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### Speakers from A to Z

#### A

**Kelsey Atwood, Governance Program Manager, The Asia Foundation, Yangon** — *Kelsey Atwood is the Governance Program Manager at the Asia Foundation in Myanmar where she manages a portfolio of public financial management, decentralization and civic engagement projects. Kelsey holds a BA in Political Science from Columbia University and a Master in Law from SOAS, University of London. Her areas of expertise focus around public financial management, decentralization, law and human rights. Kelsey has been working in development since 2007 in both Southeast Asia and the Middle East. Before joining the Asia Foundation, Kelsey worked for 3 years as the Deputy Director of Equality Myanmar, the largest national human rights organisation in Myanmar which focused on governance, civil society engagement and human rights. At Equality Myanmar, Kelsey also managed Colors Rainbow, the first national LGBTQ NGO in Myanmar, and United ACT, a local child rights NGO.*

#### B

**Elodie Beth, Regional Advisor, Governance and Peacebuilding, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub** — *Elodie Beth is a Governance Advisor in UNDP regional centre for Asia Pacific. She provides advice to governments, national partners and UNDP country offices in Asia-Pacific in their efforts to promote transparency, accountability, anti-corruption and the rule of law. Mrs. Beth has experience providing policy advice in the context of various international organisations, including UNDP, UNODC and the OECD. She also worked previously in the French government as part of the Interministerial Delegation for State Reform.*

#### C

**Remy Zheng Xi Choo, Director, Peter Low & Choo LLC, Singapore** — *Remy is a human rights lawyer from Singapore. He has led landmark human rights cases challenging the constitutionality of colonial-era anti-gay laws, defended prominent politicians and activists charged with speech crime, and has been sued*

*(unsuccessfully) by the Ministry of Defence under novel legislation passed by Parliament in 2015. Remy was the first Singaporean lawyer to be named the International Bar Association's Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year in 2016, an award that recognizes "excellence in work and achievements and a commitment to professional and ethical standards".*

## **D**

**Mark Daly, Partner, Daly & Associates, Hong Kong** — *Mark is a human rights lawyer working in Hong Kong since 1995 having originally migrated from Canada. In addition to Court of Final Appeal test cases involving permanent residence for domestic workers (the "Vallejos" case) and the refugee principle of non-refoulement in customary international law (the "C" case), significant cases include the CFA case of Sakthevel Prabakar v Secretary for Security (FACV 16 of 2003, Judgment 8th June 2004) involving the question of refugees and the Convention Against Torture "CAT", and cases involving the issues of forced labour and human trafficking and LGBTI rights. As Amnesty International's representative he has attended, as international legal observer, the trial in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, of former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and the appeal of opposition politician, Lim Guan Eng. Mark is an original member of the Article 23 (opposed to proposed security legislation) and Article 45 (democracy) Concern Groups and his firm was the winner of the Asian Legal Business "Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year" and Law Society pro bono awards. Mark also lectured on the legal position of asylum seekers in Hong Kong at the University of Hong Kong's 1st "Intensive Course on International Refugee Law" in 2006 and is a trainer for the legal profession on Refugee/CAT law. He holds an LLM in Human Rights from HKU. His other academic interests include strategic litigation, constitutional law and the rule of law. He is a member of the Law Society Council and the Constitutional Affairs and Human Rights Committee.*

## **F**

**Joseph Fonseca, Southeast Asia Regional Assistant Legal Attaché, Embassy of the United States of America in Bangkok** — *Special Agent (SA) Joe Fonseca has 20 years of experience working violent crimes against children investigations for the FBI. SA Fonseca was previously assigned to the FBI's Atlanta, Georgia, Field Office, where he served as the Crimes Against Children Coordinator. While in Atlanta, SA Fonseca created and oversaw the FBI's largest Child Exploitation Task Force and is a founding member and former team leader of the FBI's Child Abduction Rapid Deployment Team. SA Fonseca has conducted investigations involving a wide array of crimes against children, including assaults on the high seas and in other countries, international parental kidnappings, child pornography, kidnappings, child prostitution and child sex tourism. Before his assignment in Bangkok, Special Agent Fonseca was the supervisor over the Child Sex Tourism Initiative within the FBI's Violent Crimes Against Children Program in Washington, DC. He will serve as the SE Asia Regional Assistant Legal Attaché while he is posted in Bangkok, serving the SE Asia region on crimes against children matters.*

## **G**

**Cynthia Gabriel, Executive Director, C4 Center, Selangor, Malaysia** — *Cynthia Gabriel is a key human rights advocate in Malaysia. She has spent most of her professional life in the field of advancing and promoting human rights, good governance and democratic freedoms. Cynthia has also worked on UN contractual research work in the area of migrant and refugee research and their vulnerabilities towards HIV/ AIDS. Much of her time has been devoted to building and shaping the work of leading human rights advancements in Malaysia and across the globe. In recognition of this she was elected Vice President of the global advocacy group, the Paris based International Federation for Human Rights (2004-2009), and has set up the policy centre called the Centre to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4).*

**Assist. Prof. Dr. Terry van Gevelt, University of Hong Kong** — *Dr. Terry van Gevelt is an Assistant Professor with joint appointments at the Department of Politics and Public Administration and the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Hong Kong. Previously, he held research and teaching positions at the University of Cambridge. His research interests are in energy policy, environmental governance, climate change adaptation, and rural development. He holds a BSc (Hons) from the University of Warwick, and MPhil and PhD degrees from the University of Cambridge.*

**Henning Glaser, Director, German Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG)** — *Henning Glaser is the Director of the German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance, based at the Faculty of Law at the University of Thammasat University in Bangkok. He is a recognized expert of Southeast Asian constitutional law and theory. Glaser is also Editor in Chief of the European-Asian Journal of Law and Governance (EAJLG). He studied law, history, and philosophy at the Faculty of Law of the University of Münster.*

## H

**Maureen Harris, Southeast Asia Program Director, International Rivers, Bangkok** — *Maureen is the Southeast Asia Program Director at International Rivers, an international non-governmental organization working globally to protect river ecosystems and the rights of communities who depend on them. She works with affected-communities, indigenous peoples and regional civil society to safeguard water resources, rights and livelihoods, with a focus on the Mekong and Salween River basins. Maureen has worked in the field of human rights and the environment in Southeast Asia for the past six years. Before joining International Rivers, she has previously worked with EarthRights International, the Australian Human Rights Commission, and other organizations working on human rights and legal issues in Asia, Australia and Europe. Maureen holds Bachelors' degrees in Arts and*

*Law from the University of Sydney and a Master of Laws (Human Rights and Social Justice) from the University of New South Wales, Australia.*

**Apichart Hattasin, former senior Royal Thai Police officer** — *Apichart Hattasin has served at the Royal Thai Police for 20 years and joined the Crime Against Children Unit at INTERPOL in May 2017. During his police career he spent the last ten years on the issue of child exploitation and human trafficking.*

**Dr. Mike Hayes, Institute for Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University** — *Dr. Mike Hayes works at the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP), where he is the program chair of the of the MA in Human Rights and Democratization (APMA). He has been working on programs developing the teaching and research of human rights at higher education institutions in Southeast Asia. As a part of this he edited the undergraduate textbook on Human Rights in Southeast Asia through the SHAPE SEA project. His research is on migration, and more recently the history of human rights in Southeast Asia.*

## L

**Dr. Jayson S. Lamchek, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore** — *Dr. Jayson S. Lamchek is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the National University Faculty of Law. Jayson worked as an attorney for civil society organisations in the Philippines for more than seven years, including the Public Interest Law Center (PILC), which supported the peace negotiations between the Philippine government and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines. He also helped campaign against the war on terror in the Philippines, and represented individuals wrongly accused of participation in terrorism. He was a recipient of graduate scholarship awards from Monbukagakusho (Japan), Erasmus Mundus (European Commission) and the Endeavour Awards (Australia). He earned his PhD from the Australian National University (ANU).*

**David Lyman, Partner, Tilleke & Gibbins** — *David Lyman is Chairman & Chief Values Officer of Tilleke & Gibbins, a leading Southeast Asian regional law firm with over 550 lawyers, consultants and staff practicing in Bangkok, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Jakarta, Phnom Penh, Vientiane, and Yangon. Among his duties as Chief Values Officer (CVO), David is responsible for keeping the human side of his organization functioning on the course of honest, wise, responsible, legal, and accountable business and professional practices. Up until 2017, he had served as chairperson of Corporate Responsibility and Anti-Corruption Commission of the Thailand branch of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICCT), being its co-founder and having served on its board for 19 years since 1999. His current role with ICCT is Senior Advisor to its executive board.*

## M

**Dr. Carl Middleton, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University** — *Dr. Carl Middleton is Deputy Director for Research Affairs on the MA in International Development Studies (MAIDS) Program, and Director of the Center for Social Development Studies (CSDS), in the Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. His research interests orientate around the politics and policy of the environment in Southeast Asia, with a particular focus on environmental justice, human rights, and the political ecology of water and energy.*

## P

**Dr. Jompon Pitaksantayothin, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, Mahidol University** — *Jompon Pitaksantayothin is a lecturer at the Department of Society and Health, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mahidol University. He has an academic background in legal studies, focusing on cybercrime and the regulation of illegal content on the Internet. Among different areas of academic interests, Jompon has been giving a special attention to laws against online child pornography and their*

*development in many countries, including Thailand.*

**Anna Platonova, Senior Programme Manager, International Organization for Migration (IOM)** — *Anna Platonova is a Senior Programme Manager at the International Organization for Migration in Thailand, and currently manages PROMISE, a regional programme on labour migration, skill development and ethical recruitment. In 2009-2017 she held various regional positions with the IOM guiding the organization's work on labour migration in the EU, Central and North America and the Caribbean. Prior to joining the IOM, she has worked for over five years on migration and freedom of movement issues at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and in public administration in her native Latvia.*

**Daniel Polomski, PhD candidate, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University, Bangkok** — *Daniel Polomski is a PhD candidate at Mahidol University's Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies. He has a background in Southeast Asian studies and human rights. Recently, Daniel worked as lead researcher together with the ASEAN CSR Network and Shift Project on Studies related to business and human rights disclosure and measurements of business respect for human rights in ASEAN. His personal research is guided by a critical discourse analysis of the evolving business case for human rights. Besides his academic interests, he has a strong entrepreneurial mind and acts as co-founder of Football Fans Asia - a local media production start-up - developing football-related content for the sports community in Southeast Asia.*

## Q

**Prof. ret. Jon S.T. Quah, consultant, retired Professor of Political Science, National University of Singapore** — *Jon S.T. Quah, Ph.D. is a retired Professor of Political Science at the National University of Singapore and an anti-corruption consultant based in Singapore. He has conducted research on corruption in Asian countries since 1977. His recent books*

include: *Combating Asian Corruption: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Anti-Corruption Agencies* (2017); *Hunting the Corrupt "Tigers" and "Flies" in China: An Evaluation of Xi Jinping's Anti-Corruption Campaign* (November 2012 to March 2015) (2015); *Different Paths to Curbing Corruption: Lessons from Denmark, Finland, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Singapore* (2013) and *Curbing Corruption in Asian Countries: An Impossible Dream?* (2011, 2013).

## S

**Dr. Lasse Schuldt, DAAD Lecturer of Law, German Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG)** — Dr. Lasse Schuldt is the DAAD lecturer of law at the Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, and a member of the German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG). He studied law at Humboldt-University, Berlin, and at Université de Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, completed a doctoral dissertation on the criminal liability of journalists, and practiced as a criminal lawyer in Berlin. Dr. Schuldt lectures in public law, criminal law and German law and has published on topics of criminal and constitutional law.

## T

**Veerawit Tianchainan, Executive Director, The Freedom Story, Thailand** — Veerawit Tianchainan is Executive Director of The Freedom Story based in Chiangrai province of Thailand working on preventing child trafficking. He is a human rights advocate with twenty years of experiences working in various roles in Thailand. He has worked on the international stage with the UN High Commission for Refugees, as Country Director of US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, and Founder and Executive Director of Thai Committee for Refugees Foundation. He also served on the regional and national advisory board of networks, focusing on migration and human rights as well as alliances on child's rights and counter trafficking in persons. With his business

background, he brings in business and management perspectives to the works of Not-for-Profit organizations along with his keen interest on latest Information Technologies. He frequently speaks at national, regional and international fora as well as hosting interviews from international and national media on the human rights situation of refugees, stateless persons, survivors of human trafficking and a support campaign to end child detention.

## U

**Prof. Hitoshi Ushijima, Professor of Law, Chuo University, Tokyo** — LL.B. Chuo, LL.M. Hiroshima, LL.M. University of Wisconsin, U.S.A. (Fulbright Program). Professor Ushijima's research foci include human rights & development, administrative law & regulatory policy, and environmental & energy law. He is the author of the Japan Chapter of "Administrative Law and Governance in Asia" (Routledge, 2009).

## V

**Andrea Varrella, ECPAT International, Bangkok Office** — Andrea obtained her LL.M in International and European Law from LUISS Guido Carli in Rome in 2014 writing a thesis on female genital mutilations and international law. She also holds a Master's Degree in International Protection of Human Rights from La Sapienza University in Rome, where she wrote her dissertation on the eradication of child, early and forced marriages in the framework of the SDGs. After a short assignment with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), she joined ECPAT International in mid-2016 and currently holds the position of Legal Officer.