

Biographies of speakers, the 1st International Fair Trial Day and Ebru Timtik Award

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Banu Güven, Journalist

Banu Güven started her career in journalism while studying International Relations at Istanbul University. Middle East being her primary focus, Güven worked as a reporter and editor for Milliyet daily between 1992-1997.

1997, she joined the news channel NTV, 1999 - 2011 she produced and presented late night and prime time news, and also hosted a talk show.

In 2011, her attempt to host one of the most prominent figures of Kurdish politics in her program was prevented by the channel. She boycotted and shortly afterwards, she was fired. In an open letter, she accused the then PM Erdoğan for implementing censorship.

2014 - 2017, she worked for IMC TV presenting prime time news, and produced documentaries. October 2016, the channel was closed under emergency rule.

Since then, Güven has been writing for and contributing to various media, mostly online, such as Deutsche Welle (Turkish, German, English), WDR Cosmo ARD - Türkei Unzensiert, taz, diken.com.tr, SRF2.

She has started her own YouTube Channel recently.

Due to insecurities and political pressure in Turkey, she moved to Germany in 2019.

Güven received many awards in journalism, including the renowned Henri Nannen Preis in Germany for Outstanding Performance in Journalism in 2017.

Güven taught media courses between 2012 - 2015 at Izmir University of Economics, and at Kadir Has University in 2016.

She is a member of the International Press Institute (IPI), the recently established Freedom of Expression Association in Turkey and various journalists' advocacy groups.

She is a former English PEN Writer in Residence.

Diego García-Sayán, the UN Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

Diego García-Sayán was appointed as Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers in December 2016. He served as judge of the Inter-American Court of Human

Rights for two consecutive terms (2008-2013). Some of the significant achievements of his 4-year Presidency include having increased the Court's efficiency, boosting the organization's income by over 50% in order to fund its budget, and holding the first public hearing of the Court in a CARICOM Country (Barbados). During this period, the Court issued several landmark rulings related to women's rights in contexts of violence, discrimination, and access to public information, among others.

Mr. García-Sayán has broad experience working for multilateral organizations such as the United Nations and the Organization of American States. He served as Representative of the UN Secretary-General for the Peace Agreements at El Salvador and for the subsequent verification of the agreements reporting directly to the Security Council; member and Chairperson of the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances during several years; member of the Redesign Panel on the United Nations System of Administration of Justice, appointed by the UN Secretary-General in 2006; Head of the Electoral Mission of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Guatemala during the general elections (2007).

In Peru, Mr. García-Sayán served as Minister of Justice during the democratic transition in Peru and as Minister of Foreign Affairs proposing and promoting the Inter-American Democratic Charter adopted on September 11, 2001 by the General Assembly of the OAS which he presided. He was also President of the High-Level Commission to design and implement the Museum of Memory, Tolerance and Social Inclusion in Peru, inaugurated in December 2015.

Dominique Attias, President of the European Bars Federation

Dominique Attias has a Master of Law from Paris II University and a DEA in Clinical Psychology and Psychopathology from Paris VIII University. Since 1981, she has been an attorney at law at the Paris Bar. She is also a partner at SCP Attias & Jauze, Avocats, in Paris, where she specialises in real estate law, family law and juvenile law.

She started out as a business lawyer, then took training in the rights of migrant families. This led her to discover juvenile justice and the defence of the most vulnerable members of the society, women and lawyers in danger. She now devotes much of her time to this cause, about which she is passionate. She is a member of Solidarity Lawyers – Defence Without Borders and the Citizens' Observatory for Victims' Rights.

Dominique has held many prominent positions and has served on many councils and committees. From 2009–2015, she was a member of the French National Bar Council (CNB), part of the Access to Law Commission and the International Commission. In 2009 she set up a national working group dedicated to the rights of juveniles, which she led until 2017.

From 2016–2018 she was Vice-President of the Paris Bar, in charge of international relations, and President of the Paris Bar of the International Observatory of Lawyers (OIAD). From 2018–2020 she was a member of the Council of the Paris Bar, the International

Relations Commission and the Europe/Central Europe Subcommittee. Since December 2019, she has been an administrator on the Board of Directors of the International Conference of Bars with a Common Legal Tradition (CIB). She has been awarded the Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur for her work.

She became President of the European Bars Federation in March 2021.

Emma Sinclair-Webb, Human Rights Watch

Emma Sinclair-Webb, associate director with Human Rights Watch's Europe and Central Asia division, joined HRW in 2007. She has worked on issues including police violence, accountability for enforced disappearances and killings by state perpetrators, the misuse of terrorism laws, arbitrary detention, attacks on lawyers and the erosion of fair trial rights in Turkey. She is based in Istanbul.

Irma van den Berg, Lawyers for Lawyers

Irma van den Berg is a lawyer in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, specializing in public and environmental law. She graduated at the University of Amsterdam in 1992. Since 1 July 2019 Irma is president of the board of Lawyers for Lawyers, a Dutch independent and non-political foundation operating in many countries worldwide. Lawyers for Lawyers aims to ensure that lawyers can do their work freely and independently, without fear of harassment or prosecution, so they can advise and defend their clients in accordance with the principles of a fair trial, uphold the rule of law and protect human rights. Irma has been involved in trial monitoring in Turkey since 2012.

Patrick Henry, the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE)

Patrick HENRY graduated in law from the University of Liège in 1977. That same year, he became a lawyer with the law firm HANNEQUART & RASIR. He was admitted to the Bar of Liège on 19 October 1980.

He has been editor-in-chief of the legal journal "Jurisprudence de Liège, Mons et Bruxelles" (J.L.M.B.) since 1987.

He is a scientific collaborator of the Faculty of Law of the University of Liège ("liability and contracts" and "property" departments). Until 15 September 2008, he was also a lecturer at this university in construction law. He was also a lecturer at the U.Lg-H.E.C. School of Management (environmental law) until 15 September 2013.

He was president of the Conférence Libre du Jeune Barreau de Liège (1989-1990) and member of the Bar Council (1996-1998, 2001-2003). He was president of the bar from 2007 to 2009. He was President of the French and German speaking Bars

(AVOCATS.BE) from 2013 to 2016. He was head of the Belgian delegation to the Council of European Bars and Law Societies (C.C.B.E.) from 2011 to 2013 and Chair of the CCBE Human Rights Committee from 2013 to 2019. He was a member of the Steering Committee of the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) (2010-2011). He is currently President of AVOCATS SANS FRONTIERES.

He is the author of numerous publications, mainly in the fields of law of the legal profession, town planning and environmental law, construction law, medical law, insurance law and contract law.

Sarah Clarke, Head of Europe and Central Asia, ARTICLE 19

Sarah joined ARTICLE 19 in January 2019 as Head of the Europe and Central Asia team, defending the human rights to freedom of expression and information in the region. Between 2012 and 2018, she led PEN International's policy and advocacy work, overseeing its engagement with the UN and regional human rights mechanisms and governments. She is the author of numerous country-specific and thematic reports concerning legal restrictions on free expression and the protection of writers and journalists at risk. She has a particular interest in freedom of expression in Turkey, where she has led numerous advocacy missions, trial observations and the amicus interventions on the priority cases of journalists before the European Court of Human Rights. She regularly publishes, lectures and gives trainings on a variety of freedom of expression issues.

Sarah has consulted for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, OSCE and Oxford and Harvard universities on issues relating to freedom of expression, asylum and forced migration. She speaks Spanish and is graduate of Oxford University, Trinity College Dublin and BPP Law School.

Seda Şaraldı, People's Law Office

Seda Şaraldı was graduated from the Law Faculty of the Marmara University. She is practicing law since early 2020 for People's Law Office. She is also an executive board member of the Progressive Lawyers Association's Istanbul Branch.

She represented the opponent music group Group Yorum, a well-known academic Nuriye Gulmen, and Ayten Ozturk who was a torture survivor. She is being prosecuted herself because of her professional activities under Turkey's arbitrary and broadly applied anti-terrorism legislation.

Tony Fisher, Human Rights Lawyer

Tony Fisher is senior partner of the law firm Fisher Jones Greenwood LLP in Essex, England. Tony has undertaken a wide range of international and domestic human rights work and has

appeared as an advocate in the European Court of Human Rights on many occasions. He is a Fellow of the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex and is a member and immediate past chair of the Human Rights Committee of the Law Society of England and Wales. He sits on the Council of the Law Society of England and Wales as the representative for the Essex constituency and on the International Committee, which oversees the international work of the Law Society. He was awarded the Modern Law Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018 for his work in and for the legal profession. He has also been awarded the title of Doctor *Honoris Causa* from the University of Essex.