

## **Department of International Law**

**Visiting Faculty Bios** 



Judge Sergio Ugalde is an adjunct professor of international law at the University for Peace. With some 25 years of experience in the field of International Law and Diplomacy, he graduated as a lawyer from the University of Costa Rica and obtained a Magister Juris in European and Comparative Law from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom. As Costa Rica's most senior international legal adviser from 2000 to 2020, he was entrusted with representing and managing six cases before the International Court of Justice as counsel and advocate, and later as Co-Agent. He also advised Costa Rica in cases at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Central American Court of Justice.

He has served his country on over 40 occasions as Special Ambassador for legal, diplomatic, international cooperation and security affairs, and was the chairman of the International Law Commission at Costa Rica's Foreign Ministry for nearly 20 years. He has headed several negotiations involving issues of international law. Together with a former President of Costa Rica, Laura Chinchilla, Ambassador Ugalde taught about the Inter-American Human Rights System. He has lectured at The Hague Academy of International Law summer courses program in three occasions and has written several articles on international security and international law. He has also lectured about international diplomacy and about the International Criminal Court. He has participated in numerous panels to discuss issues of international law. He is Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration since 2005.

From 2014 to 2018, Judge Ugalde was appointed Costa Rica's Ambassador to The Kingdom of the Netherlands and Permanent Representative to the Organization for the Prescription of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), where he served as Vice-Chair to the 20th Conference of States Parties. He was also Governor at the United Nations sponsored Common Fund for Commodities, based in Amsterdam. He served as Costa Rica's Representative to the Assembly of States Parties to the International Criminal Court (ICC) and was appointed Vice-president of the Assembly of States Parties and Chair to The Hague Working Group on the International Criminal Court between 2016 and 2017. As acting President to the XVI Assembly of States Parties of the ICC in New York, he played a significant role in the activation of the ICC's jurisdiction over the Crime of Aggression by the consensus of 123 State Parties. He is currently a Judge of the International Criminal Court.





Dr. Nobuo Hayashi is an Associate Senior Lecturer, Centre for International and Operational Law, Swedish Defence University. He also holds visiting professorships at the University for Peace and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute.

He specialises in international humanitarian law, international criminal law, and public international law. He has over twenty years of experience performing advanced research, publishing, and editing scholarly works, authoring court submissions, advising international prosecutors, and speaking at academic and diplomatic conferences. He regularly teaches at defence academies, Red Cross symposia and professional workshops, as well as university faculties of law, political science, and peace and security studies. He also trains commissioned officers, military lawyers, judges, prosecutors, defence counsel, diplomats and other government officials, humanitarian relief specialists, and NGO representatives.

Major positions previously held: Senior Legal Advisor, International Law, and Policy Institute; Visiting Professor, International University of Japan; Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo; Legal Advisor, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights; Legal Officer, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Degrees earned: PhD (Leiden), LLM (Cambridge), Diplôme d'études supérieures (Graduate Institute/Geneva), BS Foreign Service (Georgetown).



Frans Viljoen obtained an LL.B, an M.A. degree in Afrikaans Literature, an L.LD on the African Regional Human Rights System from the University of Pretoria (South Africa), and an L.LM degree from Cambridge University (UK). In October 2007, he was appointed as Director of the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria (South Africa), where he was the Academic Coordinator of the L.LM in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa. He demitted this position in 2023.



Dr. Viljoen was elected by the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2021 as a member of its Advisory Committee. He is the author of numerous articles and the book International Human Rights Law in Africa (Oxford University Press, second edition, 2012). He is the Editor-in-Chief of the African Human Rights Law Journal and co-editor of the English and French versions of the African Human Rights Law Reports.



Dr. Pia Carazo (Costa Rica) has a Law degree from the University of Costa Rica (1996), an LL.M. degree from the University of Heidelberg, Germany (1999), and Doctor juris from Göttingen University, Germany (2017). She focuses on regional human rights protection systems. She has also researched and taught other subjects such as general principles and rules of public international law, refugee law, international human rights protection, sustainable development, and climate change.

She worked as a junior research fellow at Max-Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg, Germany. She has also lectured and taught at different institutions, including the University of Bonn, Germany, and the University for Peace. Pia is also co-founder of Quantum Leap, an initiative focused on holistic solutions for climate change.



Patricia Tarre Moser is a Senior Attorney at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. She has a Law degree from the Central University of Venezuela, and an LL.M degree from the University of Notre Dame (United States). She previously worked as a fellow at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and has lectured in different universities and other institutions, as well as trained high judicial and government authorities in human rights standards and the Inter-American System.





Julie Recinos is the Advisor to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mexico. Former Senior Coordinating Attorney at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. She holds a B.A. in history and political science from the University of Florida and a J.D. from the University of Notre Dame, both in the USA. She has also undertaken specialized studies in Human Rights at Oxford University, Great Britain. She previously worked as a research assistant to the President of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights (2006-2008) and has lectured in different universities and other international fora, as well as trained high judicial and government authorities in human rights standards, particularly on gender issues.



Dr. Jan Arno Hessbruegge works for the Methodology and Training Section of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), where he is responsible for the human rights training of military and police peacekeepers and covers other human rights engagement with security forces. Over the course of two decades, he has worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as a direct legal adviser to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, for the OHCHR New York Office, OHCHR Rule of Law Section and for the U.N. Commissions of Inquiry on Human Rights in Syria and North Korea. He also served in U.N. peacekeeping missions in Sudan and Haiti and worked with the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and the Representative of the U.N. Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons. Prior to joining the United Nations, he worked for the Constitutional Court of South Africa, the German Parliament, and the U.S. Institute of Peace. He holds a law degree from the University of Muenster in Germany, a Master of Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School, the Diploma Law of the Hague Academy of International Law, and a doctorate in international law from European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder), Germany. He teaches this course in a personal capacity and any views presented are not necessarily those of the U.N.