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# Legal Empowerment Leadership Course

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The movement for legal empowerment has gained momentum in recent years. Especially in debates around the post-2015 UN Development Agenda, policymakers are increasingly agreeing that justice is crucial to ensuring equitable and inclusive development. Without the protection of the law, an estimated 4 billion people will continue to be unfairly driven from their land, denied essential services, excluded from society, and intimidated by violence.

Legal empowerment is about turning that tide. It's about giving all people the power to understand and use the law. In the 1950s, community paralegals in South Africa began helping people to use the law to navigate and resist apartheid. Today, grassroots legal advocates in the Philippines are helping farmers take part in nationwide agrarian reforms. In Argentina, shantytown residents are pursuing legal remedies to bring clean water and other essential services to their communities. As the movement for legal empowerment gathers speed, so too does our collective understanding of the field's history, methods, and evidence.

Against this background, CEU's School of Public Policy (SPP) and the South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (SAILS) at BRAC University, in collaboration with the Open Society Justice Initiative and Namati, are organizing an executive course on the practice and theory of legal empowerment. During the course, leading thinkers from the development community, representing a range of perspectives, will come together to learn from each other and identify strategies to strengthen justice and development programming.

This ground-breaking three-day course will focus on law and development and the extent to which international rule of law assistance is responsible for legal empowerment and its impact on poverty, governance, and development. The goal of the course is to contribute to solving the analytical and empirical challenges that international actors face when they address multifaceted, multisectoral justice issues.

Each day will include a stand-alone session, an in-depth exploration of a case study, and small group work. We will engage with three case studies: one on the South African experience with community paralegals, another on rights to land and natural resources, and a third on the right to health. We will also have several cross-cutting sessions addressing monitoring and evaluation; indicators and opportunities related to the new

Sustainable Development Goals; and the way change has happened in sectors such as health and education. Stand-alone sessions will feature expert presentations from leading practitioners and academics working in the field of law and development. Time will also be allotted each day for independent reflection and consultation on participants' problem statements or proposals.

The course will encourage, support, and cultivate a global cadre of leaders who share an understanding of legal empowerment, particularly of the poor, and who commit to advancing the field through programming at the global and national levels, research, and advocacy.

**WELCOME TO BUDAPEST AND WE WISH YOU AN EXCITING TIME!**



## LEGAL EMPOWERMENT LEADERSHIP COURSE DRAFT AGENDA

	Monday, 30 November	Tuesday, 1 December	Wednesday, 2 December	Thursday, 3 December
9:00		<b>Welcome</b> (9:00–9:15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bernhard Knoll-Tudor &amp; Zaza Namoradze</li> </ul>	<b>Review &amp; Day 2 Aims</b> (9:00–9:15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vivek Maru</li> </ul>	<b>Review &amp; Day 3 Aims</b> (9:00–9:15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vivek Maru</li> </ul>
9:15		Ice Breaker	Ice Breaker	Ice Breaker
9:30		<b>Course overview</b> (9:30–9:45) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vivek Maru</li> </ul>		<b>Session III: Legal empowerment in the Post-2015 agenda</b> (9:30–11:00) Opportunities to leverage the SDGs to advance legal empowerment, in particular around national development planning and indicator development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terra Lawson-Remer</li> </ul>
9:45		<b>History of the Movement: Methods &amp; impacts</b> (9:45–10:30) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vivek Maru</li> </ul>	<b>Case study II: Land and environmental rights</b> (9:45–11:15) Empowering people to take part in governance over land & natural resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vivek Maru</li> </ul>	
10:00		Coffee Break		Coffee Break
10:15		<b>Case study I: Ensuring effective delivery of essential services</b> (10:45–12:45) Integrating grassroots health advocates into national health systems to enhance the accountability and responsiveness of health services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walter Flores</li> </ul>	<b>Case study II (continued)</b> (11:30–13:00)	<b>Case study III: Community-based dispute resolution: The case of South Africa's Community Advice Offices</b> (11:15–12:45) How South Africa's CAOs and their community-based paralegals have adapted and innovated over the decades. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yasmin Sooka</li> </ul>
10:30				
10:45		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:00		<b>Case study I (continued)</b> (13:45–15:15)	<b>Session II: The political economy of change: Learning from other sectors</b> (14:00–15:30) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lant Pritchett (video link)</li> </ul>	<b>Case study III (continued)</b> (13:45–15:15)
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15:30		<b>Session I: Monitoring and evaluating legal empowerment programs</b> (15:30–17:30)  Methods used to assess impact. Overarching considerations and guidelines for M&E  • <i>Ward Berenschot</i> [+ participant contributions]	Coffee Break	<b>Working groups</b> (15:30–16:30)	
15:45			<b>Working groups</b> (15:45–18:00)		<b>Select independent study presentations</b>
16:00				<b>Closing and evaluation</b> (17:15–18:15)	
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18:00				<b>Working groups</b> (17:30–18:30)	
18:15			<b>Wrap up</b>	<b>Wrap up</b>	Farewell drinks at Innio Wine Bar
18:30					
18:45					
19:00	Welcome reception (Four Seasons)				
Ending at 21:30					

# Course Schedule

## ARRIVAL AND HOTEL ACCOMODATION

The taxi company serving Liszt Ferenc International Airport is Főtaxi. Reservations are made in person outside the exit of the terminal. The fare to the city center will not exceed 8,000 HUF (25 EUR).



There is also an airport shuttle which will cost around 3,000 HUF (10 EUR) to the city center. You can order a shuttle to your hotel at the Airport Shuttle stand at Arrivals. The shuttle will probably take slightly longer than a taxi as it is shared with other people.



Scholarship participants will be staying at the Starlight Hotel.



### Starlight Hotel

Mérleg utca 6  
1051 Budapest  
Tel: (+36-1) 484-3700

## DINNER RECEPTION

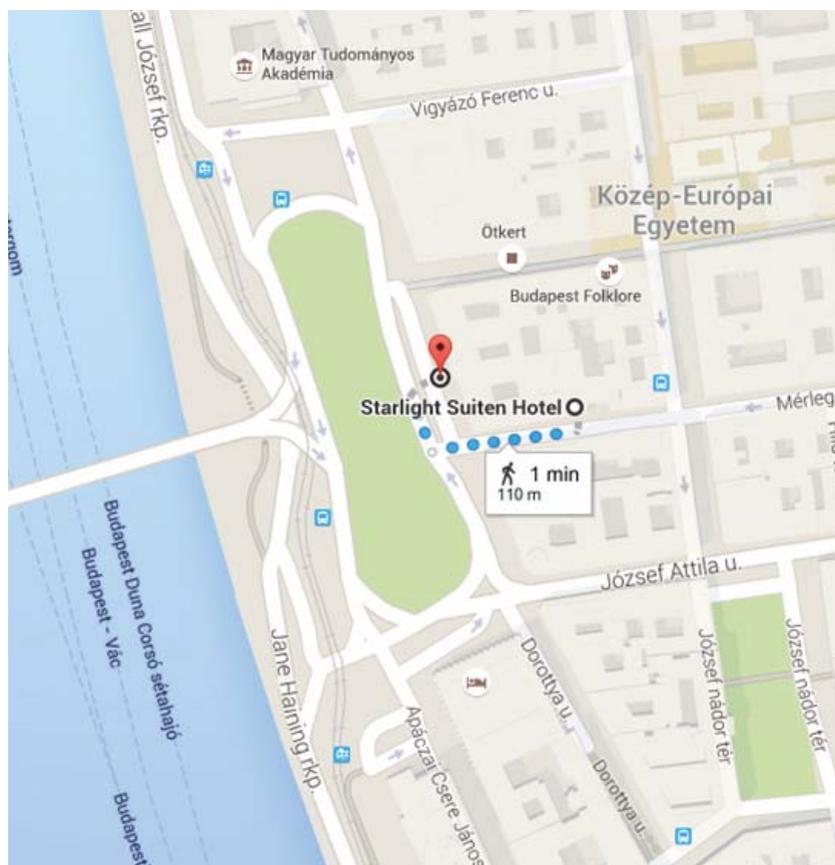
The course will officially begin on Monday, 30 November with a dinner reception at the **Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace** at **7 pm**. The dress code is smart casual.

### Four Seasons Gresham Palace Budapest

Széchenyi István tér 5–6  
1051 Budapest  
Tel. (+36-1) 268-6000



### From the Starlight Hotel to the Four Seasons:



## COURSE VENUE

The course will take place on the ground floor of CEU's School of Public Policy in Október Hall. It will begin at **9 am**; please arrive at the CEU School of Public Policy on Október 6 utca 7 at **8:45 am**.

### School of Public Policy

Október 6 Street 7  
1051 Budapest



There are restrooms on all floors. A drink vending machine is located on the first floor.

A multi-faith quiet lounge and prayer room can be used at the main CEU campus (Nádor utca 11, mezzanine level) where participants can unwind and meditate. Room B100 of the Faculty Tower in Nádor utca 9 is designated for participants with young children for quiet time or nursing.

## MEALS

Coffee breaks and lunches will be served on the first floor of the building where the course takes place.

## SMOKING

Smoking is strictly prohibited within five meters of all building entrances.

## INTERNET AND Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is available on campus.

- Network name: CEU Guest
- Password: Budapest1991

European plugs (220V) are available at CEU.

## FAREWELL DRINK

Following the end of the course you are invited to join us for a farewell drink at Innio Wine Bar, which is just around the corner of SPP.



### **Innio Wine Bar**

Október 6 utca 9  
1051 Budapest

## MEDICAL CARE

The CEU Medical Center is open to participants with valid medical insurance. There are two qualified English-speaking doctors (male and female) who hold regular consultation hours.



### **CEU Medical Center**

Nádor utca 11 Building, Courtyard  
Tel.: (+36-1) 327-3815

## WEATHER AND CLOTHING

The average daily temperature in December ranges between  $-5$  and  $5$  °C. Rain or snow is not unusual at this time of year. Make sure to bring warm and comfortable clothes as well as an umbrella. Except for the welcome reception (smart casual), dress code for the course is casual.

## COURSE COORDINATORS



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## A NOTE ON HUNGARY

▶ **Capital city:** Budapest

▶ **Population:** ~ 9,9 million

▶ **Population of Budapest**

~ 1,7 million (city)

~ 3,3 million (including periphery)

▶ **Language:** Hungarian

▶ **Religion**

54.5% Catholic, 19.5% Protestant, 0,2% other Christians, 0.1% orthodox Christian, 0.1% Judaism, 0,1% other.

▶ **Electric plug:** European plug with two circular metal pins

▶ **Country Dialing Code**

Hungary: 0036 or +36 (00361 or +361 – for Budapest)

To dial Hungarian numbers from Hungary you can dial:

06 + 1 xxx xxxx (Budapest), or

for cellular phone: 06 + 2/3/7 + 0 + xxx xxxx.

▶ **Money**

The Hungarian currency is Forint (HUF).

1 EUR = 310 HUF, 1 USD = 290 HUF

You usually CANNOT pay in Euro or US dollars. You can exchange money at the airport or train stations, but change as little as possible there since exchange rates at these locations are bad. It is preferable to use one of the many ATMs or cash points across the city.

▶ **Safety**

Budapest is a safe city but as with other popular tourist destinations you need to be vigilant. There are three risks that we want to alert you to:

- Do not hail a cab on the street; call a cab. A reliable company is CITY TAXI, at +36 1 211 1111. Make sure the meter is set at the pickup rate of 470 HUF before you begin any journey.
- Shops, bars, and restaurants may give the wrong change as a result of frequent visitor confusion over the multiple zeros in the currency.
- For male participants: young women may approach you and ask you to buy them drinks or offer to take you to clubs and bars. Male tourists who take them up on these offers will find that the women are in the employ of local bars and clubs, resulting in a hefty bill at the end of the night.

## ► Public Transport

Budapest has an excellent public transit system consisting of subways, buses, trolleys, trams, and electric commuter trains called HÉV. Tickets are available at all Metro stations from automated machines, and most stations also have cashiers at ticket windows. As the machines aren't always reliable, it is preferable to buy tickets directly from the cashier. Tickets can also be bought at some news stands, tram stops, and on some buses, but it is best to purchase tickets at the Metro station and keep a supply with you. Tickets can be bought individually, discounted in books of 10, or in the form of daily, weekly, or monthly passes. You need to validate your ticket before starting your trip on the Metro or immediately upon boarding a bus, tram, trolley, or commuter train. Insert the ticket into the machines at Metro station entrances and in the red or yellow boxes on trams, buses, and trolleys. The yellow boxes automatically stamp the ticket, but you must pull the black lever on the red boxes towards the ticket to punch it.

Tickets are valid for 60 minutes after they have been stamped or for 90 minutes on the night service. Passes and tickets are checked by inspectors at random and you will be fined HUF 6,000 on the spot if you cannot produce your pass or validated ticket. If fined, get a receipt, as foreigners are sometimes overcharged. Public transportation runs from 4.30 until 23.00 and is both regular and frequent. Night trams and buses run on an abbreviated schedule.

Schedules are posted at all stops and detailed system maps are posted in all Metro stations.

► **Emergency Numbers**

**Any kind of emergency: 112**

Police: 107

Ambulance: 104

Fire-fighters: 105

**Metro and Suburban railway lines in Budapest**



You have been given access to an e-learning site that contains all pre-course readings:

### **History of the movement: methods & impacts**

- Laura Goodwin & Vivek Maru, *What do we know about legal empowerment? Mapping the Evidence* (executive summary), Namati Working Paper, May 2014;
- Vivek Maru & Varun Gauri, “Bringing Law to Life: Community Paralegals and the Pursuit of Justice” (draft book chapter).

### **Session I: Monitoring & evaluating legal empowerment programs**

- Ruth Alsop & Nina Heinsohn, *Measuring Empowerment in Practice: Structuring Analysis and Framing Indicators*, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 3510, February 2005 (pages 1–14 only).

### **Case Study 1: Ensuring effective delivery of essential services**

- ICT Platform Monitoring Right to Health Violations – Guatemala (presentation slide);
- Infographic #1, *Exposiciones Departamentales de Evidencia Audiovisual*;
- Infographic #2, *Equipo Comunitario*;
- Infographic #3, *Evidencia Audiovisual de Violaciones del Derecho a la Salud*;
- Film, *Citizens’ Vigilance of Health Care Services & Accountability: Guatemala* (16 min).

### **Case Study 2: Land & natural resource rights**

- Vivek Maru, “Legal Empowerment and the Land Rush: Three Struggles” (book chapter).

### **Session II: The political economy of change – learning from other sectors**

- *No reading.*

### **Session III: Legal empowerment in the post-2015 agenda**

- Terra Lawson-Remer, *How can we implement Sustainable Development Goal 16 on institutions?*, Brookings, 1 October 2015;
- Stacey Cram, *Justice 2015 Update: Goal 16’s Impact*, Namati blog post, 25 June 2015.

### **Case Study 3: Community-based dispute resolution – the case of South Africa’s Community Advice Offices**

- Jackie Dugard & Katherine Drage, “To Whom Do People Take Their Issues? The Contribution of Community-Based Paralegals to Access to Justice in South Africa” (draft article).

You have participated in the pre-course survey that allowed us to tailor sessions and case studies:

- 1) Briefly describe a concrete legal empowerment opportunity or challenge you wish to take on.
  - *My organization has long deployed grassroots legal advocates, but we've never had an adequate data collection tool. How can we roll out a practical, lightweight system that will give us information that can help us improve our effectiveness?*
  - *My program supports a number of grantees promoting social inclusion who have experimented with a community paralegal model. They've gotten good preliminary results and are exploring next steps. What can I do to help my grantees develop and grow their paralegal programs?*
  - *I'd like to learn from the experiences of other countries where collective action and advocacy resulted in better policies promoting legal empowerment and better financing for the field. I hope to work with other stakeholders in my country on such an effort.*
  - *My program covers a small geographic area but there is great need throughout my country for legal empowerment services. I'd like to explore methods for scaling up our operations responsibly and sustainably.*
  
- 2) How might this course help you to refine or elaborate your plan?
  
- 3) The course will be very interactive. Kindly indicate if you have expertise and would like to share your experiences in the following areas:
  - Monitoring & evaluation
  - Training, support, and supervision of frontline staff
  - Sustainability
  - Recognition, accreditation, and regulation of paralegals
  - Scaling up legal empowerment programs
  - Translating grassroots experience into structural change
  - Legal empowerment and health rights
  - Legal empowerment and land and natural resource rights
  - Legal empowerment and gender
  - The South Africa experience with community paralegals
  - Other

## COURSE DIRECTOR



### Vivek MARU

Vivek Maru is the founder and chief executive officer of Namati, a global organization that focuses on innovations in legal empowerment. Formerly, Vivek served as senior counsel in the Justice Reform Group of the World Bank. His work focused on justice reform and governance, primarily in West Africa and South Asia. Vivek also co-founded and co-directed Timap for Justice, a grassroots justice program in Sierra Leone, for four years. He previously worked at Human Rights Watch and clerked for Hon. Marsha Berzon on the Ninth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals. His recent publications include *Between Law and Society: Paralegals and the Provision of Justice Services in Sierra Leone and Worldwide* in the *Yale Journal of International Law* and *Allies Unknown: Legal Empowerment and Social Accountability* in the *Harvard Journal of Health and Human Rights*. Vivek graduated from Harvard College, magna cum laude, and Yale Law School.

## FACULTY



### Ward BERENSCHOT

Ward Berenschot is a postdoc at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV) researching local democracy, clientelism, and identity politics in India and Indonesia. His Veni research project “*Shades of Clientelism: A Comparative Study of Indonesia’s Patronage Democracy*” compares clientelistic practices throughout Indonesia. Ward studied political science at the University of Amsterdam, where he also obtained his PhD, cum laude, with a dissertation on Hindu-Muslim violence in India. As a lecturer in conflict studies, he has taught courses on political violence, ethnic conflict, and conflict transformation. He has managed a collaborative research project with UNDP and the World Bank on Access to Justice in Indonesia, and worked with the Open Society Institute as well as Dutch development agencies on civil society building and legal aid. Ward is the author of *Riot Politics: India’s Hindu-Muslim Violence and the Everyday Mediation of the State* (Hurst/Columbia University Press 2011)

and several other publications on ethnic violence, public service delivery, and access to justice. At KITLV he also coordinates the KNAW-SPIN research program “*From Clients to Citizens? Emerging Citizenship in Democratizing Indonesia.*” Using his recent fieldwork on election campaigns in Indonesia, Ward is currently working on a book manuscript on Indonesia’s patronage democracy.



## Walter FLORES

Walter Flores is a social scientist with over 20 years of professional experience. He holds a PhD and a master’s of community health from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK. Walter’s professional work has been carried out in more than 25 countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Europe. His areas of expertise are: health policy analysis, health systems, right to health, democratic governance of public policies, and community participation. He heads the Director of Centro de Estudios para la Equidad y Gobernanza en Sistemas de Salud (Center for the Study of Equity and Governance in Health Systems), a civil society organization in Guatemala specializing in research, capacity building, and advocacy around issues affecting indigenous and other marginalized populations ([www.cegss.org.gt](http://www.cegss.org.gt)). He is also the global coordinator of the Community of Practitioners on Accountability and Social Action in Health-COPASAH (<http://www.copasah.net>), which is a network of civil society organizations in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America, working towards improving healthcare services for marginalized populations through human rights, accountability, and social mobilization.



## Terra LAWSON-REMER

Terra Lawson-Remer is a non-resident fellow at the Brookings Institution and managing director of Cimarron, a global consulting and social enterprise firm pioneering evidence-based strategies for social and environmental impact. Her work addresses the determinants and consequences of sustainable development, poverty and inequality, and social and economic rights fulfillment within and across generations. Previously Terra was assistant professor of international affairs & economics at The New School, where she chaired the university’s Advisory Committee on Investor Responsibility; Fellow for Civil Society, Markets & Democracy at the Council on Foreign Relations; and legal director at Avaaz. She also served as senior policy advisor at the U.S. Department of the Treasury during the first Obama administration. Terra has held positions at the United Nations World

Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU–WIDER), Latham & Watkins LLP, Amnesty International USA, the Ethical Globalization Initiative, STARC: Students Transforming & Resisting Corporations, and the New York Civil Liberties Union. She earned her BA in ethics, politics & economics from Yale University; her JD from New York University School of Law, where she was a Dean’s Merit Scholar; and her PhD in political economy from New York University’s Law & Society Institute.



## Wiktor OSIATYNSKI

Wiktor Osiatynski is a university professor at Central European University. He has taught at many American and European universities, including Columbia, Stanford, Chicago, Connecticut, and Siena. His main fields of scholarly interest are comparative constitutional law and human rights. In the 1990s, Wiktor served as a co-director of the Center for the Study of Constitutionalism at the University of Chicago Law School. In addition to belonging to the Open Society Global Board, he is a member of several Open Society advisory boards. He has written more than 25 books on, *inter alia*, the history of social and political ideas, constitutionalism, addiction, science, and sports. His most recent book is *Human Rights and Their Limits*. He holds degrees in law and sociology from Warsaw University and the Polish Academy of Science.



## Lant PRITCHETT

Lant Pritchett is a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development and professor of the practice of international development at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, where he taught in 2000–04 and since 2007. Before rejoining the Kennedy School in 2007, he was lead socio-economist in the Social Development Group of the South Asia region of the World Bank. He occupied various other positions at the World Bank during his tenure there, beginning in 1988. Lant was a team member on a number of prominent World Bank publications including *Economic Growth in the 1990s: Learning from a Decade of Reforms* (2005); *Making Services Work for Poor People* (World Development Report 2004); *Assessing Aid: What Works, What Doesn’t and Why* (with David Dollar, 1998); and *Infrastructure for Development* (World Development Report 1994). He has published two books with the Center for Global Development, *Let Their People Come* (2006) and *The Rebirth of Education* (2013).



## Yasmin Louise SOOKA

Yasmin Sooka was appointed as the inaugural SPP George Soros Visiting Chair for the fall 2015 term. She is a leading human rights lawyer and the executive director of the Foundation for Human Rights in South Africa. The foundation is the country's primary indigenous grant maker, established by President Mandela's government in 1996 and the European Union to fund the human rights sector in South Africa. Yasmin chaired the government's Steering Committee of the National Forum Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerances, which is responsible for developing a National Action Plan to combat racism in the country. A leading international expert in the field of transitional justice, Yasmin served on the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission from 1996–2001 and chaired the committee responsible for the final report from 2001–03. She was appointed by the United Nations to serve on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Sierra Leone from 2002–04. She is also a member of the Advisory Body on the Review of Resolution 1325. In July 2010, Yasmin was appointed to the three-member Panel of Experts advising the U.N. Secretary General on accountability for war crimes committed during the final stages of the war in Sri Lanka. The report was published in May 2011. She is the co-author of *The Unfinished War: Torture and Sexual Violence in Sri Lanka: 2009–2014* with the Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales and the International Truth and Justice Project, Sri Lanka. In March 2014, Yasmin co-authored the African Union's Policy on Transitional Justice. She has been part of many advisory missions on Transitional Justice for the United Nations including Afghanistan, Burundi, Kenya, Nepal, and Uganda.

## COURSE PARTICIPANTS



## Novi ANGGRIANI

### The Asia Foundation | Indonesia

Novi is a policy development analyst with 14 years of experience in policy, gender and local governance, social inclusion, regulatory reform, poverty, and employment issues. Novi joined the Asia Foundation in 2011 as a program officer and managed the foundation's various programs including social inclusion and gender and local governance programs. She worked on a gender budgeting program that promotes participation and raising women's awareness of their rights in local decision-making processes. Novi worked with local CSOs in

85 districts over 26 provinces throughout Indonesia. Prior to that, she worked at a national NGO as a program development manager focusing on local governance and decentralization issues, overseeing capacity building for local government, M&E, and managing research activities for poverty. From 2003 to 2006, Novi worked for various international organizations and engaged in numerous development projects in urban poverty, health financing, and rural investment climate assessment with the World Bank as well as USAID's investment and trade project. From 2000 to 2001, Novi worked with Booz Allen Hamilton Indonesia. She holds an MA in development studies from the International Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands, and a degree in regional and city planning from the Institute of Technology Bandung.



## **Donny ARDYANTO**

**Indonesian Legal Aid Foundation | Indonesia**

Donny is director of research and development at Yayasan Lembaga Bantuan Hukum Indonesia (Indonesian Legal Aid Foundation). Prior to joining YLBHI, he worked at the Democratic Education Association as senior researcher on corruption and security sector reform issues. At YLBHI, Donny focuses on policy research, especially on human rights, security sector reform, and access to justice in Indonesia. He also represents YLBHI as co-chair of the National Working Group on Piloting Goal 16 of Sustainable Development Goals in Indonesia. Since he was a student in the Criminology Department at the University of Indonesia, Donny has worked with a number of NGOs, including Indonesian Corruption Watch, KontraS, and Imparsial. He received a master's degree in social development management from the University of Indonesia.



## **Ross CLARKE**

**Oxfam | United Kingdom**

Ross is an Australian lawyer with over 12 years of experience working on access to justice and community legal empowerment across Southeast Asia and East Africa with national and international legal NGOs, judicial institutions, and the UN. He has designed, managed, and implemented a range of legal projects in Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Timor-Leste through close collaboration with civil society, legal professionals, and judicial officials. In particular, he has established paralegal networks, designed mediation programs, supported legal aid service provision, and advised on access to justice in post-conflict

contexts. Ross has thematic expertise on land rights, gender justice, and transitional justice as well as climate change law and policy, and has been published widely in these areas. In his current role as Oxfam's law and justice advisor, Ross is focused on strengthening Oxfam's current programming from a legal and governance perspective and is integrating legal empowerment and justice approaches across Oxfam's work.



### **Emma DAY**

#### **International Child Redress Project | Indonesia**

Emma is a human rights lawyer and co-founder of the International Child Redress Project (ICRP), a new startup non-profit organization based in Indonesia that aims to improve access to civil justice for child victims of sexual exploitation using a legal empowerment approach. ICRP facilitates claims for compensation on behalf of child victims in Asia against foreign child sex tourists in transnational cases of abuse. Prior to starting ICRP, Emma worked as a consultant for several non-profit organizations in Africa and Asia including UNDP, the Open Society Foundations, UN Women, KELIN Kenya, and ECPAT International. Emma has a particular interest in the legal empowerment of children. Between 2003 and 2006 Emma co-founded a legal rights project for children in London, Streetlegal, which provided outreach legal advice and representation to children and young people, most of whom were homeless or facing problems accessing social services. Between 1999 and 2001 Emma worked for Voluntary Service Overseas as a teacher in Rwanda. She has an LLM from the University of London and a BA (Hons) in Sociology from the University of Leeds. Emma qualified as a solicitor and barrister in British Columbia, Canada in 2010 and is currently non-practicing.



### **Peng DING**

#### **Public Interest and Development Law Institute | China**

Peng is a senior program director and researcher at the Public Interest and Development Law Institute (PIDLI), China. He has worked in PIDLI since 2009 when he graduated with a master of law from Wuhan University. Over the past six years, he has obtained substantial experience in training legal aid workers and paralegals in rural China. He has also contributed to three reports on legal aid in the Annual Bluebook of China's Human Rights (2011–13). He is currently working on community legal empowerment clinics based in the Law School of Wuhan University, and is exploring ways of combining community development, human

rights education, and legal empowerment through issues such as rural environment protection, disability rights, and labor rights in China.



## **Uchenna EMELONYE**

### **UN High Commissioner for Human Rights | Uganda**

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## **Francesca FERUGLIO**

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advocacy at the local and national level to demand accountability in the delivery of essential services, including maternal and infant healthcare, housing, and food. Prior to Nazdeek, Francesca worked with international and grassroots organizations, both in Europe and India, on issues of community accountability, discrimination, and access to essential services. In India, she contributed to the success of landmark cases addressing violations of reproductive rights, food security, and housing rights for women, Dalits, and indigenous people. She is currently also engaged as a research officer in the Health and Nutrition Cluster of the Institute for Development Studies in Brighton, UK. She holds an LLM in international human rights law from the National University of Ireland, Galway (Ireland).



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Olga works for the International Renaissance Foundation in the field of access to justice and legal empowerment of the poor. She received her master's degree in international public management from Sciences Po Paris in 2008 and returned to her native country to pursue goals of democratization and human development. Olga coordinates the network of Community Law Centers that provide free primary legal aid to the population. Together with her network partners, she works on different legal issues relevant to small communities: domestic violence prevention, anti-discrimination practices, land owner rights, legal education and information, and support to IDPs. Since 2015, she has been part of the team responsible for bringing together primary (NGO) and secondary (government) free legal aid systems. Olga is also deeply involved in recent events in Ukraine and supports her country in many ways: she is a volunteer and helps raise funds and coordinates humanitarian aid that provides necessary equipment to Ukrainian soldiers. Furthermore, Olga is part of an ambitious project aimed at building up a system of free legal aid to mobilized people and participants of anti-terrorist operations in Eastern Ukraine.



## **Khalid HUSSAIN**

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Khalid is a lawyer and human rights advocate who grew up in Geneva Camp in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Since his youth, he has been an advocate for the rights of the camp-dwelling Urdu-speaking community of Bangladesh and other minority communities. Khalid is president of the Association of the Young Generation of Urdu Speaking Community (AYGUSC), and is chief executive of the Council of Minorities. The Council of Minorities was established in 2012 and is a

platform for minorities in Bangladesh based in Dhaka which promotes the rights of minorities and indigenous peoples and the status of minorities and indigenous peoples. The Association of Young Generation of Urdu Speaking Community is a community-based organization working for the rights of Urdu speaking Bangladeshis. Currently the Council of Minorities and NAMATI jointly implement a camp-based paralegal project in Urdu speaking camps in Bangladesh.



## **Syed Aminul ISLAM**

### **Supreme Court of Bangladesh | Bangladesh**

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Mara has had a long career in Alaskan public policy focused on issues of rights and justice, and has been a member of the faculty of the Department of Political Science at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. Mara has practiced law in Alaska since 1996, and co-founded the Alaska Institute for Justice, Alaska's only non-profit agency providing low cost immigration legal services, language access services, and research and policy analysis on issues impacting human rights in Alaska. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Mara worked with Alaska native tribes on environmental governance issues. Mara is the recipient of the Alaska Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award and currently serves on the Supreme Court's Access to Civil Justice Committee. In addition to her PhD candidacy, Mara has a JD from the University of Minnesota, a master's degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks (Natural Resources Management), and a bachelor's degree from the University of California (political science).



## **Wilson KIPKAZI**

### **Endorois Welfare Council | Kenya**

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## Peninah MWANGI

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## **Indira SARMA**

### **Chief Operating Officer | United States**

Indira brings over a decade of experience at the nexus of programming, operations, and resource development with international NGOs. She most recently served as the associate director for New Program Development at Jhpiego/Johns Hopkins University, where she spent five years leading efforts in proposal development, program design, and technical writing for maternal/newborn health and HIV programs worldwide. She was the lead author for Jhpiego's successful \$500 million dollar proposal for USAID's Maternal and Child Survival Program, the U.S. government's flagship effort to end preventable maternal and child deaths around the world. From 2004 to 2008, she worked on public health and humanitarian aid programs with CARE across Asia and Africa, including a year managing resource development for CARE's emergency operations in Darfur, Sudan. Indira holds a bachelors degree in social studies from Harvard University and a masters in public health from Johns Hopkins University.



## **Ye YINT**

### **Program Officer | Myanmar**

Ye Yint brings eight years of experience working in community development programs focused on HIV/AIDS, women's rights, and public health. He has managed programs aimed at increasing access to public services and strengthening social protections for at-risk populations, particularly women and children. He is looking forward to building on his experiences in community development through Namati's legal empowerment program in Myanmar. Ye Yint holds an LLB from University of Distance Education in Yangon, and is currently in his second year of his MPA at the Yangon Institute of Economics.



**Bernhard KNOLL-TUDOR**  
**Director, SPP Global Policy Academy; Adjunct Professor I Austria**

Prior to his appointment as director of SPP’s Global Policy Academy, Bernhard worked for the OSCE, an international organization devoted to “hard” security as well as to human rights diplomacy. He was involved in policy design and public relations, both at the level of field missions (Bosnia & Herzegovina, 1999–2000; Kosovo, 2000–2002) and at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in Warsaw (2006–2012). He has held positions at the European Union Monitoring Mission (deputy head, Political and Information Division, Bosnia & Herzegovina, 1998); the United Nations Administration Mission in Kosovo (acting Temporary Media Commissioner, 2003), and with the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Political Directorate, desk officer for EU accession countries, 2005–6). Bernhard earned a master in law at the University of Vienna and an MA in international relations and economics at Johns Hopkins/SAIS with a focus on IR theory (Bologna and Washington, D.C.). He obtained his PhD from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, and is the author of *Legal Status of Territories Subject to Administration of International Organisations* (Cambridge University Press, 2008). Bernhard has published widely on human rights protection in post-conflict situations in leading academic journals, including the *European Journal of International Law* and the *Leiden Journal of International Law*. He was awarded the highest prize in Austrian radio journalism in 1992. He teaches SPP’s course in public international law starting in winter term 2016.



**Tanja K. MANNERS**  
**Senior Program Manager, SPP Global Policy Academy I United States/Slovenia**

Tanja spent the past decade working in education both in front of the classroom and behind the scenes, teaching mathematics in Micronesia and Austria and working in administration at the Institute of Education, University College London, and King’s College London. She has a degree in applied mathematics from Brown University and a master’s degree in comparative education from the Institute of Education of the

University of London. She has recently moved to Hungary after spending a year as an education consultant in Shanghai.



## **Livia MARSCHALL**

### **Program Coordinator, SPP Global Policy Academy | Hungary**

Lívía joined CEU as a program assistant at the Roma Access Programs Unit in 2014. She was appointed to her present role as part-time program coordinator at SPP's Global Policy Academy in 2015. She holds an MA in cultural anthropology and English language and literature from Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) in Budapest. During her university years, she conducted fieldwork in a Hungarian Roma community and has participated in various Roma advocacy projects. Livia is also currently working as a curator at Gallery8 – Roma Contemporary Art Space.



## **Ilona PUSKAS**

### **Events Manager and Program Assistant, SPP Global Policy Academy | Hungary**

As a devoted communications professional, Ilona liaises with creative practitioners, the business sector, and the media. She has a background in cultural project management. Involved in contemporary fine art, she has been researching the role of the curator in facilitating sustainability and solidarity in curatorial praxis. She earned an MA in art and design management from the Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design and a BA in communication and media studies (specialization in journalism) from Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) in Budapest.

## Open Society Justice Initiative

The Open Society Justice Initiative uses law to protect and empower people around the world, supporting the values and work of the Open Society Foundations. Through litigation, advocacy, research, and technical assistance, we strive to secure legal remedies for human rights abuses and promote effective enforcement of the rule of law. Justice Initiative lawyers have represented scores of individuals before domestic and international courts, in cases that have sought not only to vindicate individual claims, but to establish and strengthen the law's protection for all. The Justice Initiative documents violations, proposes solutions, engages policymakers, and offers assistance that draws on our global legal experience. Its efforts focus on accountability for international crimes, racial discrimination and statelessness, criminal justice reform, abuses related to national security and counterterrorism, the promotion of freedom of information and expression, and combating natural resource-related corruption.

## CEU School of Public Policy, Global Policy Academy

SPP's Global Policy Academy (GPA) organizes academically rigorous and policy-relevant courses that are designed not as traditional training seminars but as hubs for sectoral dialogue and experience exchange. The Academy leverages the broad and deep expertise of SPP faculty to address the needs of policy professionals who wish to broaden their knowledge as they serve the public good. Participants from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors enroll in GPA courses to gain relevant practice-oriented skills grounded in research-based knowledge. They also take advantage of the School's global reach to grow and enrich their professional networks in an exceptional learning environment.

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In a world where billions of people live outside the protection of the law, Namati is building a global movement of grassroots legal advocates who work with communities to advance justice. Trained in basic law and in skills like mediation, organizing, education, and advocacy, these "community paralegals" form a dynamic, creative frontline that can engage formal and traditional institutions alike. Across the world, they are empowering people to protect their land, access essential services, and take part in the decisions that govern their lives. Namati has built paralegal efforts with local partner organizations in eight countries. We collect data rigorously on every case and use that information to advocate for systemic, large-scale reforms. Namati hosts a network of 500 organizations from every region in the world, and is fostering greater learning and collaboration among these groups. Together, we are growing a mature global field around legal empowerment.



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