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ABDALLA  
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Dr. Abdalla is a Professor Emeritus at the University for Peace (UPEACE), and the Scholar in Residence at the Baker Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies at Juniata College, Pennsylvania. He is also the Senior Advisor on Conflict Resolution at the Washington-based organization KARAMAH (Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights).

From 2014 to 2017, he was the Senior Advisor on Policy Analysis and Research at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) of Addis Ababa University. In 2013-2014, he was Vice President of SALAM Institute for Peace and Justice in Washington, DC. From 2004-2013 he was Professor, Dean and Vice Rector at UPEACE. Prior to that, he was a Senior Fellow with the Peace Operations Policy Program, School of Public Policy, at George Mason University, Virginia. He was also a Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at the Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences in Leesburg, Virginia.

Both his academic and professional careers are multi-disciplinary. He obtained a law degree in Egypt in 1977, where he practiced law as a prosecuting attorney from 1978 to 1986. From 1981-1986, he was a member of the public prosecutor team investigating the case of the assassination of President Sadat and numerous other terrorism cases. He then emigrated to the US, where he obtained a Master's degree in Sociology and a Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University. He has been teaching graduate classes in conflict analysis and resolution and has conducted training, research, and evaluation of conflict resolution and peacebuilding programs in numerous countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas.

He has been an active figure in promoting inter-faith dialogue and effective cross-cultural messages through workshops and community presentations in the United States and beyond. He pioneered the development of the first conflict resolution teaching and training manual for Muslim communities titled ("...Say Peace").

He also founded Project LIGHT (Learning Islamic Guidance for Human Tolerance), a community peer-based anti-discrimination project funded by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). In 2011, he established with Egyptian UPEACE graduates



a program for community prevention of sectarian violence in Egypt (Ahl el Hetta). In 2018 he led the publication of the first Arabic Glossary of Terms in Peace and Conflict Studies in cooperation with UNDP-Iraq and the Iraqi Amal Association.

## **Recent Publications and Training Manuals:**

Abdalla, Amr et al. Arabic Glossary for Peace and Conflict Studies. The Iraqi Amal Association and the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education. April 2018 (in print).

Abdalla, Amr et al. Training Manual on Community Dialogue on Violent Extremism. UNDP-Tunisia. Tunis, Tunisia. September 2017.

Abdalla, Amr et al. Training Manual on Peacebuilding in Sudan. Common Ground Institute (CGI). Tunis, Tunisia. May 2017.

Abdalla, Amr et al. Training Manual on Community Dialogue. Common Ground Institute (CGI). Tunis, Tunisia. May 2016.

Abdalla, Amr et al. "...Say Peace" a Conflict Resolution Academic and Training Manual for Muslim Communities. Washington, D.C. USA. February 2016.

Abdalla, Amr et al. Training Manual for Civilians in Peacekeeping on Dialogue, Negotiations and Mediation. Cairo Regional Center for Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping. Cairo, Egypt. November 2015.

Abdalla, Amr. Africa and the Growth of Violent Radicalization in the Name of Islam: The Need for a Doctrine Revision Approach. IPSS Policy Briefs. Volume 1. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. September-October 2015.

**BIPASHA BARUAH**  
Gender, Environment, and Development  
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Bipasha Baruah is Professor and Canada Research Chair in Global Women's Issues at Western University. Professor Baruah earned a PhD in environmental studies from York University, Toronto. She specializes in interdisciplinary research at the intersections of gender, economy, environment, and development. Most of her current research aims to understand how to ensure that a global low-carbon economy will be more gender equitable



and socially just than its fossil-fuel based predecessor. Author of a book and more than 100 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and other works, Professor Baruah serves frequently as an expert reviewer and advisor to Canadian and intergovernmental environmental protection and international development organizations.

## **Selected Professional Reports and Policy Briefs**

Baruah, B. & A. Chaianong. (2019). *Status Report on Gender Equality in the Energy Sector*. Paris: International Energy Agency (IEA).

Ferroukhi, R., Renner, M., Nagpal, D., García-Baños, C. and B. Baruah. 2019. *Renewable Energy: A Gender Perspective*. Abu Dhabi: International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

Najjar, D., Baruah, B. & A. El Garhi. 2019. *Women, irrigation and social norms in Egypt*. GrOW Policy Brief and Working Paper. Montreal: Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University.

Najjar, D., Baruah, B., and A. El Garhi. 2019. *Making Egyptian women's agricultural labour visible and improving their access to productive assets*. Rabat, Morocco: International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA).

Najjar, D., Baruah, B., Aw-Hassan, A., Bentaibi, A. and G.T. Kassie. 2018. *Gendered Inequity in Wages and Working Conditions for Landless Agricultural Labourers in Morocco. Growth and Economic Opportunities for Women* (GrOW) Policy Brief and Working Paper. Ottawa: International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

Najjar, D. Percic, M., Baruah, B., Aw-Hasson, A., and L. Stloutkal. 2018. *Women, Decent Work and Empowerment in Rural Egypt*. Rome: UN Food and Agricultural Organization.

Baruah, B and S. Biskupski-Mujanovic. 2018. *Identifying Promising Policies and Practices for Promoting Gender Equity in Global Green Employment*. Clean Economy Working Paper Series. Ottawa: Smart Prosperity Institute.

Baruah, B. and C. Gaudet. 2018. *Creating and Optimizing Employment Opportunities for Women in the Clean Energy Sector in Canada*. Clean Economy Working Paper Series. Ottawa: Smart Prosperity Institute.

Baruah, B. 2018. *Women on Wheels in New Delhi, India: Empowering Women Through an Innovative Training and Employment Program*. Growth and Economic Opportunities for Women (GrOW) Policy Brief and Working Paper. Ottawa: IDRC.



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Baruah, B. 2017. *Opportunities and Constraints for Women's Employment and Entrepreneurship in Renewable Energy*. GrOW Policy Brief and Working Paper. Montreal: Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University.

### Op-eds and Blog Posts

Najjar, D. and B. Baruah. 2020. The vital contribution of women to livelihoods resilience during COVID 19. ICARDA. October 15.

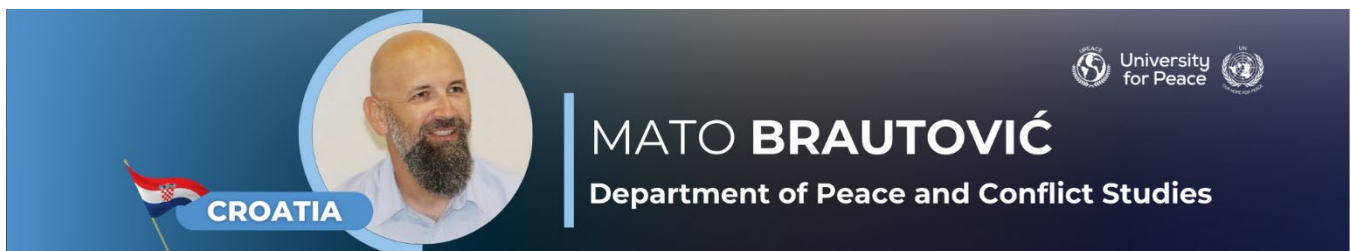
Baruah, B. 2019. Addressing the diversity challenge in energy sector recruitment. *Modern Diplomacy*. July 5.

Najjar, D. and B. Baruah. 2019. Do agricultural innovations help or hurt the poor? ICARDA. March 8.

Baruah, B. and K. Grantham. 2017. Women's NGOs are changing the world -- and not getting credit for it. *The Conversation*. November 30.

Baruah, B. 2017. Short-sighted commitments on women in peacekeeping. *Policy Options*. November 23.

Baruah, B. and A. Siddika. 2017. Acid attacks are on the rise and toxic masculinity is the cause. *The Conversation*. August 14.



Dr. Mato Brautović, Ph.D., is a distinguished professor at the Department of Mass Communication at the University of Dubrovnik. He has a rich academic background and deepened his expertise during the 2009/2010 academic year at the College of Journalism and Communication at the University of Florida and at the Poynter Institute in the USA as part of the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program. Throughout his career, he has guest lectured at prestigious universities around the world on topics such as online journalism, digital methods, disinformation studies, media and national security.

He led the organizing committee for the international scientific conference Dubrovnik Media Days, which focused on critical topics such as digital intermediaries, media pluralism, terrorism and artificial intelligence. Through his active participation in international projects,



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leading scientific initiatives, authoring books and publishing notable research articles, Dr. Brautović demonstrates his commitment to the advancement of communication science. Since December 2020, he has been the Head of the Department of Mass Communication at the University of Dubrovnik.

Dr. Brautović is the project coordinator of the Adria Digital Media Observatory, a hub that covers Croatia and Slovenia and is integrated into the broader network of the European Digital Media Observatory. He is also the project leader of the DU-Check project, which conducts fact-checking on foreign information manipulation and interference in Croatia.

Erin Dunlevy is a Restorative Justice and Equity Consultant based in New York City. Erin is a Restorative Justice practitioner and educator with over 18 years of professional experience in schools and universities throughout the US, and she currently works on projects around the country training stakeholders from schools, districts, community organizations and for-profit companies who influence education. Her areas of focus include developing a restorative model for critical consciousness, anti-bias strategies and examining the impact of race, power, and privilege in schools and professional settings. Her work has also focused on developing and implementing restorative justice models for addressing equity issues within classrooms, specifically as an advocate for Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Native Language Arts Education and restorative circles in core content classes. Erin has written and presented extensively about evaluative measures for restorative practices in schools cited for disproportionality and high incidences of violence. In addition to field work, Erin is an instructor at the New York University Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools, at the Institute for Democratic Education in America and is Vice President at True North EDI.

## **Awards and Publications**

*Member of the Academy for Teachers (2014-present)*

*Peace Education Evaluation Information Age Press, Inc. (2015) Contributor with Christina Procter: "Bridging Restorative Practices and Group Psychotherapy: New Evaluative Measures for Restorative Justice in Schools."*



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*In Factis Pax; Journal of Peace Education and Social Justice* University of Toledo (2014)  
Contributor: "Negotiating Competing Ethical Systems in Schools; Restorative Practices for Transforming School Communities".

*Don Quixote in Manhattan* Instituto Cervantes New York, New York (2002) Contributor: "De Dónde Somos: Poesía en *Spanglish* y Lecciones Sobre la Gramática Coloquial".



Balázs Áron Kovács is an independent peace-building consultant. Earlier he was the Country Director in the Philippines of forumZFD – Forum Civil Peace Service, a German NGO working in the field of conflict transformation. He completed his PhD at the University of New England, Australia in Peace Studies/Politics and International Studies. Prior to this he worked as an instructor at the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies at the UN-mandated University for Peace, as a programme officer at Freedom House Europe, a Washington DC-based NGO, and a civil servant at the Hungarian Ministry of Justice. He also holds a Juris Doctorate from the Faculty of Law and Political Science, Eötvös Loránd University of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary, and a Master's Degree in International Peace Studies from the University for Peace.

## **Recent Publications:**

### ***Monographs***

Kovács B. Á. *Peace Infrastructures and State-Building at the Margins*. Palgrave Macmillan (Forthcoming in 2018)

Kovács B. Á. *Fortress Built on Sand: The Structural Causes of Modern Warlordism*. LAP Lambert Academic Publishing, 2012 (Monograph)

### ***Journal Articles***

Kovács B. Á. and Tobias, P. Questioning Peace Infrastructure and Peace Formation - Introduction, *Peace and Conflict Review*, 2016, vol. 9. issue 1., ISSN: 1659-3995.



Kovács B. Á. and Tobias, P. (guest editors) Questioning Peace Infrastructure and Peace Formation, Special Issue of Peace and Conflict Review, 2016, vol. 9. issue 1., ISSN: 1659-3995.

Kovács B. Á. A General Introduction on the Peace Process and Its Components (transcribed presentation form "The Peace Process and National Development – A Symposium on the Philippine Peace Process" ), In: Ateneo Law Journal, Vol. 54, No 1 June 2009 (non-peer reviewed)

## **Reports**

Kovács B. Á. et al. Hungary Country Report, in: Kolaczowska, Sylvana (ed.) Nations in Transit 2015, Freedom House, 2015.

Kovács B. Á. et al. Hungary Country Report, in: Kolaczowska, Sylvana (ed.) Nations in Transit 2014, Freedom House/Rowman & Littlefield, 2014.

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**RODRIGO MENA**  
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Dr. Rod Mena is an academic and researcher with 20 years of international experience, including the study of humanitarian aid and disaster governance, particularly in conflict-affected areas such as Afghanistan, Yemen, and South Sudan. He holds a PhD in Humanitarian aid and disaster governance and is a board member of the International Humanitarian Studies Association.

His academic experience includes the design and development of applied projects research for policy and practice, and expertise in the safety, security and ethical aspects of fieldwork research. Also, positions as an assistant professor, lecturer and supervisor in different countries and universities.

Together with his academic background, Dr. Mena has a strong practical experience working with local and international NGOs, the UN, ministries, and as an international consultant in disaster risk reduction, humanitarian aid, projects evaluation, and conflict analysis. He has also coordinated humanitarian responses to disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides and floods, and managed research programmes at the regional level. The previous academic and professional work has been carried out in Latin America, Africa,



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Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, and the results of his research have been published in journal articles, reports, op-eds, and book chapters.

### **Peer-reviewed articles:**

2021 **Path dependency in prioritising in disaster and humanitarian response under high levels of conflict: A qualitative case study in South Sudan** *Journal of International Humanitarian Action*, Mena, R. and Hilhorst – Submitted and in revision of minor changes

2021 **Linking development and disaster risk reduction with relief in a context of high-intensity conflict: The case of Yemen**, *Journal Disasters* Mena, R. and Hilhorst – Submitted and in revision of minor changes

2020 **The (im)possibilities of disaster risk reduction in the context of high-intensity conflict: the case of Afghanistan**, *Environmental Hazards*, Taylor & Francis. Mena, R. and Hilhorst, D. DOI: 10.1080/17477891.2020.1771250

2017 **Socio-environmental conflicts in modern society: contributions of Latin American political ecology and the theory of communicative action** / Original title: Conflictos Socio-ambientales en la Sociedad Moderna: Aportes de la Ecología Política Latinoamericana y la Teoría de la Acción Comunicativa. Carcamo, Felipe; Mena, Rodrigo *Journal of Political Ecology*. Vol. 24.

2017 **Oligarquización y extractivismo. Cerrojos a la democratización de la política ambiental en Chile**. *Revista Perfiles Latinoamericanos*; Flacso México. Num 45, 2017. Pelfini, Alejandro, Mena, Rodrigo.

### **Peer-reviewed book chapters and book-participation:**

2016 **Responding to Socio-natural Disasters in High-Intensity Conflict Scenarios: Challenges and Legitimation Strategies**. Rodrigo Mena. In: *Climate Change, Disasters, Sustainability Transition and Peace in the Anthropocene*. 1st ed. Politik, Economics, Society, Science (APESS) 25. Springer, pp. 27-66.

2016 **Security guidelines for field research in complex, remote and hazardous places**. Hilhorst, D., Hodgson, L., Jansen, B., & Mena, R. (2016). ISBN 978-90-6490-061-7. ISS-EUR, The Hague

2015 **Agricultura Urbana, reducción de la pobreza y seguridad alimentaria: Una relación compleja**. Rodrigo Mena. In book "TIERRA: Paisajes, suelos y biodiversidad: Desafíos para un buen vivir", Chile, 2015.





## Research reports:

2020 Mena, R. (2020). **Technology & Humanitarian Aid in Afghanistan:** Using technology for data collection and communication in a context of conflict (Working Paper). Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU). <https://areu.org.af/publication/technology-and-humanitarian-aid-in-afghanistan-using-technology-for-data-collection-and-communication-in-the-context-of-conflict/>

2020 Hilhorst, D.J.M, Vervest, M.-J, Desportes, I, Melis, S, Mena Fluhmann, R.A, & van Voorst, R.S. (2020). **Strengthening community resilience in conflict: learnings from the Partners for Resilience programme (No. 666). ISS Working Paper Series / General Series.** (see and download here)

2019 Mena, R., Hilhorst, D., Peters, K. (2019) **Disaster risk reduction and protracted violent conflict.** The case of Afghanistan. London, UK: Overseas Development Institute (ODI).

2019 Hilhorst, D., Mena, R., et al. **Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Response in Different Conflict Scenarios - GAR19.** United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), Geneva. (see and download here)

2018 Mena, R. **Understanding and Preventing Social Conflict while Implementing Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction in Afghanistan.** Kabul, Afghanistan: Afghanistan Resilience Consortium (ARC)

2018 Mena Fluhmann (2018). **Manual on Conflict Analysis Tools: Preventing, mitigating and reducing the risk of social conflict in Civil DRR Projects.** (Extern rapport). Kabul, Afghanistan: Afghanistan Resilience Consortium (ARC)



Kees Wiebering has been a professional practitioner in peacebuilding projects since the mid-1990s. Over the years, he designed, implemented, monitored and evaluated peacebuilding projects, as well as taught and facilitated many workshops on cross cutting peace building related issues. He works as independent consultant, mediator, trainer and coach for professionals in peacebuilding.



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His work focuses on dialogue, conflict sensitivity, peace and conflict impact assessment, intercultural communication, project development and peace education. He holds a Master of Science in Philosophy and Physics and holds degrees in organisation development and mediation. He was member of the core-trainer team for a 4-month course for peacebuilders at the Academy for Conflict Transformation in Cologne, Germany. He is an independent lecturer at the Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main. His research interests are the role of dialogue in peace processes, civil society development and NGO cooperation.



Shannon Zimmerman is a Lecturer in Strategic Studies at Deakin University at the Australian War College. Previously, she was a postdoctoral research fellow at the RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. Her research investigates peace and stability operations, specifically how peacekeepers protect civilians in conflict environments characterised by asymmetric threats. She also studies misogyny motivated terrorism, looking at the online groups in the 'Manosphere'. Shannon received her PhD from the University of Queensland in 2019 and her Masters in Conflict Resolution from Georgetown University in 2012.

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:**

Zimmerman, Shannon. 2022. "Doctor Who and the Responsibility to Protect: Public Perspectives of Atrocity Crimes." *Journal of Popular Culture* (Q1). October 2022.

Zimmerman, Shannon. 2022. "Parallel Lines in the Sand: The Impact of Parallel French Interventions on UN Stabilization Operations in Mali and the Central African Republic." *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations* 28, no. 1: 58-79. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/19426720-02801001>

Zimmerman, Shannon. 2022. "R2P and Counter-Terrorism: Where Sovereignties Collide." *Global Responsibility to Protect* 14 (2): pp. 1-23. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/1875-984X-14010018>

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Zimmerman, Shannon. 2020. "Defining State Authority: UN Peace Operations Efforts to Extend State Authority in Mali and the Central African Republic." *Stability: International Journal of Security & Development*, 9(1): pp. 1-16. (Q2) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5334/sta.762>

Hunt, Charles T. and Shannon Zimmerman. 2020. "Twenty years of the Protection of Civilians in UN Peace Operations: Progress, problems and prospects." *The Journal of International Peacekeeping* 23(1-2): pp. 1-32. 3 April 2020. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/18754112-20200004>

Kuehnast, Kathleen and Shannon Zimmerman. 2012. "No Will, No Way: Women, Peace and Security in Peacekeeping Operations," *Peace and Stability Operations Journal Online*. Volume 3(1).

### **Manuals**

Bronitt, Simon (lead), Sarah Teitt (lead), Michelle Dunn, David Duriesmith, Behnaz Zarrabi, Lauren Vogel, Luisa Ryan and Shannon Zimmerman. "Training Modules on Gender and Violent Extremism in Asia," UN Women, 2020.

### **Book Chapters**

Zimmerman, Shannon. "The Dangerous Misogyny of the Digital World" in *The Digital Condition* eds. Aiden Warren, (submitted to publisher September 2022).

Zimmerman, Shannon. "Strange Bedfellows: Terrorism/counterterrorism and the Responsibility to Protect" in *The Responsibility to Protect: Consolidation and Contestation*. Ed. Phil Orchard and Charles T. Hunt (Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2020).