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BIOGRAPHIES

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In Alphabetical Order

Ms Monika BAAR, Full-time Professor – Joint Chair of History of Europe in the World (19th to 20th centuries), Department of History of the European University Institute of Florence

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Mr Bjørn BERGE, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Mr Bjørn Berge serves as the Council of Europe's Deputy Secretary General since 1 March 2021. As the Deputy Secretary General he is involved in a number of key areas of the work of the Organisation, including advising and overseeing the implementation of the Secretary General's reform agenda, in line with the decisions and priorities of the Committee of Ministers. His priorities include shaping the Programme and Budget, while ensuring that the Organisation's activities have maximum impact in advancing democracy, human rights and the rule of law. He also oversees the Council of Europe's staff policy, as well as other key areas of the work of the Organisation. Before taking up his post, Mr Berge was for a period of four years Director General and Secretary to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

Between 2009-2017, he served as Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General, helping to prepare, co-ordinate and implement a number of comprehensive reforms of the Organisation. Mr Berge has over thirty years of international professional experience. As a former Norwegian diplomat, he served as International Adviser to the Prime Minister and as Deputy Director of the Foreign Minister's Cabinet responsible for all matters related to Parliament. He also served as speechwriter to three Norwegian Foreign Ministers. Mr Berge has published several books on a range of issues relating to speech writing and speeches, as well as articles on the Council of Europe's mandate and work. He was a Fulbright Scholar and holds a M.A. in International Relations from the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, Washington D.C., USA.



Mr Raul CĂRSTOCEA, Lecturer in European History, Maynooth University, Vice-Chair of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe

Lecturer in Twentieth-Century European History at Maynooth University, Ireland and Honorary Research Fellow in Modern European History at the Stanley Burton Centre for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Leicester, United Kingdom. He has previously worked as a Lecturer in Modern European History at the University of Leicester, Lecturer in European Studies at the Europa Universität Flensburg, Senior Research Associate at the European Centre for Minority Issues, and Teaching Fellow at University College London. He has held Research Fellowships at the Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies and the Imre Kértesz Kolleg Jena. A Romanian national, he is currently residing in Flensburg, Germany. He is a member of the Scientific Council of the international network 'National Movements and Intermediary Structures in Europe' (NISE). He is co-editor (with Éva Kovács) of *Modern Antisemitisms in the Peripheries: Europe and its Colonies, 1880-1945* (Vienna, 2019). He is co-editor of the book series *A Modern History of Politics and Violence* at Bloomsbury.



Mr Alan MCCULLY, Teacher Educator and Researcher, University of Ulster, and member of the OHTe Scientific Advisory Council

Alan McCully obtained Bachelor, Masters and PhD degrees from Ulster University, Northern Ireland and a Dip. Ed from the University of Edinburgh. Currently he holds an Honorary Research Fellowship in the UNESCO Centre, School of Education, Ulster University. Previously he was a Senior Lecturer in the School of Education, working, mainly, as a history teacher educator and researcher. Prior to that he taught history in a high school for twenty years. His research has focused on educational responses to conflict, the interface between history learned in schools and that encountered informally in communities in divided societies, and the teaching of controversial and sensitive issues.



Mr Dejan DJOKIC, Professor of Modern History, Goldsmith University of London

Dejan Djokić is Professor of History and the founding Director of the Centre for the Study of the Balkans at Goldsmiths, University of London, and Guest Professor at the Chair for South-East European History at Humboldt University of Berlin. He is the author of three monographs, (co-)editor of four books and recipient of research grants and fellowships from the Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK), The British Academy, The Leverhulme Trust, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Columbia University, New York and Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC. Professor Djokić's new book, *A Concise History of Serbia*, will be out with Cambridge University Press in December. He is currently working on a 'collective autobiography' of the last generation of the Yugoslav People's Army soldiers.

Mr Elias DRAY, Former Chair of the European Union of Jewish Students and European activist

Elias Dray, 24, is a European youth activist who grew up in Paris, France. Elias is a former Vice-President and then President of the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS), the umbrella for 36 national Jewish student unions in Europe. Having been through several youth organisations, Elias holds grassroots experience in advocacy, campaigning, antisemitism and hate speech policies at the European level. In the past years, Elias was National Delegate of the French Union of Jewish Students (UEJF), and International Commissioner for the French Jewish Scouts (EEIF). He is working towards completing his M.A. in International Relations, Conflict and Security at the University of Kent.

Ms Bojana DUJKOVIC, Regional project coordinator Western Balkans, The European Wergeland Centre

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Ms Norma FOLEY, Minister of Education, Ireland

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Mr Eckhardt FUCHS, Director, Leibniz Institute for Educational Media | Georg Eckert Institute

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Ms Annette GERLACH, Journalist and TV host, Arte

Well-known TV host and journalist of the European Culture Channel ARTE. She presents programs in both German and French. She has been a bilingual news anchor for the last 25 years, specialising in live arts events on ARTE. She has presented live from the Cannes and Berlin Film Festivals together with music events in prestigious settings such as Scala di Milano, Fenice in Venice, Berliner Philharmonie, Hamburg's Elbphilharmonie, Opéra Garnier and Bastille in Paris, Salzburger Festspiele (Austria), Mariinsky Theatre in Saint Petersburg, Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow or the Savonlinna Festival in Finland. She is also responsible for the development of Educ'ARTE in Germany, an online tool for schools. Annette Gerlach regularly presents symposiums, round tables and award ceremonies for the Council of Europe, the European Parliament and other institutions and associations, both on stage and online. She is also a valued public speaking coach.



Mr Matjaž GRUDEN, Director of Democratic Participation, Council of Europe

Matjaž Gruden is Director of Democratic Participation at the Council of Europe, which includes Council of Europe activities and programmes in the area of education, including education for democratic citizenship, youth cooperation, culture and cultural heritage, landscape and biodiversity. The Directorate also includes the Platform to promote the Protection of Journalism and Safety of Journalists, the Eurimages film fund and the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe. Matjaž Gruden previously served as Director of Policy Planning, Deputy Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General, political adviser and speechwriter for the Secretary General and President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Prior to his career at the Council of Europe, he was a diplomat at the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, posted in Brussels. He holds a law degree from the Law Faculty of the University of Ljubljana, as well as a post-graduate degree in EU law from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.



Ms Constanze ITZEL, Head of Unit, House of European History, European Parliament

Constanze Itzel has built up the House of European History as adviser and curator since its beginnings in 2009 and has been leading the museum since 2017. Previous work experiences entail, among others, positions as teaching assistant (University of Heidelberg), curator (Badisches Landesmuseum Karlsruhe), and research and committee administrator

(Committee on Culture and Education, European Parliament). Constanze holds a PhD for her thesis on the impact of the pre-reformatory image debate on fifteenth-century paintings (awarded the Ruprecht-Karls-Preis 2005).



Ms Mary KALDOR, Professor of Global Governance, Director of the Civil Society and Human Security Research Unit, London School of Economics

Mary Kaldor is Professor Emeritus of Global Governance and Director of the Conflict Research Programme at The London School of Economics and Political Science. She has pioneered the concepts of new wars and global civil society. Her elaboration of the real-world implementation of human security has directly influenced European and national governments. She is the author of many books and articles including *New and Old Wars: Organised Violence in a Global Era* (3rd edition, 2012), *International Law and New Wars* (with Christine Chinkin, 2017) and *Global Security Cultures* (2018).



Mr Georgiy KASIANOV, Head, Laboratory of International Memory Studies, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland

Prof. Georgiy Kasianov, Head in the Laboratory of International Memory Studies of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland. Mr. Kasianov was formerly a Head of the Department at the Institute of the History of Ukraine and a research fellow at Harvard University. His main research interests are Ukraine's social, political, and cultural history in the 19th and 21st centuries. Throughout the course of his career, Mr. Kasianov has studied in detail the politics of memory in the period since the crash of Communism in Europe (1989/91 to the present).

Ms Evis KUSHI, Minister of Education, Sports and Youth, Albania

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Mr Alain LAMASSOURE, Chair of the Governing Board of the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe

Chair of the Governing Board of the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe. He previously served as a Minister Delegate for European Affairs of France and as a Member of the European Parliament. After a career as a senior civil servant in several ministries and in the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the French Republic, Lamassoure held numerous political mandates at the local, regional, national and European levels. He ended his political activities in 2019 to devote his time to teaching European Public Finance at Sciences Po Paris.



Ms Ann-Laure LIEVAL, Advanced Degree in History, History-Geography Teacher, Member of EuroClio

Professor of History, she teaches in the European English section at the Lycée Fénélon in Lille, and is a lecturer in History at Sciences Po Lille. She also taught in Master MEEF2 at the University of Lille, after having been a member of the jury of the external CAPES of History-Geography. Member of the APHG (Association des Professeurs d'Histoire-Géographie) Europe workshop, she is currently vice-president of the Euroclio Board, an international network of 84 associations of history teachers and trainers, which participates in the OHTE.



Ms Chara MAKRIYIANNI, History Teacher, Chair of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe

Chair of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Observatory on History Teaching in Europe. She is a Founding Member of the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research, the Home for Cooperation and the CypRom Association in Cyprus. She served as a EuroClio Board Policy Officer and Council of Europe expert and trainer. She authored museum education programmes and history teaching materials. Furthermore, she coordinated the implementation of the new history curriculum in primary schools of the Republic of Cyprus. A Fellow of the Cambridge Commonwealth Society and a Scholar of the Cyprus Fulbright Commission, she was shortlisted for the Grinnell College Young Innovator for Social Justice Prize. Currently, a Primary School Deputy Head Teacher, she is also a EuroClio Ambassador. She holds a PhD from the University of Cambridge (United Kingdom), a Master of Arts in History in Education from the University of London and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Nottingham (United Kingdom).



Mr João MARQUES DA COSTA, Minister of Education, Portugal

João Costa is Minister of Education in the XXIII Constitutional Government. He is a Full Professor of Linguistics at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of NOVA University Lisbon. He holds a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Leiden, Netherlands and he has been a visiting researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA. He graduated in Linguistics from the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Lisbon. He has been Secretary of State for Education in the XXI and XXII Constitutional Governments. Until November 2015 he has been the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, at NOVA University Lisbon.

He has been Chair of the OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey (Talis). He was chair of the Scientific Council for the Social Sciences and Humanities of the Foundation for Science and Technology until November 2015.

He has been member of the Scientific Committee of the National Reading Plan, of the National Commission of the International Institute of the Portuguese Language and of the Advisory Council of the Camões Institute.

He has been also Chair of the European Association of Linguistic Students (SOLE) and the Portuguese Linguistic Association.

Besides his teaching and research activities at the University, he has been a guest lecturer at several universities in Brazil, Macau, Spain and the Netherlands.

His main research interests are in formal linguistics, language acquisition and development and educational linguistics.

His work has been published in several books and over than 100 articles and book chapters. He is on the editorial board of several international linguistics journals.

Within the scope of his research activity - theoretical syntax, language acquisition and development and educational linguistics - he is the author of numerous articles, book chapters and books.



Ms Margareta MATACHE, Lecturer on Social and Behavioral Sciences, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Harvard School of Public Health, and the Director of the Roma Program, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard University

Dr. Margareta (Magda) Matache is a Lecturer on Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and the Director of the Roma Program at the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard University. Her research focuses on systems of oppression, with a focus on anti-Roma racism. With more than 20 years of experience in activism and research, Dr. Matache has dedicated her work to advancing justice and Roma rights. From 2005 to 2012, Dr. Matache was the Executive Director of Romani CRISS, a human rights organization that defends the rights of Roma people. In 2012, she was awarded a Hauser postdoctoral fellowship at the FXB Center, where she co-founded, along with Professor Jacqueline Bhabha, the University's Roma Program. In 2017, with Jacqueline Bhabha and Andrzej Mirga, she co-edited *Realizing Roma Rights*, an investigation of anti-Roma racism in Europe. Also, along with Jacqueline Bhabha and Caroline Elkins, Dr. Matache is the co-editor of *Time for Reparations*, a 2021 volume exploring the issue of reparations across a broad range of historical and geographic contexts and academic disciplines. Her other publications and research have ranged from the structural determinants of health to the rights and agency of Romani children and adolescents, early childhood development, anti-Roma racism, reparations, segregation in education, and participatory action research. She received her Master's in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and her doctoral degree in Political Sciences from the Faculty of Political Sciences at the University of Bucharest. She also holds a master's degree in European Social Policies.

Mr Firmin Edouard MATOKO, Assistant Director-general, Africa Department and External Relations, UNESCO

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Mr Mikhailo MINAKOV, Senior Advisor, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

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Mr Pap NDIAYE, Minister of National Education and Youth, France

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Ms Caitriona NI CASSAITHE, Assistant Professor in History Education at Dublin City University, member of the expert group and the History Educators International Research Network (HEIRNET)

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Ms Susanne POPP, Chairwoman, International Society for History Didactics (ISHD)

Professor of History Didactics, University of Augsburg (Germany), Chairwoman of the International Society of History Didactics (ISHD). She also works as a co-editor of the International Journal of Research on History Didactics, History Education, and History Culture (JHEC)/ Yearbook of the ISHD. Popp has been a member of several scientific advisory boards, inter alia, of the German Historians' Association, of the German National History Museum in Berlin and previously, of the Israeli-Palestinian School Textbook Project "Portrayal of the Other", commissioned by the US-Senate. She acts as a Deputy Director of the Central Institute of Didactical Research and Academic Teaching at the University of Augsburg. Popp obtained a PhD from the University of Passau (Germany) after completing her studies in German, History and Civic Education at the University of Regensburg (Germany). She worked as a teacher and was a Referent at the State Institute for School Pedagogy and Education Science in Munich.

**Mr Villano QIRIAZI**, Director, Education Department, Council of Europe

Villano Qiriazhi is the Head of the Education Department of the Organisation since February 2022. He graduated in philology (French language and literature) from the University of Tirana in 1988. He joined the Council of Europe in 1996 and gained a rich experience in the development of Council of Europe policies and instruments related to quality education, democratic citizenship and human rights, digital citizenship education, fraud prevention in education, etc. Since 2012, he has been responsible for the secretariat of the Intergovernmental Committee for Cooperation in Education and the Standing Conference of European Ministers of Education. He also served for three years as a special advisor to the Director General of the DGII. Throughout these years, he was responsible for the design of several official documents of the Committee of Ministers, the coordination of various publications and the establishment of European networks in the fields of digital citizenship education and ethics, transparency and integrity in higher education.

**Ms Marja RUOTANEN**, Director General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

Over 30 years of professional experience in several intergovernmental sectors of the Council of Europe, involving co-operation, monitoring and standard-setting, as well as in the Parliamentary Assembly. Provided political advice to the leadership (SG, PACE President), led intergovernmental cooperation, developed and implemented multi-disciplinary and multi-annual strategies and identified priorities to maximise impact. Initiated, designed and managed reform resulting in increased impact. Finnish nationality. Studied at McGill University.

Mr Malte THIESSEN, Professor of Modern History, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg

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**Mr Steven STEGERS (moderator / contributor)**, Executive Director, EuroClio and member of the Expert Group on the OHTE report on the state of history teaching in Europe

Executive Director of EuroClio, the European Association of History Educators. At EuroClio, he has developed and coordinated international projects to enhance history and citizenship education in the Caucasus, the European Union, Kyrgyzstan, and the Western Balkans. He

worked as an advisor for the Council of Europe, the Global Centre for Pluralism, the European Commission, KAICIID Dialogue Centre, the OSCE HCNM and the International Baccalaureate. He has coordinated the development of the award winning Historiana platform, which is designed for and with history educators from Europe and beyond. He holds a Master of Science in Social and Organisational Psychology from the University of Leiden (Netherlands).

Mr Frédéric VAGNERON, Lecturer of Medical and Health History, University of Strasbourg

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SIDE EVENTS

Taking advantage of the Council of Europe's strategic location in Strasbourg, the Annual Conference will also involve local actors, including schools, local authorities, institutes and museums. They will contribute to the organisation of side events related to the main theme, the programme and the objectives of the conference. These side events will be organised by the above-mentioned partners.

PARTNERS

The Annual Conference is organised by the Council of Europe, in partnership with the City of Strasbourg, the European Collectivity of Alsace, the Region Grand-Est and the French Government.

