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Dr. Gillian Triggs

Gillian Triggs is UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Protection. She was appointed on 9 August 2019. Triggs is a highly renowned expert in international law who has held a number of eminent appointments in service to human rights and the refugee cause, including most recently as the President of the Australian Human Rights Commission and the Vice Chancellor's Fellow and Emeritus Professor at the University of Melbourne. Triggs oversees UNHCR's protection work for millions of refugees, internally displaced, stateless and other people of concern. An Australian national, she has previously held a number of leadership roles, including as President of the Asian Development Bank Administrative Tribunal, Chair of the UN Independent Expert Panel of Inquiry into Abuse of Office and

Harassment in UNAIDS, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Challis Professor of International Law at the University of Sydney and as Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in London. Triggs has been closely associated with a number of not-for-profit organizations throughout her career, including most recently as Chair of Justice Connect, an organization that connects 10,000 lawyers to provide pro bono advice to asylum-seekers and others in need of legal support in Australia. She is also the author of many books and papers on public international law.

Gillian Triggs est haut-commissaire assistante chargée de la protection au Haut-commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés (UNHCR), ayant été nommée à ce poste le 9 août 2019. Mme Triggs est une experte internationale de grand renom en droit international, ayant rempli un certain nombre de postes éminents au service des droits de la personne et de la cause des réfugiés, dont, plus récemment, présidente de la commission australienne des droits humains, et titulaire de la bourse du vice-chancelier et professeure émérite à l'Université de Melbourne. Mme Triggs supervise le travail du UNHCR visant la protection de millions de réfugiés, de personnes déplacées à l'intérieur de leur propre pays, d'apatrides et d'autres gens dont le sort est préoccupant.

Ressortissante australienne, elle a rempli plusieurs rôles de leadership, dont présidente du tribunal administratif de la Banque asiatique de développement, présidente du groupe d'experts indépendants sur la prévention et la lutte contre le harcèlement et l'intimidation de l'ONUSIDA, doyenne de la faculté de droit et titulaire du poste Challis en droit international à l'Université de Sydney, et directrice du British Institute of International and Comparative Law, à Londres. Mme Triggs a été étroitement associée à plusieurs organismes sans but lucratif tout au long de sa carrière, y compris, plus récemment, à titre de présidente du conseil de Justice Connect, un groupe qui met en lien 10 000 juristes qui offrent gratuitement des conseils aux demandeurs d'asile et autres personnes ayant besoin d'aide juridique en Australie. Elle est également l'autrice de plusieurs livres et articles portant sur le droit international public.

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Dr. Sharon H. Venne

Dr. Sharon H. Venne (Notokwew Muskwa Manitokan) is a Cree woman. She has worked at the United Nations prior to the establishment of the Working Group on Indigenous Peoples in 1982. The background research to the many clauses on the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is included in her book: *Our Elders Understand Our Rights: Evolving international law regarding Indigenous Peoples*. Sharon worked to secure a UN Study on Treaties from the first introduction of the resolution in 1983 until the report was finalised in 1999. She worked to ensure that the report reflected Indigenous laws and norms. She recently published "Manufactured Consent – how state governments manufacture consent and use it against Indigenous Nations at the domestic and international level" in a book edited by Dr. Irene Watson: [Indigenous Peoples as subjects of international law](#).

Dre Sharon H. Venne (Notokwew Muskwa Manitokan) est de la nation crie. Elle a travaillé aux Nations Unies avant l'établissement du Groupe de travail sur les populations autochtones, en 1982. Les résultats de recherche contextuelle qui soutiennent beaucoup des clauses de la DNUDPA proviennent de son livre intitulé *Our Elders Understand Our Rights: Evolving international law regarding Indigenous Peoples*. Mme Venne a travaillé à la mise sur pied, à l'ONU, d'une étude sur les traités suivant l'adoption d'une résolution qui a précédé, en 1983, le rapport finalisé en 1999. Elle a veillé à assurer que le rapport reflète fidèlement les lois et normes autochtones. Elle a récemment signé un texte (*Manufactured Consent – how state governments manufacture consent and use it against Indigenous Nations at the domestic and international level*) qui a été publié dans un livre d'Irene Watson, Ph.D., intitulé [Indigenous Peoples as Subjects of International Law](#)

Prof. Irene Watson



Professor Irene Watson belongs to the Tanganekald, Meintangk Bunganditj First Nations peoples of the Coorong and the South-east of South Australia and is the Pro Vice Chancellor: Aboriginal Leadership and Strategy, the David Unaipon Chair, and Professor of Law at the University of South Australia. Over many years, Irene has worked with First Nation Peoples across Australia in advancing Aboriginal rights. As Professor of Law, her research focuses upon Indigenous Peoples in domestic and international law, and has published *Aboriginal Peoples Colonialism and International Law* <https://www.routledge.com/Aboriginal-Peoples-Colonialism-and-International-Law-Raw-Law/Watson/p/book/9781138685963>

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Conference Speakers | Panélistes

Dr. Ayham Alomari

Dr. Ayham Alomari is the Head of Epidemic and Pandemic Support at the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) based in Ottawa, Canada. He leads a global technical health team working in epidemic / pandemic and health in emergencies internationally and in Canada including the readiness and response to COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Alomari joined CRC in 2016 as a senior health manager, global health unit, he led the technical health team in providing advisory and operational support in areas related to global health, community health, health in emergency, epidemic/pandemic and health in conflict setting. Prior to this role, Dr. Alomari has acted in various capacities and roles with the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement since 1999 at global, regional and national levels; including his role as a Senior Health Officer, Community Health and Non-communicable diseases at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) based in Geneva between 2010-2016; Head of Programs and Senior Health Delegate at the American Red Cross (Indonesia delegation) between 2007-2010, different health positions at the IFRC (regional and national level in the Middle East and North Africa and the Asia Pacific regions) between 2005-2007, and before that with the Syrian Red Crescent as a staff and volunteer in disaster management, first aid and community health between 1999-2005. Dr. Alomari holds a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree from Damascus University in Syria, and a Master of Science (MSc.) in Global Health from University of Manchester, UK. He has extensive range of professional trainings and experiences in management, public health, global health, guideline development, policy & strategy, coordination, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation in development, emergency, recovery and conflict settings.

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(LL.B. 1996 (Montreal); LL.M. 1999 (Cambridge)) Mr. Aumais began his Public Service career in 1997 as Law Clerk to Justice Charles D. Gonthier of the Supreme Court of Canada. Since joining the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 1999, he had Foreign Service assignments of increasing seniority in the Legal Affairs Bureau, and served in the Office of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. His overseas postings include Canberra (2000-2003; 2012-2016) and Beijing (2007-2010). He is currently Executive Director of the Criminal, Security and Diplomatic Law Division at Global Affairs Canada. He previously was Director of the Weapons Threat Reduction Program Division (2016-2018), and the Southern and Eastern Africa Bilateral Relations Division (2018-2020). He is a Member of the Quebec Bar since 1997. He is married, with two children.



Professor José Alvarez

José E. Alvarez is the Herbert and Rose Rubin Professor of International Law at New York University Law School. A former President of the American Society of International Law and co-editor in chief of the American Journal of International Law, Prof. Alvarez is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Institut de Droit International. His books include *The Public International Law Regime Governing International Investment* (2011), *The Impact of International Organizations on International Law* (2017), *International Investment Law* (2017), and *The Boundaries of Investment Arbitration* (2018). [View full biography.](#)

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Alexa Biscaro is a senior associate with Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP. Her bilingual practice focuses on international law and arbitration, constitutional issues, and business ethics and anti-corruption, with an emphasis on legal research and written advocacy. She frequently provides advice on complex appellate matters and judicial reviews. Ms. Biscaro has appeared before the Ontario Provincial Court, Ontario Superior Court, Quebec Superior Court, Quebec Court of Appeal and the Federal Courts of Canada. She has also served as tribunal secretary for a commercial arbitration under the auspices of the ICC. After completing law school, Ms. Biscaro clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada for Justice Thomas Cromwell. In 2019, she obtained her Masters of International Law from the University of Cambridge. Ms. Biscaro volunteers as duty counsel for Pro Bono Law Ontario.



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Charles-Emmanuel Côté est professeur titulaire à la Faculté de droit de l'Université Laval, à Québec, et membre de l'École supérieure d'études internationales (ESEI), où il enseigne le droit international public, le droit international économique et le droit constitutionnel. Il a été Vice-doyen aux études de premier cycle et à la formation continue et Secrétaire de la Faculté de droit de 2014 à 2018. Il est titulaire d'un doctorat en droit de l'Université McGill (Dean's Honour List) et est avocat au Barreau du Québec. Il est aussi membre du Conseil d'administration du Conseil canadien de droit international (CCDI). Le professeur Côté a auparavant été conseiller en politiques institutionnelles et constitutionnelles au Secrétariat aux affaires intergouvernementales canadiennes (SAIC) du gouvernement du Québec, ainsi que chercheur au Centre de

droit de la consommation de l'Université catholique de Louvain, en Belgique, œuvrant sur des projets d'assistance législative de la Commission européenne à destination des pays d'Europe centrale et orientale et de l'ex-URSS. Il est membre du Committee on the Rule of Law and International Investment Law de la International Law Association (ILA) et du Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) Academic Forum de PluriCourts, à l'Université de Oslo. Il a été nommé sur la liste des personnes pouvant agir à titre de membre des groupes spéciaux de l'Accord de libre-échange canadien (ALEC), du chapitre 19 de l'Accord de libre-échange nord-américain (ALÉNA) et du chapitre 10 de l'Accord Canada – États-Unis – Mexique (ACÉUM). Son ouvrage sur la participation des personnes privées au règlement des différends internationaux économiques s'est mérité un prix de la Chambre de commerce internationale. Ses travaux de recherche actuels se concentrent sur le règlement des différends internationaux économiques, l'arbitrage investisseur/État et les aspects juridiques internationaux du fédéralisme.

Dr. Meinhard Doelle

Dr. Meinhard Doelle, Professor, and Canadian Chair, Marine Environmental Protection, World Maritime University, Professor of Law, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University (on leave). Meinhard has written on a variety of environmental law topics, including climate change, energy, invasive species, environmental assessments, and public participation in environmental decision-making. He has published a number of books and peer reviewed articles on the UN climate regime, and is currently co-editor with Professor Sara Seck of an upcoming book on Loss and Damage from Climate Change.



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L'Organisation mondiale de la santé

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Matt Eisenbrandt

Matt Eisenbrandt has nearly two decades of experience in the fields of international justice and corporate accountability for human rights violations. Matt is a U.S.-trained lawyer who has spent more than ten years working in these areas in Canada. He is the Director of Transnational Investigations for Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogerman LLP in Vancouver, with a focus on the firm's cases against Canadian companies for alleged human rights abuses in their overseas operations, including the Nevsun case. Matt was previously the Legal Director for the Canadian Centre for International Justice, where he oversaw the organization's casework on behalf of survivors seeking justice for torture, war crimes, and other atrocity crimes. He earlier served as the Legal Director for the Center for Justice & Accountability (CJA), a U.S.-based group that holds human rights abusers accountable through legal cases, particularly under the Alien Tort Statute. Among other cases, Matt was a member of the trial team in a lawsuit against a man from El Salvador for his role in the death-squad murder of beloved archbishop – and now Saint - Oscar Romero. The case about Romero is the subject of Matt's award-winning book *Assassination of a Saint*. Matt has a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and B.A. degrees in Latin American Studies and History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Patricia G. Ferreira

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Alison FitzGerald specializes in international arbitration and international trade and investment. She has extensive experience advising and representing clients in international and domestic arbitrations, both in commercial disputes and investor-state disputes, in a wide range of sectors including upstream oil and gas, construction, energy, aeronautics, chemicals, railway, software licensing and film distribution. Ms. FitzGerald also represents and advises clients in respect of arbitration-related court proceedings.

Ms. FitzGerald has appeared before the Canadian International Trade Tribunal in trade remedy and safeguard proceedings, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and Court of Appeal in commercial matters, and the Federal Court of Canada in complex constitutional matters. In addition to her disputes experience, Ms. FitzGerald regularly advises clients on business risk pertaining to economic sanctions, bribery and corruption, and human rights in supply chain. She has also advised clients on complex matters of international law and corporate liability, as well as issues of state responsibility.

Ms. FitzGerald has been named three years in a row by *Who's Who Legal* as a Future Leader in Arbitration. She was appointed by the Canadian government in 2018 to the NAFTA Chapter 19 roster, and is regularly called upon to write and speak on topics in international arbitration and international law. She is co-author of the Canada chapter on sovereign immunity in *Getting the Deal Through* 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Amanda Ghahremani

Amanda Ghahremani is an international human rights lawyer, a Co-Investigator with the Canadian Partnership for International Justice, and a Research Associate at the Simone de Beauvoir Institute at Concordia University. Her expertise includes international criminal law, corporate accountability, universal jurisdiction, and transitional justice, for which she was nominated as Canadian Lawyer Magazine's Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers three years in a row. Amanda is currently part of the counsel team representing Eritrean plaintiffs in a lawsuit against Nevsun Resources for its alleged use of forced labour and slavery at the Bisha gold mine. She is also leading a project on criminal accountability for Iranian atrocity crimes through universal jurisdiction prosecutions. Her recent work includes co-authoring the legal analysis on genocide for Canada's *National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls* and successfully leading the international campaign to release Iranian-Canadian political prisoner Professor Homa Hoodfar from arbitrary detention in Iran. She was previously the Legal Director of the Canadian Centre for International Justice.

Dr. Sara Ghebremusse

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Nicole Hogg

Nicole Hogg is the Legal Advisor and Head of the Legal Department at the ICRC's Regional Delegation for the United States and Canada, based in Washington, D.C. Prior to this position, she worked for seven years in the ICRC's legal division in Geneva, firstly as Legal Adviser in the Arms Unit, then as Legal Adviser to Operations for Asia and the Pacific, with a focus on Afghanistan, Myanmar and the Philippines. Nicole joined the ICRC in 2003 as a field delegate, conducting missions in Israel and the Occupied Territories, and in Côte d'Ivoire. From 2006-2008 she held the position of regional legal adviser for the ICRC Regional Delegation for the Pacific, based in Sydney, Australia. Prior to joining the ICRC Nicole worked as a commercial litigator in Melbourne and as a research solicitor at the Law Institute of Victoria. She has published on the topic of women as perpetrators in the Rwandan genocide. She holds a Law degree and an Arts degree (with a major in French) from the University of Melbourne and an LLM in international law from McGill University in Canada.



Anne-Marie La Rosa

L'Organisation internationale du travail

Avocate de formation, **Anne-Marie** possède une vaste expérience professionnelle avec dix ans de pratique privée en tant qu'avocate au Canada et plus de 25 ans de collaboration avec des organisations internationales dont: le BIT (1994 - 2005 et 2019-), le TPIY (1996) et, le CICR (2005-2018). Au CICR, Anne-Marie a été conseillère juridique et conseillère diplomatique principale, chargée des relations du CICR avec les organes des Nations Unies à Genève, et en particulier le Conseil des droits de l'homme. En 2018, la gouvernance du CICR lui a confié le mandat de conceptualiser et de proposer les axes autour desquels le projet quadriennal du CICR sur l'établissement de normes professionnelles sur les personnes disparues devrait évoluer. En 2019, Anne-Marie La Rosa a de nouveau rejoint le BIT pour agir en tant que manager opérationnel du programme mondial sur l'assurance et la protection contre les accidents du travail. Anne Marie La Rosa enseigne également le droit international pénal, le droit international social, la justice transitionnelle et le

droit international humanitaire en Europe et à l'étranger et a récemment été nommée professeure associée à l'Université de Sherbrooke. En 2016, elle a été choisie par le gouvernement français pour faire partie de la mission d'étude de haut niveau sur la recherche et l'enseignement sur le génocide et les crimes de masse. Anne-Marie La Rosa a écrit de nombreux ouvrages et articles, dont un dictionnaire de droit international pénal et une monographie consacrée aux tribunaux pénaux internationaux, tous deux publiés par les Presses Universitaires de France. Elle a contribué aux nouveaux commentaires des Conventions de Genève.

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Gabrielle Marceau

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Gabrielle Marceau, Ph.D., est conseillère sénior à la Division de la Recherche (ERSD) du Secrétariat de l'OMC depuis le 1er mai 2020. En septembre 1994, Mme Marceau a rejoint le Secrétariat du GATT et, pendant plusieurs années, sa principale fonction a été de conseiller les membres des groupes spéciaux, responsables des différends de l'OMC, les membres du Bureau du Directeur général, le Secrétariat et les Membres de l'OMC sur les questions liées à l'OMC. De septembre 2005 à janvier 2010, Mme Marceau a été conseillère juridique au Cabinet de l'ancien directeur général de l'OMC Pascal Lamy, et de septembre 2016 à janvier 2017, elle a été

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Prof. Petros Mavroidis

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