

## FROM MARGIN TO CENTRE:

Acknowledging & Strengthening Minority Women's Role in Peacebuilding

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## Speakers - Short Biographies

### OPENING REMARKS



**Ambassador  
Christophe Kamp**

*OSCE High Commissioner on  
National Minorities*

Christophe Kamp (Netherlands) is the seventh OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, appointed in December 2024. Prior to his appointment, Kamp served as the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the OSCE. He also worked as Director of the office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. Christophe Kamp has nearly 25 years of experience as a diplomat in the Foreign Ministry of the Netherlands and the European External Action Service, with assignments in Europe and Africa. Before joining the Foreign Ministry of the Netherlands in 2001, Kamp worked at the UN Department of Political Affairs in New York and with the UN Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda. Kamp has a Master's degree in Political Science from Leiden University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School.



**Ambassador  
Miroslav Papa**

*Special Representative of  
the Secretary General of the  
Council of Europe for United  
Nations*

Miroslav Papa currently holds the post of the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe to the United Nations. Prior to this post he served as the Director of Political Affairs and External Relations and the Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe. Prior to joining the Council of Europe Secretariat in September 2019, Ambassador Papa held a number of positions in the diplomatic service of Croatia, including the Assistant Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Permanent Representative of Croatia to the Council of Europe and the Director General for UN, Global Issues and International Organisations. In 2018, he chaired the Committee of Ministers' Deputies of the Council of Europe. From 2015 to the end of 2018, he was the Vice-Chair of the Governing Board of the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB). From 2008 to 2010, he served as the Chief of Staff of the Regional Co-operation Council (RCC) Secretariat, with the seat in Sarajevo.

## PANELLISTS



**Antonia Mulvey**

*Founder and Executive Director of Legal Action Worldwide*

Antonia Mulvey is an international lawyer with over 25 years of experience in international human rights, refugee, and criminal law, specializing in gendered crimes. She is the founder and Executive Director of LAW, a frontline legal organisation working in conflict affected areas providing people centred transformative justice to those who have suffered from human rights violations and international crimes, many of whom have suffered from conflict related sexual violence. She has represented victims/survivors from Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Ukraine, Occupied Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Iraq. She is a former UN investigator who specialized in sexual violence crimes and crimes against children. Previously, Antonia has led rule of law and access to justice programmes for the UN and held academic positions as a Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics and Visiting Scholar at Columbia University Law School.



**Prof. Judith Wyttenbach**

*Member of the Council of Europe Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities in respect of Switzerland and Gender Equality Rapporteur*

Judith Wyttenbach is professor of constitutional and public international law at the University of Bern (Switzerland). She is specialized in institutional and structural dimensions of discrimination, minority rights and the implementation of human rights treaties at the national and local level. She received her doctorate with a dissertation on the state's duty to protect children and young people under fundamental rights and completed her habilitation with a thesis on the implementation of human rights conventions in federal states. She completed research stays at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg and at the Institute of Peace and Development Law at the University of Nice. From 2016 to 2022 she has been member of the board of directors of the Swiss Centre of Expertise in Human Rights, and from 2008 to 2019 she was a member of the Federal Commission for Women's Issues. Since 2024, she has been a Swiss expert on the Advisory Committee for the Council of Europe's Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities. Judith Wyttenbach is also a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Interdisciplinary Center for Gender Studies at the University of Bern (IZFG), a board member of the Swiss Academy of Judges (CAS Judiciary), the Bar Examination Commission of the Canton of Bern, and the Swiss Section of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ).



**Terezia Rostas**

*Founder, Care for Young People's Future CIC & Welcoming Cultures UK/ Roma cultural producer Human rights and gender justice advocate*

Terezia Rostas is a Roma human rights advocate, educator, and cultural producer from the Gabor Roma community. She is the founder of Welcoming Cultures UK and Care for Young People's Future CIC, through which she has trained hundreds of young cultural champions and professionals in human rights, anti-racism, and inclusive education. Terezia has over a decade of experience working with racially minoritised families in care, education, and justice systems across the UK. She has spoken at the UN, OSCE, Council of Europe, CSW69, and the UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, focusing on Roma women's rights, intersectionality, and systemic inequalities. Currently a Labour councillor candidate in Sheffield, Terezia continues to bridge grassroots action with national and international policy advocacy.



**Hernan Vales**

*Chief of the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)*

Hernan Vales is Chief of the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. His team works on the implementation of the rights of Indigenous Peoples and minorities, supporting expert bodies including the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, providing technical assistance to UN field presences, conducting research, and building capacity of civil society groups. Prior to joining the UN Human Rights Office in Geneva in 2007, Vales worked in the UN Office of Legal Affairs and the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations where he gained crucial insights into conflict prevention and post-conflict justice mechanisms. Before joining the UN, Vales was a university professor and practiced law in Argentina, his country of origin. He holds a Law degree from the University of Buenos Aires and a Master of Laws from the University of London.

## CLOSING REMARKS



**Dr. Lara Scarpitta**

*OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues and Head of the Gender Issues Programme*

Lara Scarpitta is the OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues in the Office of the Secretary General. She is an expert on peace mediation and Women, Peace and Security (WPS) with over a decade of experience in promoting the role of women in conflict and post-conflict countries in South East Europe and in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Prior to joining the OSCE, she worked for over 15 years for the EU and served in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2008-2012), Turkey (2012-2017) and Brussels (2017-2019). From 2020 to 2022, she worked as Political Adviser on Peace, Mediation and Gender at the EU Delegation to the United Nations in Geneva, focusing on the MENA region. She was instrumental in the creation in 2018 of the Syrian Women Platform, an EU-supported initiative linking Syrian grassroots female activists with negotiators in the UN-led Syria Peace Process. Dr. Scarpitta is a member of Women in International Security - Italy and since 2019 she has also been advising the Centre for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution at George Mason University on Gender and Women, Peace and Security. Born in Sanremo (Italy), she holds a PhD in Russian and East European Studies and an MA in European Studies from the University of Birmingham.

## MODERATOR



**Clara Friedrich**

*Adviser on Gender Equality/OSCE Gender Issues Programme*

Clara Friedrich is Adviser on Gender Equality in the OSCE's Gender Issues Programme in the Office of the Secretary General, focusing on the human dimension of security. A gender expert with almost ten years of progressive experience, she has worked on a range of gender-related issues in the governmental and non-profit sector from gender-based violence to political participation and economic empowerment, promoting gender equality on the local, state and international level. Since 2020, she serves as board member of the German peace organization KURVE Wustrow. Before joining the OSCE, she headed the state coordination unit for the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention for Preventing and Combatting Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul-Convention) in the State of Bremen, Germany. A German national, she holds a Master Degree in International Relations from the University of Edinburgh/UK.