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Speakers from A to Z

A

Kingsley Abbott, Senior International Legal Adviser, Southeast Asia, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) — *Prior to joining the ICJ, Kingsley was a Senior Legal Officer with the United Nations at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, where he advised Judges investigating international and domestic crimes allegedly committed by the Khmer Rouge. He also worked as a Trial Counsel with the Office of the Prosecutor at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague. Prior to working as an international criminal lawyer, he spent several years practicing as a criminal barrister in New Zealand acting for both the defence and prosecution. In 2001, he obtained a conjoint degree in law and philosophy from the University of Auckland and was admitted to the Bar in 2002.*

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Centre for Cyber Security, UNSW Canberra. He competed his doctoral research at the University of Queensland and has lectured there on Terrorism and Insurgency, Global Security, and International Relations Theory. His research interests include post-truth politics, asymmetric warfare, cyber security and the implications of new media for war and peace. These themes are drawn together in a recent book, Conspiracy Theory and American Foreign Policy, published in 2016 by Manchester University Press. His postdoctoral project builds on this research trajectory by critically exploring the intersection of cyber security, posttruth politics and political warfare.

B

Michael Bäk, Advisor to the United Nations Resident Coordinator, Bangkok — *Michael has been working in international development for nearly 20 years in Southeast and East Asia and currently serves as the Advisor to the United Nations Resident Coordinator – the chief UN official in Thailand – and to the United Nation’s leadership team*

in Thailand called the “UN country Team.” He has worked on issues around democratic governance, peacebuilding, human rights, radicalization and violent extremism, and post-conflict governance. He earned his Master Degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington and is just starting a PhD programme at the University of Birmingham in the UK. He speaks several languages and has been based in Bangkok for the past 10 years.

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C

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D

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E

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F

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Joseph Fonseca, Southeast Asia Regional Assistant Legal Attaché, Embassy of the United States of America in Bangkok — *Special Agent Joe Fonseca has 19 years of experience working violent crimes against children investigations for the FBI. Mr. 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. Special Agent Fonseca was the supervisor over the Child Sex Tourism Initiative in Washington, DC. before arriving in Bangkok last year. He will serve as the Southeast Asia Regional Assistant Legal Attaché while he is posted in Bangkok, serving the Southeast Asia region on crimes against children matters.*

G

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H

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K

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In 2016, officials at the Muang Pattani Police Station in Pattani province pressed charges against three human rights defenders, among them Pornpen, with defamation by means of publication and putting false information on the Internet for the documentation of cases alleged torture.

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L

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M

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N

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P

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R

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S

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T

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V

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Y

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