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Election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: biographical information on candidates

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The procedure for the election of members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as established in Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, is outlined in document [E/2022/9/Add.5](#). The list of current members is contained in the annex to that document.
2. In a note verbale dated 10 September 2021, the Secretary-General invited States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to submit their nominations for membership in the Committee within three months.
3. Biographical information on the candidates nominated by States parties to the Covenant is contained in the annex to the present note.



Annex

Biographical information on candidates for election to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights^{*,}**

Aslan Khuseinovich Abashidze (Russian Federation)

Date and place of birth: 18 November 1958, Adzharia (Republic of Georgia)

Working languages: English, Russian

Education

- In 1985 he graduated from P. Lumumba Peoples' Friendship University, Faculty of economics and law, majoring in "International Law"
- From 1985 to 1988 he studied full-time for his Ph.D. at the department of international law. In 1988 he defended his Ph.D. thesis on the topic "Protection of minority rights in the UN" (scientific supervisor Prof. Blischenko I.P.).
- From 1990 to 1992 he did a Master's Degree in Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at Lund University (Sweden), and became Master of International Law (M.I.L., Lund, January 10, 1992).
- In 1997 he defended his doctoral thesis on "The protection of minorities in international and domestic laws."

Professional activities

- From 1988 to this day, Mr. A. Abashidze has been working at the Department of International Law at Patrice Lumumba Peoples Friendship University (now – Peoples' Friendship University of Russia), first as an assistant (from 1988 to 1992), then as associate professor (from 1992 to 1997), and from 1997 – as full professor.

Current positions

- Head of the Department of International Law of the RUDN University, Professor at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural rights, Member of the Expert Council on Law of the Higher Attestation Commission under the Ministry of Education and Science of Russian Federation, Member of the Scientific Advisory Council under the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, Member of the Scientific Advisory Board under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Member of the Expert Council under the Commissioner on Human Rights in the Russian Federation, Chairman of the International Law Commission of the United Nations Association of Russia, Honored Lawyer of the Russian Federation, Doctor of Law, Professor

Publications

- Within Human rights treaty bodies/Author and compiler Abashidze A.Kh., Koneva A.E. 2-nd edition. M., 2015; Human rights and challenges of XXI century/Ed. A. Abashidze. M., 2016; International legal basis of the right to health/Ed. A. Abashidze. M., 2016; Regional human rights systems/Ed. A.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

** The longer version of the curriculum vitae of some candidates may be consulted on the web page of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Abashidze. M., 2016; International protection of human rights/Ed. A. Abashidze. M., 2017; Business and human rights/Ed. A. Abashidze. M., 2017; Opinions of human rights treaty bodies on communications/Ed. A. Abashidze. M., 2017.

Asraf Ally Caunhye (Mauritius)

Date and place of birth: 18 November 1954 (Mauritius)

Working languages: English, French

Education and training

- Barrister at law (1976) educated at the University of London and The Middle Temple, London, UK

Professional activities

- He has been serving as a Judge of the Supreme Court since 2001 and as Chief Justice until 17 November 2021.
- He has been actively involved in the practical implementation and enforcement of human rights for the past 45 years. First, as a practicing member of the private bar from 1976 to 1982. He then served as a Magistrate and Senior Magistrate from 1982 and 1986.
- From 1986 to 2001 he was posted at the Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General's Office and he worked closely with Government Ministries and other organisations, in order to draft the periodic reports of Mauritius for the United Nations International Covenants on Human Rights. As Parliamentary Counsel and Head of the legislative drafting department from 1998 to 2001, he drafted legislation for the setting up of the National Human Rights Commissions and for incorporating human rights norms in legislation dealing with environmental protection, protection of the child, protection from domestic violence, public health, social security, housing, education and employment.
- He has also been engaged in the implementation of human rights both at Regional and International levels. He has worked and interacted with a broad range of experts from UN bodies, the Commonwealth, l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, the African Commission on Human Rights, Southern African development Community (SADC) and the South African Judges Commission.
- He formed part of the working group for the drafting of the founding Charter of South African Judges Commission, Zanzibar (2003); He presented a paper on the promotion and protection of Human Rights at the 3rd Conference of the Chefs d'Institution et de l'Association des Cours Constitutionnelles ayant en Partage l'Usage du français et le Conseil Constitutionnel in Djibouti (2002); He acted as Chairperson of the Experts' Meeting of the First Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Ministerial Conference on Human Rights in Africa (1999). He participated as an expert in the Human Rights Experts Meeting, Commonwealth Law Ministers Conference, Trinidad & Tobago; He was in charge of the Human Rights Department in the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights (1997–2001); Presented a paper on Comparative Islamic and Civil Law, Rabat, Morocco (1997); He participated in the final drafting of SADC Treaty on Free Movement of Goods and Persons and on Extradition and Drug Trafficking, (Lesotho and Harare, Zimbabwe) (1996); and also participated as an expert in the Réunion d'experts de la Francophonie sur les Droits de l'homme in Bucarest in September and Cairo in November (1995); UN – UNITAR Fellow in International Law (1994); He has also been member of the National Law Revision Commission and Member of the Court of the University of Mauritius (1995–2000); Chairman of Mauritius Society of Authors (1994–1996); Secretary of the Bar Council (1990–1992); Chairperson of Mauritius

Magistrates' Association (1984–1985) and Chairperson of Central Prisons Board (1983–1985)

- He has been a regular lecturer in Constitutional Law and Human Rights at the Council of Legal Education and the Institute of Judicial and Legal Studies

Current position(s)

- Asraf Ally Caunhye was the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mauritius until 17 November 2021. He was also the President of the Court of Criminal Appeal and of the Court of the Civil appeal. He was the Head of the Judiciary and Chairperson of Judicial and Legal Service Commission which appoints Supreme Court Judges.

Djam Doudou Daouda (Cameroon)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 1 March 1958, Maroua (Cameroon)

Working languages: English, French

Education

- I am currently completing a master's degree in management of public organizations at the Institut Supérieur de Management Public (ISMP) in Cameroon. In 1986 I obtained a bachelor's degree in private law at the University of Yaoundé, and I also hold a cycle A diploma from the National School of Administration and Magistracy (ENAM). These studies have allowed me to acquire a sound knowledge of economic, social and cultural rights.

Professional activities:

- The Supreme Court is the highest court handling judicial, administrative and audit cases. It comprises three chambers: the Judicial Chamber, the Administrative Chamber and the Audit Chamber, all of which are under the authority of the Chief Justice and the Chief Prosecutor. The Judicial Chamber, where I work, comprises various sections handling matters of civil, commercial, criminal, social and traditional law. In my capacity as a justice and head of the investigations appeals chamber of the specialized section of the Court, I hear appeal cases and attend pre-trial conferences and hearings.

Current position(s)

- I am a senior law officer and a Knight of the Order of Merit and Valour. Since December 2014 I have been a justice at the Supreme Court of Cameroon. Since 2021 I have also been the head of the investigations appeals chamber of the specialized section of the Court. The section hears appeals against writs issued by examining judges relating to the misappropriation of public property.

Other main activities relevant to the Committee's mandate

- I have participated in many workshops and other training sessions organized by the Ministry of Justice of Cameroon, sometimes with the support of United Nations agencies, on issues relating to economic, social and cultural rights. In addition, I have attended training seminars in several foreign countries, including Canada, Senegal, Benin and Egypt. Since 2019 I have been the president and founder of APOWRIN, an organization which promotes the rights of women and girls in the three northern regions of my country. Over the course of my thirty years of experience in district courts, appeal courts and the Supreme Court, I have had to rule on matters of civil, commercial, criminal and traditional law, in accordance with national law and regional (African) and international legal instruments.

Peters Sunday Omologbe Emuze (Nigeria)

Date and place of birth: 9 September 1956, Lagos (Nigeria)

Working languages: English

Education and training

- B.A. (Hons) English/Philosophy
- Masters: International Law & Diplomacy

Professional activities

- Human rights empowerment

Current position(s)

- United Nations Independent Expert on Economic Social and Cultural Rights
- Peters S.O. Emuze is a retired Special Grade Director and Career Ambassador of Nigeria with B.A. (Hons) and Masters in International Law and Diplomacy. He served Nigeria in various capacities as a diplomat both in Nigeria and Nigeria's diplomatic Missions abroad for thirty-three years; the latter namely in Zambia, The Netherlands, Italy, Hong Kong and the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition, he represented Nigeria and attended international conferences in over forty countries in promoting bilateral and multilateral, political and economic relations; including attracting foreign direct investments into his country. He was also Head of the United Nations Department in his country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- During his career, he forged both bilateral and multilateral economic and cultural relations between Nigeria and many countries which culminated in a number of agreements. At the multilateral level, and as Special Grade Director of the United Nations Department, he also made tremendous input into Nigeria's policy framework for the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) 69th, 70th, 71st and 72nd sessions.
- As Head of Nigeria's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva from 2015–2017, he effectively coordinated Nigeria's participation in the work of the United Nations Office in Geneva, including representing Nigeria at the Human Rights Council; and other United Nations Specialized Agencies/organizations such as ITU, UNCTAD, WIPO, IOM, G15, WMO, WHO, ICRC, and Global Funds. He collaborated with Norway in Geneva, in ensuring African countries signed and keyed into the Safe School Initiative. At one time too, he was President of the United Nations Conference on Disarmament. He is currently an Independent Expert of the United Nations Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights.

Publications

- An Appraisal of the UN Role in the Rwanda and Burundi Genocide

Santiago Manuel Fiorio Vaesken (Paraguay)

Date and place of birth: 18 January 1986, Asunción (Paraguay)

Working languages: English, Spanish

Education and training

- **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) 2018–2019**

Master of Science (MSc) in Human Rights

Dissertation: “The contributions of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for the promotion of international human rights standards”

- Chevening Award 2018–2019

Scholarship granted by the British Government

Universidad Americana 2013

- Diploma in Superior Education – Professor
- **Universidad de la Integración de las Américas (UNIDA) 2009–2012**
Degree in Law
- **Universidad de la Integración de las Américas (UNIDA) 2005–2008**
Degree in International Relations – Best Graduate

Professional activities

- “Poverty Spotlight” Programme Officer – Fundación Paraguaya (Current): Leading technical assistance for the implementation of multi-dimensional elimination of poverty programmes in 14 countries. Assessment on the implementation of human rights standards in elimination of poverty programmes. Networking with 40 international NGO’s and corporations in 27 countries for providing additional assistance for developing programmes, interventions and solutions for multidimensional poverty. For more info, access this LinkedIn Profile.
- Human Rights Network of the Executive Branch, Ministry of Justice (Current): Ad honorem independent collaborator for training programs on diverse economic, social and cultural rights and other thematic issues regarding international human rights standards for treatment of persons in situation of vulnerability, such as indigenous peoples, migrants, refugees, persons deprived of liberty, international labour standards, and others.
- Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2013–2021): Delegate for Paraguay at the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC): proposing HRC resolutions [30/25](#) and [36/29](#), which promote international cooperation for strengthening National Mechanisms for Reporting and Follow-up of human rights international obligations and commitments, including human rights recommendations, linked to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Construction and management of the SIMORE Plus system in Paraguay, an online public database that systematizes international human rights recommendations and reports on their implementation, and linking these to the SDGs of the 2030 Agenda, with cooperation of the OHCHR. Designed, executed and managed the SIMORE International Cooperation Programme for the development and/or strengthening

national follow-up systems for international human rights recommendations in several countries and for the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights (Inter-American SIMORE). Studied and drafted recommendations to States under the Universal Periodic Review. Member of the National Commission for Refugees. Focal Point for International Humanitarian Law (IHL), and related national laws and policies. R2P Focal Point. GAAMAC Focal Point. Focal Point and delegate for the RAADH (Main forum in the field of human rights in MERCOSUR), RAFRO (Specialized meeting for the promotion and protection of human rights of afro-descendants in MERCOSUR) and RAPIM (Specialized meeting for the promotion and protection of rights of indigenous peoples in MERCOSUR).

Current position(s)

- “Poverty Spotlight” Programme Officer – Fundación Paraguaya.
- Professor at:
 - Universidad de la Integración de las Américas;
 - Primer Instituto Paraguayo de Estudios de Protocolo y Ceremonial;
 - Human Rights Network of the Executive Branch training programmes (*ad honorem* independent collaborator);
 - Ministry of Foreign Affairs High Level Course on Human Rights (temporary – *ad honorem* independent collaborator)
 - Instituto de Políticas Públicas en Derechos Humanos: Virtual Course on Education in Human Rights for MERCOSUR (temporary – *ad honorem* collaborator).

Publications

- Paraguay Miembro del Consejo de Derechos Humanos 2015–2017”. Co-author. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (June 2015)
- “Monitoreo del Cumplimiento del Pacto Internacional de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales, vinculado al Sistema de Preferencias Generales de la Unión Europea”. Collaborator. Centro de Análisis y Difusión de la Economía Paraguaya (CADEP) (December 2019)
- “National Human Rights Strategies – The Role of National Human Rights Systems in the Implementation of International Human Rights Standards”. Collaborator. Author: Domenico Zipoli – The Graduate Institute of Geneva and Université de Genève. (January 2021)
- Academic dissertations supervision (22) (2014–2021)

Diane Hassane (Côte d’Ivoire)

Date and place of birth: 23 February 1976, Bouaké (Côte d’Ivoire)

Working languages: English, French

Education

University training

- Since 2021: Instance of Master II in international law at the UNESCO Chair of the University Félix Houphouët Boigny for the doctoral cycle
- 2006–2007: Diploma of the higher cycle of the School of Magistracy and Judicial Professions of the National School of Administration, Cycle: Magistracy
- 2006–2007: Graduate of the Higher Cycle of the School of Magistracy and Judicial Professions of the National School of Administration, Cycle: Magistracy
- 2002–2003: Master’s degree in Legal and Political Sciences, Private Law, Major: Business University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar (Senegal)
- 2000–2001: Bachelor’s degree in private law, University of Bouaké
- 1996–1997: Baccalaureate, Series A2 (Major: Literature), Lycée Moderne Belleville de Bouaké.

Additional training

- August 2019: Certificate of American Business School, “FDFP” Accredited Language Institute – English and French Courses – Translation – Interpretation
- October 2018: Certificate of Specialty of the International Specialized Cycle of Public Administration “Protection of Human Rights 2018” at Ecole Nationale D’Administration, Paris (France)
- March 2015: Certificate of the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI), Tokyo, Japan
- 19–25 May 2014: Certificate of Academy of Intelligence – Turkish National Police – Ankara, on “The role of intelligence against terrorism course”
- December 2014: Certificate of the International Academy of Intelligence – Nuremberg (Germany)

Professional activities

- Since early 2021: Full member of the National Commission of Appeal for eligibility for stateless status
- Since 2020: Coordinator of the Observatory of Human Rights in the electoral process of CNDH (“National Council for Human Rights”)
- Since 2020: Teacher of the “Fundamental Rights” module at the School of Clerks of the National Institute of Judicial Training
- Since 2020: Member of the National Monitoring Committee of the Millennium Challenges Corporation (MCC), “Civil Rights and Public Liberties” indicators
- Since 2019: Lecturer on “National Human Rights Protection Mechanisms” and “Fair Trial Principles” at the regular and specialised sessions of the Human Rights University of the National Human Rights Council
- Since March 2018: Secretary General of the National Council for Human Rights

- August 2016–March 2018: Chief of Staff of the Keeper of the Seals, Minister of Justice and Human Rights
- August 2013–July 2016: Person in Charge of Studies at the office of the Keeper of the Seals, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Public Freedoms
- June 2011 to July 2013: Deputy Public Prosecutor at the Court of First Instance of Abengourou
- 2009–2011: Temporary teacher of commercial law modules, company law and individual and collective labour relations, BTS and Engineering Cycles at the Academy of Technological and DIANE HASSANE Magistrate Secretary General of the National Council for Human Rights – Côte d’Ivoire Expert and Trainer in Human Rights 2 Sincere certified Accounting Sciences (A.S.T.C)
- October 2003–December 2005: Lawyer at the YEO Massékro Law Firm, Lawyer at the Abidjan Court of Appeal

Current position(s)

- Since early 2021: Full member of the National Commission of Appeal for eligibility for stateless status

Publications

Articles

- Human Rights – Combating the Spread of Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19) – State of Emergency, 2020;
- On some human rights safeguards in the new code of criminal procedure, 2019;
- Understanding the Universal Periodic Review (UPR): The global human rights rendezvous, 2019;
- “Protecting human rights and fighting corruption, 2019;
- The framework for the promotion and protection of human rights defenders: an unfinished symphony, 2019;
- Activism in the promotion and protection of human rights: an ethical commitment, 2019.

Publications

- Writer of a Guide on “Human Rights-Based Election Observation”, for the general elections in Côte d’Ivoire, 2020;
- Contributions to the drafting of the document “Challenges to the realization of women’s rights” produced by the National Human Rights Council (CNDH), 2021;
- Contributions to the drafting of “The Ivory Coast facing human rights mechanisms, produced by the CNDH, 2019, 2020.

Ludovic Hennebel (Belgium)

Date and place of birth: 8 September 1973, Brussels (Belgium)

Working languages: English, French, Spanish

Education and training

- PhD in international human rights law, Brussels University, Belgium, 2005
- Diploma in international human rights law, René Cassin Institute, Strasbourg, France, 2001
- LL.M in human rights, University of Leicester at the Law School, Dissertation on Humanitarian Assistance under the dir. of Malcolm Shaw, Leicester, United Kingdom, 1999
- M.A. & B.A. in law, Brussels University at the Law School, Belgium, 1998

Professional activities

- Acting as University Professor, Expert and Lawyer/Attorney at Law.
- Professor of International Law and Human Rights Law, Brussels University (Belgium – 2009–2014) Aix-Marseille University (France – 2014-in progress)
- Director of the Legal Clinic on Human Rights & Global Justice, Aix-Marseille University
- Director of the LL.M/Master Program on Humanitarian Law and Action/Human Rights/Global Justice, Aix-Marseille University
- Director of the Summer School on the Practice of International Human Rights Law, Aix-Marseille University
- Visiting Professor/scholar at Sciences Po Paris (2008–2012), Harvard Law School (2011–2013), New York University (2007–2008), Inter-American Court of Human Rights (2003–2004)

Current position(s)

- Professor of Human Rights at Aix-Marseille University (France); United Nations Member of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council and Chair Rapporteur of the Working Group on communications; Attorney at Law
- Professor of International Law and Human Rights Law, Aix-Marseille University (France)
- Director of the Institute for International Humanitarian Studies, Aix-Marseille University (France)
- Attorney at Law, Partner at Hennebel Avocats Law Firm, Marseille Bar (France)
- Independent Expert Member and Vice-President of the Advisory Committee of the United Nations Human Rights Council
- Independent Expert Member and Chair-Rapporteur of the United Nations' Working Group complaint procedure on grave and systematic human rights violations

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

- As a member of the Advisory Committee, member of the drafting group of the reports dealing with national policies and human rights; racial equality (rapporteur); right to development (chair); illicit funds; the impact of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights (esp. on economic, social and cultural rights); new and emerging technologies and human rights.
- Practical training on human rights, economic, social and cultural rights, and international law provided on a regular basis to judges, lawyers, activists and students on several continents.
- Legal advice and expertise as a lawyer regularly advising and acting in international litigation and cases involving alleged violations of human rights, including economic, social and cultural rights.

Publications

- Ludovic Hennebel and Hélène Tigroudja, *Treatise of International Human Rights Law*, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, forthcoming 2021.
- Ludovic Hennebel and Hélène Tigroudja, *The American Convention of Human Rights: A Commentary*, Oxford University Press: New York, forthcoming 2021.
- Ludovic Hennebel, “The Human Rights Committee: A Critical Appraisal” in Ph. Alston and al. (Eds.), *The United Nations and Human Rights*, Oxford University Press, New York, 2020, 63 pages
- Ludovic Hennebel and Hélène Tigroudja, *Traité de droit international des droits de l’homme*, Pédone: Paris, 2018, 2nd edition, 1721 pages.
- L. Hennebel, *La Convention américaine des droits de l’homme: étendue des droits et libertés et mécanismes de protection*, Collection Publications de l’Institut International des Droits de l’Homme René Cassin, Préface by Antonio A. Cançado Trindade, Brussels, Bruylant, 2007, 732 pages.
- L. Hennebel, *La jurisprudence du Comité des droits de l’homme des Nations Unies*, Collection Droit et Justice, Preface by Manfred Nowak, Brussels, Bruylant, 2007, 582 pages.

Thokozani Kaime (Malawi)

Date and place of birth: 12 February 1978, Lirangwe (Malawi)

Working languages: English

Education and training

- 2007 PhD, Law, SOAS University of London, United Kingdom
- 2001 LLM Law (Distinction), University of Pretoria, South Africa
- 2000 LLB (Honours), University of Malawi

Professional activities

- Trustee, Essex Wildlife Trust, UK
- Co-Chair, Legal Aspects of Sustainable Energy for All Community of Practice, USA
- Legal Practitioner, Malawi Law Society
- Member, Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence, Germany
- Member, Socio-Legal Studies Association
- Member, International Bar Association

Current position(s)

- 2019: Professor and Chairholder of African Legal Studies, University of Bayreuth
- 2019: Director, Tanzanian-German Centre for Eastern African Legal Studies, University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam TZ
- 2021: Vice-Director, Institute of African Studies, University of Bayreuth
- 2021: Professorial Fellow, SOAS University of London

Publications

Books

- *International Climate Change Law and Policy: Cultural Legitimacy in Adaptation and Mitigation* London: Routledge (2014).
- *The Convention on the Rights of the Child: A cultural legitimacy critique* Groningen: Europa Law Publishing (2011).
- *The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child: A socio-legal perspective* Pretoria: Pretoria University Law Press (2009).

Selected articles

- 'International energy policy for development: human rights and sustainable development law imperatives' in P Cullet (ed) *Research handbook on law, environment and the global South* (2019) Cheltenham: Edward Elgar 305-321.
- 'Children's rights and the environment' in U Kilkelly & T Liefwaard (ed) *International children's rights law* 323-336 (2018) Leiden: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers 179-191.

- Countering abuse in EU markets for ecosystems services environmental markets: The case for integrated operational safeguards (2017) 26 (1) *Review of European, Comparative & International Environmental Law* 69-79.
- with R Glicksman 'An International Legal Framework for SE4All: Human Rights and Sustainable Development Law Imperatives (2015) 38 *Fordham International Law Journal* 1405-1444.
- with R Glicksman 'A comparative analysis of accountability mechanisms for ecosystem services markets in the United States and the European Union' 2 (2013) *Transnational Environmental Law* 259-283.
- 'Framing the law and policy for ecosystems services' 2 (2013) *Transnational Environmental Law* 211-216.
- 'Cultural legitimacy and regulatory transitions for climate change: A discursive framework' (2011) *Carbon & Climate Law Review* 321-329.

Joo-Young Lee (Republic of Korea)

Date and place of birth: 30 May 1973 (Republic of Korea)

Working languages: English, Korean

Education and training

- PhD in Law (International Human Rights Law), University of Essex, United Kingdom, 2012
- MA in Human Rights, University of Sussex, United Kingdom, 2006
- BA in Social Welfare, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, 1998

Professional activities

- President, Korean Association of Human Rights Studies, 2021–2022.

Teaching appointments: Adjunct Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, KAIST, 2019–2021; Lecturer, Graduate School of Public Policy and Civic Engagement, Kyung Hee University, 2018; Lecturer, Law Department, Seoul National University, 2013, 2016, 2017; Adjunct Professor, MAINS, Sungkonghoe University, 2015; Lecturer, School of Social Science, Kyung Hee University, 2003.

- Expert Advisor, Human Rights Center, Seoul National University, 2012–2020.
- Member, Human Rights Management Committee, Korean International Cooperation Agency, 2018–Present.
- Expert Member in the field of Human Rights, Korea International Cooperation Agency, 2019–Present.
- Member, Expert Committee on Human Rights Education, National Human Rights Commission of Korea, 2019–2023.

Current position(s)

- Associate Research Professor, Human Rights Center, Seoul National University

Publications

- “Distributive Justice and Economic and Social Rights” in G. MacNaughton, DF Frey and C. Porter eds., *Human Rights and Economic Inequalities*, Cambridge University Press, 2021.
- “A Relational Approach to Human Rights”, *Korean Journal of Law & Society*, 2020. [in Korean]
- “Justiciability of Social Rights: Beyond the Dichotomy Between Liberal Rights and Social Rights”, *Labor Law Review*, 2019. [in Korean]
- “Social Rights of Non-citizens: A Critical Analysis of the Korean Constitutional Court Decisions”, *Journal of Human Rights Studies*, 2018. [in Korean]
- “Neoliberal Developmentalism in South Korea and the Unfulfilled Promise of Economic and Social Rights” in G. MacNaughton and DF Frey eds., *Economic and Social Rights in a Neoliberal World*, Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- “Victim’s Rights and Victim-centered Approach in International Human Rights Law”, *The Korean Journal of International Law*, 63(1), 2018. [in Korean]

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- “Rights to Development, Peace and Environment: Their Conceptual Development and Implications for ‘Solidarity Rights’”, The Journal of Migration & Society, 2017. [in Korean]
 - “The Development of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Its National Implications”, Korean Journal of International Law, 61(2), 2016. [in Korean]
 - A Human Rights Framework for Intellectual Property, Innovation and Access to Medicines, Ashgate, 2015.
 - “Implementation of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights”, co-authored with Paul Hunt, Judith Bueno de Mesquita, and Sally-Anne Way, in N. Rodley et al. (eds.) Routledge Handbook of International Human Rights Law, 2013.
 - “The Human Rights Responsibilities of Pharmaceutical Companies in relation to Access to Medicines”, co-authored with Paul Hunt, The Journal of Law, Medicines and Ethics, 40(2), 2012.

Karla Vanessa Lemus de Vásquez (El Salvador)

Date and place of birth: 19 September 1979, Santa Ana (El Salvador)

Working languages: English, Spanish

Education and training

- Human Rights and COVID: Response to the health emergency, Navarra University. June–August 2021
- International Training Course on Labour and Social Policies for Decent Work. ILO, May 2018.
- Professional Certificate on Public Management for Development, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), September 2017.
- Career Diplomat, Second Secretary, Executive Decree No. 910/2009. May 2009.
- Master Degree on Local Development at José Simeón Cañas Central American University. October 2009.
- Graduate in International Relations at University of El Salvador (UES). December 2003.

Professional activities

- 2021: Member of the editorial team, Human Development Report, El Salvador, 2021.
- 2017–up to date: Management Group of Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Project (WHO-FCTC2030) for El Salvador.
- 2015: Organizer of the Civil Society Forum of the 8th Ministerial Conference of the Community of Democracies, San Salvador, July 2015.
- 2014: Technical working team of the 3rd Report on the Progress of the Millennium Development Goals. El Salvador. 2014.
- 2011: Organizer of the civil Society Dialogue of the Forty-first regular session of the OAS General Assembly, El Salvador, June 2011.
- 2008: Member of the Substantive Committee in the organization of the XVIII Ibero-American Summit, El Salvador, October 2008.
- 2007: Organizer of the XIV Meeting of First Ladies, Spouses and Representatives of Heads of State of the Americas. November 2007.
- 2007: Member of the Non-Permanent Specialized Committee on Social Development and Creation of Productive Employment. OAS.
- 2006: Organizer of the XXXIII Assembly of Delegates of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM-OAS), El Salvador, November 2006.
- 2004: Delegate of El Salvador in several international meetings such as UN-Commission on Population and Development, UN-Commission on Social Development, Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor, etc.

Current position(s)

- Independent Expert of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, CESCR (DESC). 2019–2022. *Chair of the Pressesional Working Group, October 2021.*

- (June 2021–up to date) – Chief of Department, human Rights International Systems, Human Rights Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, El Salvador.
- (Dec. 2004–May 2021) – Director of Social Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, El Salvador.

In charge of monitoring social issues such as education, health (including sexual and reproductive health, employment, social indicators, fight against poverty, population and development, sports, among others. In addition, she monitors national and international progress in relation to specific population groups such as children, women, older persons, people with disabilities, youth, etc.

Coordination of national processes for the preparation of reports on the application of several international human rights instruments ratified by the country, both in the Universal System and in the Inter-American System.

Promoter of the National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up in El Salvador.

Julieta Rossi (Argentina)

Date and place of birth: 23 September 1972, Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Working languages: English, French, Spanish

Education and training

- Universidad Nacional de Lanús, Doctoral Student in Human Rights Law (2017–present)
- Yale University, Law School, Graduate Fellow, Schell Center for International Human Rights (September 2005–May 2006)
- Nueva York University, Law School, LLM in Global Public Service Law (scholarships granted by NYU and Fulbright Program) (2005)
- Universidad de Buenos Aires, Law School, Lawyer, with specialization in Criminal Law and International Public Law (1997)

Professional activities

- Ministerio Público Fiscal de la Nación (Federal Office of the Attorney General), Law Clerk in the area that intervenes before the Argentine Supreme Court. Elaboration of legal opinions in constitutional cases on economic, social, cultural and environmental rights and coordination of the work related to the implementation of the Supreme Court's judgment in the structural case on the pollution of Riachuelo River (Mendoza case) (2016–present)
- Instituto de Políticas Públicas en Derechos Humanos del Mercosur (IPPDH), Responsible for Projects on Technical Cooperation for states' agencies on the design, implementation and evaluation of public policies from a human rights based approach; coordination of capacity building programs (January 2013–April 2015)
- Ministerio de Justicia y Derechos Humanos de la Nación, Technical Coordination of the Project “Avanzar en Derechos”, with the support of PNUD (November 2011–December 2012)
- International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2006–2010), Executive Director. Among others, coordination of the advocacy campaign for the adoption of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2007–2011)
- Centre for Legal and Social Studies (CELS), Program on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Director. Promotion of the enforceability and strategic litigation agenda (see CELS, *La lucha por el Derecho*, CELS and Siglo XXI, 2008) (2001–2004).
- Centro for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), Representative for Argentina. Coordination of strategic litigation and actions before the Inter-American System of Human Rights (2000–2001) and Lawyer (1997–2003).

Current position(s)

- Federal Office of the Attorney General, Law clerk in the area that intervenes before the Argentine Suprema Court (2016–present)
- Universidad Nacional de Lanús, Director of the Master's Program on Human Rights (November 2017–present), postgraduate professor and researcher at the

Instituto de Justicia y Derechos Humanos (selected by public contest) (December 2012–present)

- Universidad de Buenos Aires, Law School, Professor of “International human rights Law” at graduate level (chair of Prof. Mónica Pinto) (selected by public contest) (2015–present) and of “Jurisprudence of the Interamerican System of Human Rights” at the Human Rights Master’s Program (2013–present)
- Universidad Nacional de General San Martín, Professor of “Economic, social, cultural and environmental rights” at the Master’s Program on Human Rights and Democratization” (2013–present)

Publications

- La lucha por los derechos sociales. Los fallos judiciales y la disputa política por su cumplimiento (book), coeditor with Malcolm Langford and César Rodríguez Garavito, Colección Dejusticia, Bogotá, 2017.
- Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, A commentary (book), coeditor with Malcolm Langford, Bruce Porter and Rebeca Brown, Pretoria University Law Press (PULP), 2017.
- “Implementation of Social and Economic Rights: Argentina”, with Daniel Brinks in David S. Law (ed.), Constitutionalism in Context, Cambridge University Press (to be published).
- “El camino de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos hacia la justiciabilidad directa de los DESCAs y su impacto en los ordenamientos jurídicos nacionales”, in Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Essex University and University of Concepción, Derechos sociales y el momento constituyente de Chile: Perspectivas globales y locales para el debate constitucional. Tomo II, Santiago, Chile, September 2021.
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- Claiming ESCR at the United Nations, A Manual on Utilizing the OP-ICESCR in Strategic Litigation (with Bret Thiele), International Network on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, March 2014.

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Professional activities

- In her distinguished career with the Indian Foreign Service spread over 36 years, Ambassador Preeti Saran served in various capacities in India as well as in Indian Missions in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas.
- As Secretary to the Government of India with the rank of Vice Foreign Minister, she was responsible for policy formulation of India's relations with countries in East Asia, South East Asia, Canada and Latin America and the Caribbean region.
- Ambassador Saran has dealt with the entire range of issues pertaining to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) during her long diplomatic career. She is currently serving as a member of the Committee for the term 2019–2022.
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- She has been a senior member of Indian delegations to several multilateral and other events, including at the Summit Level.
- She was India's Ambassador to Vietnam and Consul General in Toronto, Canada. Her other overseas assignments include at the Indian Missions in Russia, Bangladesh, Egypt and Geneva.
- At the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, Ambassador Saran held wide ranging responsibilities, including supervision of the work relating to Public Diplomacy, Counter Terrorism, ASEAN, BIMSTEC, The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Parliament and Coordination. As Director General, she acquired extensive experience of dealing with India's relations with SAARC, Nepal and Bhutan. She also served in the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR)