachelor's and Master's Degree on International and European Relations from the National University of Athens and the University Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne, respectively. As a Research Expert for the European Council on Foreign Relations' (ECFR) MENA Programme, he conducted research on the EU's state-rebuilding capabilities and on EU-GCC States relations. Having written extensively on MENA countries and Turkish-Israeli relations, he is a contributor for the International Security Observer (ISO) and for the Greek print magazine Defense and Diplomacy, as well as a Senior Editor and Coordinator at the Centre for Mediterranean, Middle East and Islamic Studies (CEMMIS). He is a Greek, French and English native speaker.

Costica DUMBRAVA

Executive Coordinator, Maastricht Centre for Citizenship, Migration and Development (MACIMIDE), Netherlands

Dr. Costica Dumbrava is postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Political Science of Maastricht University and the executive coordinator of the Maastricht Centre for Citizenship, Migration, and Development (MACIMIDE). He is also citizenship expert for the European Union Observatory on Citizenship of the European University Institute. He has a PhD in Political and Social Sciences from the European University Institute and graduated master's degrees in European Union Studies (Leiden University) and Nationalism Studies (Central European University). Dr. Dumbrava has been teaching and conducting research in the areas of migration, citizenship and multiculturalism from interdisciplinary, comparative and theoretical perspectives. His book entitled "Nationality, Citizenship and Ethno-Cultural Belonging. Preferential Membership Policies in Europe" was published in 2014 by Palgrave Macmillan. He also published articles in international academic journals such as Ethnic and Racial Studies and Ethnopolitics.

Ellada EVANGELOU

Cultural Analyst /Consultant, Nicosia, Cyprus



Born in Limassol, Cyprus, Ms Evangelou lives and works in Nicosia, Cyprus, for over 10 years. She pursued her studies in English and Dramaturgy, with interdisciplinary doctoral research in Theatre Studies and Cultural Studies. Moreover, she has been an NGO worker and consultant, through collaborations with local and international organisations. Among others, she is co-founder and member of the Rooftop Theatre Group (rooftoptheatregroup.com), board member of the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (ahdr.info), and member of the Arts Curation team of Build Peace / Build Up (howtobuildpeace.org). She is interested in the relationship between culture and identity, with a focus on communities of the Euro-Mediterranean region. She works through the arts and community building to enhance the capacity of people for positive social action, peace and growth.

Sevinj FATALIYEVA

General Rapporteur on Children and Rapporteur on "Preventing the radicalisation of children", Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

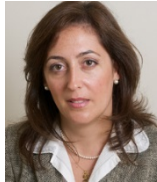


Member of the Milli Mejlis (Parliament of Azerbaijan). Sevinj Fataliyeva (Azerbaijan, European Conservative Group (EC)) is deputy chairman of foreign affairs and interparliamentary relations committee of the Parliament of Azerbaijan. She is the head of the international relations department of New Azerbaijan Party. Since 2011 she has been a member of her national delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly. Within the Assembly, she is a member of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media and

the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, where she has held the function of Vice-Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the European Social Charter since the beginning of 2015. Since April 2015, she is also General Rapporteur on Children of the Assembly. She was Assembly rapporteur on “Ending child poverty in Europe” in 2014 and is currently rapporteur on “Preventing the radicalisation of children by fighting the root causes”, an issue that is scheduled to be debated by the plenary Assembly in April 2016. At the national level, she is very committed to matters related to children’s rights and the family, and has actively promoted the ONE in FIVE Campaign to stop sexual violence against children (2010-2015) through a number of round tables and encounters with school teachers, parents and children.

Ana SALINAS de FRIAS

Professor of Public International Law, University of Malaga (Spain) Rapporteur, Committee of Experts on Co-Operation in Criminal Matters (PCOC), Council of Europe



Dr. Ana Salinas de Frias is currently Chair of Public International Law, EU Law and International Relations at Málaga University (Spain). She has a long experience in academic research and has conducted different international projects on terrorism related problems which have been financed, amongst others, by the European Commission or by the World Justice Project (Melina & Bill Gates Foundation). She has a wide background on Public International Law, in particular regarding International Law of the Treaties; Human Rights; Immigration, Asylum and Refugee Law; and International Responsibility. She has been visiting professor in universities of many countries (Italy, France, Belgium, United Kingdom, Chili, Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico and the United States of America).

Dr. Salinas has been seconded before the Council of Europe by the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2009-2011) as Legal Advisor at the Directorate of Public International Law and Legal Affairs, and in particular before the CoE Counter-Terrorism Task-Force. In this vein she has represented the CoE in many international conferences and meetings sponsored by CoE itself, by CoE member states (Belgium, Croatia, FYROM, Switzerland, Spain) and third states, as well as by other international organizations (UN, OSCE, EU). She has also participated in a number of conferences on terrorism-related matters organized by most prestigious academic institutions such as the American Society of International Law (ASIL) or the European Academy of International Law (ESIL). She has been Rapporteur for different CoE committees.

Dr. Salinas is the author of a high number of publications on the aforementioned domains. Concerning terrorism in particular it is worth mentioning, among others, “Counter-Terrorism, International Law and Practice (Oxford University Press) and Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights (Council of Europe Publishing, translated also into Turkish).

Matilda FLEMMING

United Network Of Young Peace builders, Netherlands

Matilda Flemming (Finland) coordinates the United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY), a global network of 70 youth peace organizations in 45 countries based in The Hague, the Netherlands. She is the co-chair of the UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development’s Working Group on Youth Participation in Peacebuilding and one of the core organizers of the recent Global Forum on Youth, Peace and Security.



She is a well-recognized advocate for youth participation in issues of peace and security - including on issues of violent extremism. She has been leading the civil society campaign for a UN Security Council Resolution on Youth, Peace and Security since 2012, and is passionate about youth participation, inclusive peacebuilding, human security and gender equality.

She is a member of the Council of Europe’s Advisory Council on Youth and holds a MA in Development Studies from the International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague

Jean-Marie HEYDT

Président du Comité Exécutif du Centre Nord-Sud du Conseil de l’Europe, Président de la Conférence des OING du Conseil de l’Europe



Jean-Marie HEYDT est le représentant permanent de l’Association européenne (FESET) « Instituts de formations pour le travail Socio-éducatif » en Europe, fédération européenne qui regroupe les Instituts supérieurs et les Universités qui préparent aux métiers supérieurs du travail éducatif et social. Il a été élu à la Présidence de la Conférence des Organisations Internationales Non Gouvernementales (OING) du Conseil de l’Europe en janvier 2009. En juin 2012, il est élu vice-président (en assure la Présidence depuis juin 2013) puis en décembre 2013, Président, du Comité exécutif du Centre Nord-Sud du Conseil de l’Europe. Ces deux activités sont bénévoles. Son parcours professionnel et son engagement associatif se composent d’expériences diversifiées.

Cependant, il n’en demeure pas moins que son rôle actuel de gestionnaire et de manager occupent désormais une place centrale. Toutefois, il a su conserver cette disposition à la co-construction qui instaure une articulation théorie/pratique particulière, un lien entre connaissance et action, une pratique de l’altérité et de la singularité, notamment pour aborder les défis sociaux. Il dirige l’Association générale des familles du Bas-Rhin, Strasbourg (France) en tant que Directeur Général. Après des études de droit, puis de sciences humaines, il a exercé, en France, durant plus de 10 années le métier de travailleur social auprès des tribunaux pour enfants. Docteur ès Sciences de l’éducation comparée et Diplômé d’Études Européennes (Mutation des sociétés et cultures en Europe, Paris), il enseigne depuis 1999 auprès de plusieurs Universités et instituts supérieurs, notamment l’Université de Haute Alsace (France). Il a été Directeur d’un département de formations professionnelles du secteur éducatif et social (2000 à 2007) avant d’occuper ses actuelles fonctions de Directeur général.

Hussein ITANI

Adyan Foundation for interreligious studies and spiritual solidarity, Lebanon



Hussein Itani started to develop a passion towards intercultural and interfaith projects from a very young age. This led him to enrol in a diploma in interfaith studies in 2007 at a local university concurrently while studying pharmacy. Thereon, Mr. Itani started to work and volunteer with organizations dealing with interfaith, conflict transformation and citizenship notions. By 2012, Mr. Itani has received his Masters in Corporate Communication from IE University in Madrid which helped him to shift his professional career towards communication. Mr. Itani has ever since worked as a consultant for Google, Digital Media Strategist for the Prime Minister of Lebanon and Communication specialist for MEPP think tank in Beirut. Mr. Itani was one of the core team members who worked on the "Let's Talk" tool which aimed at developing personal skills on conflict transformation. This tool was recognized by Salto Euro-Med as one of the important resources for personal development. The project has been going on since 2010 and currently developed by GIZ. Mr. Itani is currently working on it as a consultant to further develop it towards refugees-host communities' conflicts. Mr. Itani is also the co-author of "The Role of NGO in tackling Extremism and Sectarianism in Lebanon: Track Two Diplomacy and good Governance" published in the AMEPPA conference at the American University in Beirut in Nov 2014. The paper tackles the challenges that face nongovernmental organizations in Lebanon on influencing good governance and tackling extremism through their internal communication and outreach and advocacy projects. Mr. Itani is currently a university lecturer and a communication consultant for Adyan NGO with a special focus on developing tools for the "Counter Extremism Interreligious Alliance" project in partnership with University College London and Hidaya Abu Dhabi.

Asma LAMRABET

Director of the Centre for Feminine Studies in Islam, Morocco



Asma Lamrabet is currently working as a pathologist in Avicenna Hospital. For many years (from 1995 to 2003), she had been a volunteer doctor in public hospitals in Spain and Latin America, mainly in Santiago de Chile and Mexico. She has been involved in reflecting on women's issues in Islam for many years. She also delivered many lectures on this topic at various conferences all over the world. In this regard, she focuses on rereading Holy Scriptures from a feminist perspective. From 2004 to 2007, she was the coordinator of a research and reflection group on Muslim women and intercultural dialogue in Rabat-Morocco. She was appointed the president of GIERFI (International Group of Studies and Reflection on Women and Islam) in 2008 located in Barcelona. She is currently the Director of Studies and Research Centre on Women's Issues in Islam of Rabita Mohammadia des Ulemas located in Rabat, Morocco since 2011: <http://www.annisae.ma/> and member of the Moroccan national Bioethic's group (CERB). Asma Lamrabet is also the author of many articles tackling Islam and women's issues, as well as other numerous books as : « Le Coran et les femmes: une lecture de libération » (Qur'an and women: reading of liberation) Tawhid Edition, France. « Femmes-Islam-Occident: chemins vers l'universel » (Women-Islam-the West: ways towards the universality) published by La Croisée des Chemins Editions in Morocco, and Séguier-Atlantica Edition in France. Her last book: "Femmes et hommes dans le Coran: quelle égalité?" (Women and men in the Qur'an: which equality?) Al-Bouraq Paris France Editions, available in public libraries since March 2012. She received the Social Sciences Award 2013 by the Arab Woman Organization, for her last book and the Grand Atlas price 2015 for its traduction to Arabic.

Snezana SAMARDŽIĆ-MARKOVIĆ

Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe



Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković has been since 2012 Director General of Democracy at the Council of Europe, in charge of the Organisation's action promoting democratic innovation, governance, participation and diversity. Her responsibilities include the policy areas of education and youth, local democracy, cultural policies, election assistance, the protection of human dignity, gender equality, children's rights, and the rights of minorities, societal defences against discrimination, democratic citizenship, social cohesion, intercultural dialogue and democratic responses to crisis situations. Previously, Snežana has held numerous positions in the Serbian Government including as Deputy Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Neighbouring Countries; Assistant Minister of Defence (2005-2007) and Co-President of the Serbia-NATO Defence Reform Group; member of the Foundation Board of WADA, Minister of Youth and Sports (2007-2012) and President of the Fund for Young Talents. An established author, he has composed more nine works about both Islamic legal methodology and contemporary issues.

Marisa MATIAS

Chair Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries, European Parliament



Marisa Matias is a member of the European Parliament representing the left wing party, Bloco de Esquerda and integrating the political group GUE/NG since 2009. At the European Parliament she is a member and coordinator, of the Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) as well as a member of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE). She is the Vice-President of the Tax Rulings and Other Measures Similar in Nature or Effects Committee (TAXE), implemented after luxleaks and swissleaks scandals. She is Chair of the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries (Lebanon, Egypt, Syria and Jordan).

She holds a PhD in Sociology by the School of Economics of the Coimbra University with the theses: "Is nature tired of us? Health, environment and new ways of citizenship" (2009). She is a presidential candidate in 2016 election in Portugal.

Niccolo MILANESE

Chair, European Alternatives



Niccolo Milanese is Chair of European Alternatives, where he chairs the transnational and advisory boards. He is also part of the elected steering committees of the Cultural Innovators Network – a trans-Mediterranean network of cultural activists and hybridizers – and the Europe+ campaign for a more democratic European Union. He has consultancy experience with the British Council, the Goethe Institute and with the Open University, and prior to starting European Alternatives worked editing poetry and literature magazines, as a freelance writer and as an academic researcher. He was educated in Cambridge and Paris, where he was an Entente Cordiale Scholar.

Mohamed FADHEL MOUSSA

Former Dean of the Legal, Political and Social Sciences Faculty, University of Tunis, Member of the National Constituent Assembly, Tunisia



Professeur des universités nationales, étrangères et institutions internationales. Ancien doyen (2008-2014) et ancien directeur du département de droit public et des sciences politiques (1992-1998) de la Faculté des Sciences Juridiques, Politiques et Sociales de Tunis. Université de Carthage. Auteur de plusieurs publications et encadrements de travaux de recherches, études mémoires et thèses en droit public, sciences politiques et en droit de l'environnement. Membre de plusieurs associations nationales et internationales. Membre du conseil d'administration et du conseil scientifique de l'Académie Internationale de Droit Constitutionnel. Avocat au Barreau de Tunis. Consultant et Expert international. Membre fondateur de l'Ecole doctorale des juristes méditerranéens. Aix en Provence-Marseille/Tunis (2010). Ancien directeur des Programmes à l'Organisation Internationale de Droit du Développement (2004-2006) (Rome, Italie), Centre Régional Arabe du Caire, Egypte (2006-2008). Ancien Collaborateur à l'Institut de recherches Juridiques comparatives du Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique Paris. Responsable de la notice sur l'évolution du droit en Tunisie (1976-1984).

Lawrence MULI

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Lawrence Ndambuki Muli is a Public Policy Analyst and a Youth development practitioner. He is now based in London, United Kingdom where he works in the Youth Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

He is the Chair of the Pan African Youth Network on the Culture of Peace (UNESCO); a Network of youth led and institutional organisations in Africa and including diaspora in Europe working to enhance Peacebuilding and culture of non-violence. In the recent past Mr. Ndambuki has been the Co-founder & Programmes and Policy Advisor of the African Observatory for Policy Practice and Youth Studies. A policy think tank that strengthens the work of intergovernmental institutions and African Ministries

and Agencies in charge of Youth on backstopping the management and use of statistical data in mainstreaming an evidence based policy making and programming approach to youth development in Africa. He has coordinated on behalf of UNESCO a continental programme on tackling youth unemployment through leveraging creative economy and also spearheaded Universal Health Coverage Scheme research and statistical analysis for Kenya for the UN Economic Commission for Africa. Prior to this for 3 years he worked as a Programmes Associate of the UNFPA Liaison office to the AU and ECA where he was seconded as a Policy Advocacy and Communications Expert to the Youth Division, Department of Human Resources Science & Technology, African Union Commission. His masters is in Public Policy and Management, University of London, and his bachelors in Environmental Science, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya his home country.

Alaa MURABIT

Founder & President, The Voice of Libyan Women, Libya



At the young age of 15 Alaa Murabit completed high school and moved from Saskatoon, Canada to Zawia, Libya. It was there that she enrolled in medical school and driven by her desire to create inclusive processes and institutions founded The Voice of Libyan Women (VLW) in 2011 at the age of 21. With a strong focus on challenging societal and cultural norms and utilizing traditional and historical role models Murabit champions women's participation in peace processes and conflict mediation. Her programs, such as the ground breaking "Noor Campaign" are replicated internationally. Nicknamed "The Libyan Doogie Howser" by Jon Stewart and applauded by Oprah for her innovative approach to security, Murabit acts as advisor to numerous international security boards, think tanks and organizations. Most recently she was nominated to the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (women, peace and security) Global Advisory Board, UN Women Global Advisory Board and Harvard University's "Everywoman, Everywhere" initiative. The first Ashoka Fellow elected from Libya, Murabit is the youngest recipient of the MarisaBellisario International Humanitarian Award by the Italian Government, was named the "International Trust Women Hero 2014" by The New York Times and "One of 25 women under 25 to watch" by Newsweek. Most recently she was selected as a "100 Top Woman" by the BBC and the SAFE Global Hero. In March 2015 Murabit was selected as the inaugural civil society speaker at the official Commission on the Status of Women opening session.

Ibrahim NEGM

Senior Adviser of the Grand Mufti of Egypt



Ibrahim Negm was born in Egypt. He earned his High School Diploma from Alzhar and placed number 4 in the nation. He was awarded a distinguished scholarship to pursue Islamic studies at Al Azhar University. He earned his MA in Islamic Studies in 1995 and was the class valedictorian. He was awarded a distinguished fellowship to conduct research at Harvard Law School 1996/1997. He was also a visiting Researcher at the Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences in Virginia. He was also a visiting Scholar and researcher at Oxford University, UK, 2002. He obtained his PhD in Islamic Studies in 2005 from Graduate Theological Seminary, IN.

He served as a full time Imam and Director at the Islamic Center of South Shore in New York. He then served as the first Director of the Islamic Learning Foundation in College Point NY. Negm is currently serving as a senior advisor to His Eminence, The Grand Mufti of Egypt and is teaching at al-Azhar University. He is also a non resident scholar at the Islamic Center of Long Island. Negm is one of Egypt's preeminent scholars of Islamic Law. He is the official spokesperson of Dar Al Ifta, Egypt's supreme body for Islamic legal edicts, advising Muslims on how to abide by their faith in an enlightened manner in constantly changing circumstances on the whole spectrum of issues.

Robert ÖRELL

EXIT Sweden RAN Good Practice



Robert Örell works as a director at Exit Sweden headed by NGO Fryshuset. He has over twelve years of experience on work with disengagement from political extremism and criminal gangs. Robert is involved in national and international networks focused on sharing knowledge and best practices in the field of radicalisation, disengagement, and intervention. He has arranged several international conferences and workshops. He is adviser on the work of setting up Exit organizations in a number of countries and has participated in- and worked with several EU projects. Since 2012 Robert is a member of the steering committee of the European Commission's RAN (Radicalization Awareness Network) where he co-chairs the working group RAN Exit. During 2014

he supervised the work at the family support hotline project Sy.Realize concerning Foreign Fighters. Robert has studied social pedagogy, has completed a basic psychotherapy training and has taken a certificate in Terrorism Studies at the University of St. Andrews.

Guilherme PINTO

Mayor of Matosinhos, President of European Forum for Urban Security



Guilherme Pinto is Mayor of Matosinhos (Portugal). Formerly a lawyer, he has been a member of the National Assembly, Vice-President of the City Hall of Matosinhos, member of the European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign representing the ACR+ Association of Cities and Regions for Recycling and Sustainable Resource Management; a secondary school teacher; Municipal Deputy and a member of the Socialist Party Studies Cabinet. He was elected President of Efus at the General Assembly on 11 May 2010. He is a Member of the Monitoring Committee of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities – Council of Europe and President of the European Association for Cities, Institutions and Second Chance Schools.

Atef RAWAHNEH

Chairman, SEBR Center for Local Development Studies, Jordan



Dr. Atef Rawahneh is Chairman of SEBR Center for Local Development Studies in Amman (Jordan). He is an expert in microfinance, Islamic finance and local development, specially in the field of small & medium enterprises. He is also local government specialist with experience at both local and national government levels. In fact, he held positions of mayor in Labwa-Mleeh Municipality in Madaba Governorate, director of international cooperation at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and adviser to the Minister, and director of international cooperation at Petra Regional Authority. He has served as Jordanian coordinator of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). He played key role in developing inter-municipal relations between

Jordan, Turkey and other countries. Currently he is director of Risk Management & Investment at the Agricultural Credit Corporation. Dr. Rawahneh holds PhD in small and medium enterprises from University of Jinan (Lebanon), and Master's degree in micro-finance from Bergamo University (Italy). He also joined academia as part-time lecturer in several Jordanian universities. He is delegate to Jordan for Middle East Development Network (MDN), and has recently established SEBR Center in order to contribute to local community development efforts in his country and the region.

Christopher REYNOLDS

Competences for Democratic Culture, Council of Europe



Following wide experience as a teacher and translator, Christopher Reynolds joined the Council of Europe's Translation Department in 1997. Moving to the Education Department in 2002, he contributed to co-operation projects in South East Europe aimed at preparing teachers for the then new subject of citizenship education. In 2004 he joined the Language Policy Division, where he became secretary to the European Language Portfolio Validation Committee and co-ordinated the preparation and publication of the Autobiography of Intercultural Encounters. He is currently contributing to the development of a framework for Competences for Democratic Culture.

Christophe ROUILLON

Maire de Coulaines, Membre du Comité des Régions (CdR) de l'UE et de L'Assemblée régionale et locale euro-méditerranéenne (ARLEM)



Christophe Rouillon a été Conseiller municipal du Mans de 1995 à 2001. Il occupe, depuis mars 1998, la fonction de Conseiller général du Canton Le Mans Nord-Campagne, réélu en 2004 puis en 2011. Depuis 2001 il est Maire de Coulaines, réélu en 2008 et 2014. En avril 2008 il est nommé Vice-président de Le Mans Métropole en charge de la gestion durable de l'eau et de la mobilisation des subventions européennes. Il est membre de l'Association des Maires de France (AMF), dont il est Vice-président depuis 2005 et Président de la Commission « Europe ». Il est délégué national à l'Europe de la Fédération Nationale des Élus Socialistes et républicains et membre du bureau des Elus Socialistes Européens. Parce qu'il connaît l'importance des enjeux européens, depuis 2005 il représente l'AMF au Comité des régions et des villes de l'Union Européenne (CDR) et à l'Assemblée Régionale et Locale Euro-Méditerranéenne (ARLEM). Il est à l'origine des Assises européennes de la coopération décentralisée et du portail européen de la coopération décentralisée, dont les objectifs sont doubles : défendre avec fermeté et constance l'idée d'une Europe plus sociale et moins libérale, d'une part,

et créer des liens entre l'Europe et les pays Méditerranéens pour leur permettre un développement économique respectueux des droits de l'homme. Au titre du Comité des régions il est membre du Comité exécutif du Centre Nord-Sud du Conseil de l'Europe.

Charles SAINT-PROT

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Docteur en science politique, docteur habilité à diriger des recherches en sciences juridiques. Juriste, politologue, géopoliticien, Charles Saint-Prot est spécialiste de l'histoire des idées et des relations internationales. Il dirige l'axe d'études sur l'Islam et du monde arabe au Centre de recherche Maurice Hauriou de l'Université Paris Descartes Sorbonne Paris-Cité. Il est membre du comité scientifique de plusieurs instituts et revues académiques françaises et étrangères.

Charles Saint-Prot est l'auteur de nombreux ouvrages de référence dont plusieurs ont été traduits en anglais, en arabe, en chinois et en espagnol. Parmi ses récentes publications : · Islam: l'avenir de la Tradition entre révolution et occidentalisation. Paris, Le Rocher, 2008 (traduit en arabe et en anglais, 2010) ; L'enjeu du dialogue des civilisations, dir., collection Études géopolitiques 10- Karthala, 2010; La tradition islamique de la réforme, Paris, CNRS éditions, 2010; Mohammed V ou la monarchie populaire, Paris-Monaco, Le Rocher, 2011, trad. en arabe, Rabat, Marsam, 2015 ; ; Le mouvement national arabe, émergence et maturation, Ellipses, 2013 ; L'exception marocaine, dir. Paris, Ellipses, 2013.

Jorge SAMPAIO

Former President of Portugal, Former President of Lisbon Forum



Born in 1938, Jorge Sampaio graduated in Law at Lisbon University in 1961. During the country's dictatorship he took up a legal career and became a Law Association board member, playing an important role in the defense of political prisoners. After 1974, he held several positions such as Deputy Minister for External Co-operation, MP and became a member of the National Secretariat of the Socialist Party. From 1979 to 1984 he was a member of the European Human Rights Commission of the Council of Europe. In 1989, he was elected Mayor of Lisbon and re-elected in 1993. He was elected twice as President of Portugal (1996-2006). During the last decade, President Sampaio gave his contribution to several issues, related to the European affairs and to almost all the challenges currently facing the international community, ie pandemics like HIV-AIDS, Drugs, Children, Human Rights, East Timor etc. He was the first UN Special Envoy to Stop Tuberculosis (2006-2012) and the first UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations (2007-2013). He is now leading a multi-stakeholders initiative – the Global Platform for Syrian Students – aimed at providing scholarships and emergency academic assistance to Syrian students affected by the conflict. He is a member of the CGI, the Club of Madrid and of the Global Commission on Drugs Policy. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Corporation of New York and he presides the jury of the Calouste Gulbenkian International Prize.

Marc SCHADE-POULSEN

Executive Director, EuroMed Rights, Denmark



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Robin SCLAFANI

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Robin Sclafani is the Director of CEJI-A Jewish Contribution to an Inclusive Europe, the leading European Jewish organisation in the field of diversity education, intercultural dialogue and anti-discrimination advocacy. With over 25 years experience in developing and delivering anti-prejudice diversity awareness training programmes, Ms. Sclafani is the architect of the suite of training programmes linked to the award-winning project Belieforama: A Panoramic Approach to Issues of Religion and Belief. With an MA in Conflict Resolution from Antioch University, she was a 1998 Fulbright Scholar to the European Commission.

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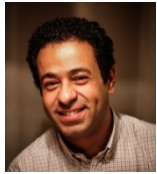


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Riadh Sidaoui a publié plusieurs études stratégiques et ouvrages dont notamment, la « Sociologie du djihad et de la violence en Algérie : discours et actions » (Dirasat Arabiya, no 3, février 2000, p. 75-92) et la « Sociologie de l'armée algérienne et les dangers d'une dislocation » (Shoun Alawsat, no 93, mars 2000, p. 53-84).

Abdallah SOBEIH

Managing Director of Swideas AB



Abdallah Sobeih, Managing Director of Swideas AB which was founded in 2013 in Sweden. Sobeih served in a number of capacities and within different regions worldwide i.e. MENA region, Europe, USA and Latin America. He worked for the British group 'BG Group' as a Community Relations Managers. In his capacity for BG Group he was responsible for the implementation of the assessments on the Voluntary Principles and Human Rights due diligence of the IFC (World Bank) on BG's operations in Egypt. He served as Technical Adviser, member of the senior management team in one of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) projects (2008- 2009). Before that he notably worked for the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures as Junior Expert and Program Officer for Youth Program (2005 - 2007). He also worked at Bibliotheca Alexandrina as research specialist (2004 - 2005). Sobeih is the former Regional Coordinator for Middle East, North Africa and Francophone Regions for the Youth Entrepreneurship and Sustainability (YES) (2002-2006). Was a consultant at the Education Development Centre (EDC) MA, USA and was a member of the advisory board of the International Youth Leaders for Employment. In addition to his current position he serves as an affiliated consultant with several international organizations in the fields of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), organizational development and project management. Has a bachelor degree in Business Administration, English department, Tanta University, Egypt and bearing Masters of Science degree in Economics and Business Administration with specialization in Managing People, Knowledge and Change from School of Economics and Management – Lund University – Sweden.

As a Civil Society practitioner; speaker and moderator, Sobeih has spoken and presented at events and conferences around the world as well a number of workshops, seminars internationally focusing on cross cutting thematic areas related to Youth, Employment, Education, Reform, ICT for Development, Active Citizen Participation, Dialogue among Cultures and Women Participation. Co-author of a publication entitled 'Cultural and legal challenges in implementing code of conducts in supply chain management of mobile industries' published by the Social Responsibility Review. He's a team member in several community development projects in different countries and co-founder of few civil society initiatives in Egypt and the Middle East. Among these is the Sustainable Development Association (SDA) in Egypt, former board-member and co-founder of the Egyptian Youth Federation.

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Lam Echami, Tunisie



Mahdhaoui Tarak professeur principal d'histoire des lycées secondaires depuis 1984. Il a fait partie en tant que qu'expert de tous les programmes de modernisation de l'enseignement public en Tunisie entre 1988 et 2012.

Détenteur d'un master en Histoire Moderne, il prépare actuellement une thèse sur l'enseignement en Tunisie à la faculté des sciences humaines et sociales de Tunis. Membre du laboratoire de recherche Régions et Ressources Patrimoniales de Tunisie à la faculté des Lettres, des Arts et des Humanités de la Manouba où il s'occupe de l'organisation des colloques sur la diversité.

Membre fondateur du réseau associatif Lam Echami, il s'occupe depuis 2011 de la création de projets pour la mise en valeur de la diversité et la promotion de l'éducation à la citoyenneté en Tunisie.

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Présidente de l'Association des femmes arabes de la presse et de la communication. Membre d'Euro-Med Women Network du Centre Nord-Sud du Conseil de l'Europe. Auteur de plusieurs ouvrages dont La Francophonie et le dialogue des cultures (Paris, L'Age d'homme, 2001, traduit en arabe) ; Le Québec, l'Amérique en français (Paris, Idlivre, 2002, traduit en arabe) ; Quelle union pour quelle Méditerranée ?, dir., Paris, Observatoire d'études géopolitiques-Karthala, collection études géopolitiques 9, 2008 ; L'Islam et la femme. Rappel pour en finir avec les exagérations et les clichés, Paris, DDB Desclée de Brouwer, 2013.

Leen VERBEEK

King's Commissioner of the Province of Flevoland and Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe



Leen Verbeek is King's Commissioner of the Province of Flevoland, Netherlands, and Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. He is actively engaged in the promotion of democracy and human rights on a local and regional level throughout Europe. As thematic rapporteur on the fight against radicalization he has presented a report on guidelines for local and regional authorities on the prevention of radicalization.

Verbeek is also co-founder and chairperson of the International Tree Fund, which carries out rural development projects in Latin America.

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Originating from Chile, political scientist and Master in Political Science with a concentration in Security Studies from the Catholic University of Chile and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies focused on Government and Political Economy from Georgetown University's Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service. Currently, serves as Specialist for the Department for Electoral Cooperation and Observation at the Organisation of American States where he has been in charge of several projects and technical cooperation in the Latin American region. Mr Alvarez has also served as an international observer in more than 20 electoral missions as Deputy Chief of Mission. He previously worked as researcher at Georgetown University, Viva Rio in Brazil and the Latin American Faculty on Social Science in Chile.

Harald WEILNBÖCK

WomEx and EU Fair Skills project, Cultures Interactive, RAN good practice, Germany Director of Electoral Cooperation



Harald Weillnböck (Ph.D, Asso.Prof.) – works both as practitioner and academic researcher (on professorial level). As trained psychotherapist (mostly in group settings) he practices deradicalisation interventions with young people in prison and community settings. His focus in studying violent extremism is “intervention research” on how successful methods of prevention and deradicalisation work and what their principle impact factors and necessary conditions are. HW's general areas of scientific expertise are culture/media studies, social and psychotherapy research and interdisciplinary narratology.

HW studied and worked in New Haven, Los Angeles, Paris, Zurich and Berlin and received his Ph.D. at UCLA (Los Angeles).

Among his governmental model-projects were: 'Creating Resilient Communities'; 'Fair Skills – Youth Cultures of Prevention'; 'Fictional Narratives and Self-Awareness Groups for Vulnerable Young People'. EU research projects were: 'Media Interaction and Trauma Therapy' (FP 7); 'Media Interaction to Prevent Violent Extremism' (HH2020), EU practice R & D projects regarded: 'European Platform of Deradicalising Narratives' (EDNA); 'Women, Girls, Gender in Extremism and Prevention' (WomEx). In 2011 HW consulted on building-up the 'Radicalisation Awareness Network' of the European Commission (RAN, Brussels/ EC DG Home) where he now co-chairs the working-group 'Deradicalisation and Exit Interventions'. Co-chair 'Radicalisation Awareness Network' (EU, Brussels) - Co-founder 'Cultures Interactive' (NGO, Berlin) www.weillnböck.net - www.cultures-interactive.de/fachartikel.html

Mohammed ZAWAHREH

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Graduated from University of Jordan and obtained a Bachelor's degree in engineering in 1986. He holds a Master degree in engineering. Mr.Zawahreh is working for Zarqa municipality since 1990. He worked as a head of several departments (Service delivery, Studies, Planning, Mayor assistant for administrative and financial affairs, and city manager) before he decide to shift his work to local development in 2008, and became the head of Local Development Unit. Specialized in programs of development assistance, culture, democracy and governance support. He participated in several regional and international conferences of various issues. Mr.Zawahreh is the Chairman of Independent trade union of municipalities' workers, and founder of Zarqa city youth council, an NGO that aims to engage youth in local governance issues and enhance the dialogue culture through youth.