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WALTER CITTI

Walter Citti is a legal consultant within an Italian NGO called ASGI (Association for Legal Studies on Immigration), an umbrella of more than 200 jurists (mainly lawyers and legal advisors) involved in immigration and refugee law's issues. Since May 2006, he has been the coordinator for ASGI of the Section for Legal Support against Racial, ethnic and religious discrimination, a project funded by national and international foundation aimed at implementing, throughout the country, the Italian national and European legal framework against discrimination of immigrants and persons of foreign background. Before joining ASGI in 2006, he carried out a career as a legal officer in an international organisation involved in peacekeeping and post-conflict missions in South Eastern Europe (United Nations Mission in Kosovo and European Union Police Mission in Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia).

ASGI Anti-discrimination Section co-operates with UNAR (National Office against Racial Discrimination), the national equality body. ASGI lawyers have promoted some litigations before criminal courts concerning cases of hate speeches and hate crimes by providing legal assistance to migrants and asylum seekers victims of racially motivated acts of violence and by requesting criminal prosecution and convictions for public officers responsible for propagating racist and inflammable speeches against migrants and members of racial minorities, mainly Roma and Sinti.

ILIA DOHEL

Ilia Dohel is a Research Officer at the Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, an independent media-freedom watchdog for the 56-country regional Eurasian security organization. He is an expert in the areas of access to information and defamation legislation and is involved in Representative's campaigns advocating reform of defamation laws and promoting the adoption and proper implementation of laws on access to government-held information and on the protection of journalists' confidential sources. Ilia has also managed various projects, including training programmes on government-press relations, online journalism and media self-regulation.

He holds a diploma degree in journalism from the Belarusian State University in Minsk. Before joining the OSCE in 2003 he worked as a freelance journalist for several Belarusian newspapers and as an editor of the English-language programmes at the foreign service of the Belarusian Radio.

KAY HAMPTON

Kay Hampton is Professor of Communities and Race Relations and an independent Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Consultant. She held positions at Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland (1994-2011) and the University of Durban-Westville, SA (1980-1989). She is currently,

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JAN JAŘAB

Jan Jařab (b. 1965) is currently the Regional Representative for Europe of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. He was among the founders of the Czech Republic's first anti-racist civil society organisation, HOST, in 1993, and a member of its board until 1997. From the early 1990s, he was actively involved in issues concerning the Roma. Having started work for the Human Rights Department of the Czech Republic's Government Office in 1999, he assumed in February 2001 the position of Government Commissioner for Human Rights, which he held until October 2004. He was responsible for drafting the Czech Anti-Discrimination Act as well as the Government Policy for Roma Integration. From November 2004 to January 2010, he worked in the European Commission in Brussels as a Member of Cabinet of Vladimír Špidla, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. In this role, he was actively involved in preparing the 2008 proposal for a horizontal non-discrimination directive as well as in launching the 1st Roma Summit in 2008, the EU Platform for Roma Inclusion and the Common Basic Principles for Roma Inclusion in 2009. Jan Jařab is a medical doctor and anthropologist by background. He has published a book of essays, over 100 articles, and numerous translations.

ADAM KERI

Adam Keri is a lawyer of the Hungarian Equal Treatment Authority at the present. He graduated from ELTE University School of Law and Political Science in 2001. Shortly after graduation, he participated in two educational programs offered by The Lord Slynn of Hadley European Law Foundation. While the first one focused on human rights, the second program focused on the European economic legislation. Then, he pursued legal studies at The University of Georgia, School of Law in Athens, GA where he graduated in 2007. During his American legal studies, he was primarily focused on constitutional law, human rights, immigration law, substantive and procedural criminal law and evidence.

Dr. Keri's language skills, open minded attitude and inherent love to interact and organize resulted in a very diverse educational and employment history. He has been interested in both domestic law and foreign legal systems, pro bono work and well paid positions (prestigious law offices), non-profit and for-profit organizations. However, his unflagging interest in and strong attachment to social sciences and legislative studies in general and human rights in particular has remained unchanged.

FAINA KUKLIANSKY

Faina Kukliansky is an advocate from the firm Kukliansky & Partners. She graduated at Vilnius University law faculty (Master degree) in 1977. Later she studied in post graduate courses in Moscow Criminology Research Institute and published about 20 scientific articles. Besides her usual law practice as a vice chair of the Jewish community of Lithuania, she is involved in all the legal cases or activities related to opposition of anti Semitic articles and public speeches or online articles.

For example she represented the Jewish community in the court case against the chief editor of the Respublika. Respublika published series of articles that demonized Jews and gays and perpetuate intolerant stereotypes throughout the Republic of Lithuania. On the other hand, she in coalition with other non governmental organisations working on freedom of expression, media, human rights and equality.

DOUTJE LETTINGA

During her MA studies of History and Political Science, Doutje interned for an NGO that aims to promote safe and democratic societies by stimulating the development of free and independent media in conflict areas, repressive regimes and transition countries. Hereafter, she worked as a PhD candidate for the Faculty of Social Sciences at the VU University in Amsterdam. In addition to her own research, she participated in an EC-funded research project (www.VEIL-project.org) that compared the public and political debates on the Islamic veil in several European countries. Currently, Doutje works as a research consultant for Human Rights Watch, specializing in women's and minority rights. She is also an active member of Doetank, a Dutch NGO that focuses on local neighbourhood projects (www.doetank.org).

STRATIS MAVRAGANIS

In his position as a consultant lawyer of the Journalists' Union of Macedonia and Thrace Daily Newspapers, he has specialised in the labor relations and especially in labor relations of journalists, he has handled several cases that concern complaints of offended citizens from publications of press (printed and electronic). Additionally, as a lawyer he has handled lawsuits that concern the violation of the principle of

equal treatment at work, the principle of the equality between the two sexes in access to work or of the equality of wage between men and women etc.

ALISON MESTON

Based in Paris, Alison Meston is the Deputy Director of Press Freedom and Media Development at the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers and has been with the organisation for just over a year. Prior to this, she worked for the British Red Cross in public affairs, campaigning on disaster risk reduction and climate change. Alison also has a long history in campaigning and organising for the union movement both in Australia and Britain. The WAN-IFRA campaigns Alison currently works on includes World Press Freedom Day and the flagship pan-African campaign, the Declaration of Table Mountain. This campaign encourages all Africans, particularly those in power, to repeal criminal defamation laws and set a free press higher on the agenda. Alison has post graduate degrees in education and journalism.

ATTILA MONG

Attila Mong is a journalist, currently suspended from his post as host of the daily 3-hour morning show (180 minutes) of the Hungarian Public Radio (Mr1-Kossuth) after he protested against the controversial media law by holding one minute of silence in his live program. In the meantime he is working on a new investigative book (planned for 2012) on the history of the Hungarian debt which is funded by the Open Society Institute and the Hoover Institution. In fall 2011 he will be visiting research fellow at Hoover. Earlier he was the host of a daily evening political talk show at Inforadio, Hungary's only 24-hour private news radio station. Previously he was editor-in-chief at Manager Magazine, a Spiegel-owned business monthly (2005-2007), and also worked for various broadcast and print outlets in Hungary. He was senior editor at Figyelo, business weekly (1999-2004); co-founder of Figyelonet.hu, a business portal (2000-2001); editor-reporter at Hungarian Public Radio (1995-98) and Hungarian Public TV (1997-2000); Founder and editor of the first marketing communication newsletter (1993-2000); and editor of Kreativ magazine, (1994-2001).

BARBARA OSTOVERCHÁ

Barbara Ostoverchá is currently working at the Slovak National Centre for Human Rights in Slovakia as a researcher in the Department of Research and Children's rights. Her field of work includes research in the fields of discrimination, human rights and rights of children. Her latest research was in the living conditions in houses for the elderly in Slovakia. Part of her work is communication with foreign institutions. She is

also going to take over the agenda of managing of the content of the centre's web page from her colleague in the coming weeks. She is currently contributing to the content of the Centre's web page and on the 2010 Report on Human Rights and Equality in Slovakia

SEJAL PARMAR

Sejal Parmar is Senior Legal Officer at ARTICLE 19, the leading international human rights non-governmental organisation on freedom of expression and the right to information. Her recent and on-going work has focused on issues involving the relationship between freedom of expression and equality, including issues concerning incitement, "defamation of religions" and blasphemy laws. She has written and presented numerous position papers, statements, analyses and amicus briefs, and delivered oral statements and presentations at a range of national, regional and intergovernmental fora, including the UN Human Rights Council. Sejal is also currently Visiting Lecturer in International Human Rights Law at Queen Mary, University of London and serves as a member of the Advisory Council of Advocates for International Development (A4ID). Prior to coming to ARTICLE 19, Sejal was Human Rights Coordinator at Doughty Street Chambers, an Emile Noël and Fulbright post-doctoral fellow at NYU Law School and a Marie Curie fellow at the Amsterdam Centre for International Law. She was awarded her LLB (honours) from the London School of Economics and her PhD from the European University Institute in Florence and has been called to the Bar of England and Wales.

BETTINA PETERS

Bettina Peters is the director of the Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD), a network of some 500 media assistance organisations from around the globe. Before joining GFMD in July 2007, Bettina worked as the director of programmes at the European Journalism Centre, where she was in charge of EJC's programme of media support and journalism training, in particular in the Middle East/ North Africa and in Eastern Europe.

From 1990 until 2002 Bettina worked at the International Federation of Journalists, first as European coordinator and later as Deputy General Secretary. She was instrumental in setting up the IFJ's Project Division and was responsible for the IFJ's global programme on media development and capacity-building for journalists' organisations. In the course of her work, Bettina has supervised and managed media development projects in more than 80 countries. She holds a Masters Degree in political science and journalism from the University of Hamburg and has edited a range of publications, including a global survey of women in journalism for the IFJ, the EJC handbook on Civic Journalism and the IFJ handbook on Human Rights Reporting in Africa. For the last five years, she has been a reviewer of the Freedom House Press Freedom Index. Most recently, she wrote the conclusions to European Media Policy, the Brussels Perspective, published in 2007.

DOVILE SAKALIENE

Dovile Sakaliene is the Programme Director at the Human Rights Monitoring Institute – Lithuania based independent human rights watchdog – and is in charge of programme development, communications, advocacy and awareness raising campaigns. She received her B.S. in Psychology at Vilnius University, and M.A. in Criminal Psychology at Mykolas Romeris University. Mrs. Sakaliene incorporates her business consulting (at Mercuri International) and teaching (at MRU) experience in active human rights work since 2004. Professional and academic interests include children's rights, rights of vulnerable groups, violence in close relations, ethics and value systems, cognitive information processing, and extremely violent behaviour.

Among her recent human rights/communication projects are seminar series for the regional media on multiple discrimination issues and numerous annual awareness raising campaigns on prevention of discrimination and promotion of equal treatment. She is also the Editor of the HR Infobulletin.

LUBICA STANEK

Lubica Stanek joined the Open Society Foundation Bratislava as a coordinator of program for Roma Journalists. Since 2005 works as the Deputy Director for Policy, Strategy and Media. The OSF operates programs that seek to enhance social equality of marginalised groups by e.g. improving quality of legislation and policies in areas of Health Care, Education and Justice. Apart from advocating and pressing for direct change in policy and regulations, the OSFBA also aims to strengthen sensitivity and understanding of Human Rights related issues amongst journalists, experts, young people and the general public. The OSF BA is also responding to a trend of growing Hate Crime by conducting debates on related topics (Cyber Hate) and by supporting a research in this field. Terminated education: Journalism and Documentary film at the Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia (Mgr) and European Studies at the Central European University, Prague, Czech Republic (M.A.).

JUDY TAING

Judy Taing is currently the Project Assistant for the Law Programme and the intern for the Asia Programme at Article 19. Judy graduated with a BA from the University of California, Berkeley where she studied politics and development, with a focus in Southeast Asia. She then studied at the London School of Economics and obtained an MSc Human Rights, with a focus on international criminal law. Judy has worked with the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials in Cambodia as a Junior Lawyer determining Civil Party admissibility for the Office of the Co-Investigating Judges.

JULIANA WAHLGREN

Juliana joined ENAR in July 2006. Juliana previously worked as a legal counsellor for ASTI (Association de soutien aux travailleurs immigrés), one of ENAR's members in Luxembourg, during three years, and before that as a lawyer in a multinational oil and gas company in Brazil. She holds a Bachelor of Law from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and was an international Fellow at the Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg (Germany).

YUK LAN WONG

Yuk Lan Wong is the campaigns and project officer of the International Federation of Journalists. She joined the Federation since 2009 after she obtained her Joint Honours degree in Social Policy and Journalism, Films and Media Studies at Cardiff University in the UK. She has been working on various campaigns and with European institutions to promote press freedom, ethical journalism, gender equality and authors' rights. During her studies, she also obtained work experience at the United Nations Association in Wales, where she was the co-ordinator of the Young Professional Network.