



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND COVID-19: EMERGING SOLUTIONS IN JUSTICE PROGRAMMING

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Zoom Webinar

Short Biographies of Panelists

Prof. Mary Ellsberg is the Founding Director of the Global Women's Institute at George Washington University. Dr. Ellsberg came to GW in 2012 and has more than 30 years of experience in international research and programs on gender and development. Under her leadership, the Global Women's Institute has conducted groundbreaking research on violence against women in a variety of settings around the world, such as: the first large-scale population-based study on violence against women and girls in South Sudan (2017); a study on violence against women in Nicaragua (2019) that followed up on a pioneering prevalence study led by Dr. Ellsberg in 1995, which was instrumental in changing domestic violence laws in Nicaragua. Dr. Ellsberg lived in Nicaragua for nearly 20 years, where she led public health and women's rights advocacy efforts. She was a member of the core research team of the World Health Organization's Multi-Country Study on Domestic Violence and Women's Health, and she has authored more than 40 books and articles on violence against women and girls. Before coming to GW, Dr. Ellsberg served as vice president for research and programs at the International Center for Research on Women. She earned a doctorate in epidemiology and public health from Umea University in Sweden and a bachelor's degree in Latin American studies from Yale University.

Beatrice Duncan is the Rule of Law Advisor (Justice and Constitutions) and Focal Point on Indigenous and Minority Issues at UN Women. She began her career in Ghana as a gender and child law specialist, initially providing legal aid to indigent women and children through the Ghana Legal Aid Board, the Ghana Federation of International Women Lawyers and Women in Law and Development. She also served as the Programme Officer for the Structural Adjustment Participatory Review Initiative, a tripartite exercise between government, civil society and the World Bank. Within the UN system, her work experience has been with UNICEF Ghana, as the first Chief of Protection, the African Centre for Gender and Social Development of the Economic Commission for Africa, as a Gender Advisor and UNICEF New York as a Human Rights Programming Specialist. Her publications include "Changing Access Rights in Some Cocoa Growing Communities in Ghana", "Women in Agriculture in Ghana" and "Global Perspectives on Consolidated Children's Statutes". She holds an LLB from the University of Ghana, an LLM from Georgetown University and a PhD from Birmingham University.

Justice Henrietta Wolayo is the President of the National Association of Women Judges of Uganda. She is currently the Head of a High Court Circuit and a judge of the High Court of Uganda. Justice Wolayo has a background of research in social legal studies, expertise in adjudication of disputes spanning three decades, leadership at national level as Inspector of courts, Registrar of Supreme Court, and High Court at different times and Chief magistrate. She has an LLB from Makerere University, a

Diploma in Women's Law and an MPhil from the University of Zimbabwe and an MBA from the Eastern and Southern African Management Institute.

Atty. Laisa Masuhud Alamia is a member and a Minority Leader of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority – Parliament of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao in the Philippines. She has previously held the position of Executive Secretary of the previous Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) for six years, the first and last woman to hold the position in the history of ARMM. Before joining ARMM, Atty. Alamia was the Program Manager of Nisa Ul-Haqq Fi Bangsamoro (Women for Justice in the Bangsamoro) since 2007 and the Project Coordinator of Bangsamoro Lawyers' Network. She is also a member of the global Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality (WISE) and part of WISE's Global Muslim Women's Shura Council which endeavours to connect Islamic principles to society's most pressing issues and develop holistic strategies for creating positive social change, issuing informed and religiously-grounded opinions on controversial issues of particular relevance to Muslim women, such as issues on Female Genital Cutting, Adoption and the Care of Orphans, Women's Religious Leadership, Honor Crimes and Killings, Stigmatization and Criminalization of Rape Victims, Child Marriages, and Education. Atty. Alamia studied in the Ateneo de Zamboanga University and the Western Mindanao State University.

Fabienne Van Den Eede is the Deputy Head of Unit on Gender Equality, Human Rights and Democratic Governance of the Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) in the European Commission. She started her career in the banking sector, after completing her studies at the University of Antwerp. In 1999 she moved to the European Commission. She has worked in the International and Development Cooperation DG since 2001 in the areas of finance and development aid. She served abroad from 2009-2017 in Kenya and Zambia respectively as team leader for the Finance team and the "Governance and Social Sectors" team. She has degrees in Commercial Sciences, International Cooperation and Financial Management.

Tara Neal is the Country Manager for IDLO Mongolia. She is a licensed US attorney with over 25 years of professional experience in law and social work. Prior to her current position, she was a Capacity Development Expert for the IDLO Rule of Law Centres Project where she worked closely with Centre Trainers and Training Development Officers. Ms. Neal has lived and worked in Myanmar, Afghanistan, and Cambodia. She has a Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland, an LLM in International Law from the University of Miami, and a Master of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Short biography of moderator

Dr. Ilaria Bottigliero is the Director of Policy, Research and Learning at IDLO. Her responsibilities include oversight of research, evaluation and impact assessment, as well as gender issues. Prior to joining IDLO, Dr. Bottigliero was Lecturer and Researcher at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden, and at the Lund University Faculty of Law. Dr. Bottigliero was also Lecturer at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and at the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, teaching a variety of international law and gender courses to graduate students. Dr. Bottigliero has lectured extensively in Europe and Asia on various human rights and international criminal justice topics. She is the author of "Redress for Victims of Crimes under International Law", as well as several scholarly publications on victims' rights, international criminal justice and gender issues. Dr. Bottigliero is a 'Hague Counselor' for The Hague Project Peace and Justice, and the recipient of the

2010 Worldwide Universities Network International and Comparative Criminal Justice Network Fellowship.