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SPEAKERS



José Antonio Ocampo

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José Antonio Ocampo is Professor and Director of the Economic and Political Development Concentration in the School of International and Public Affairs, Member of the Committee on Global Thought and co-President of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University. He is also Chair of the Committee for Development Policy of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). He has occupied numerous positions at the United Nations and his native Colombia, including UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and Minister of Finance, Minister of Agriculture and Director of the National Planning Office of Colombia. In 2012 he was one of the two candidates from developing countries for President of the World Bank. He has received numerous academic distinctions, including the 2012 Jaume Vicens Vives award of the Spanish Association of Economic History for the best book on Spanish or Latin American economic history, the 2008 Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought and the 1988 Alejandro Angel Escobar National Science Award of Colombia. He has published extensively on macroeconomic theory and policy, international financial issues, economic and social development, international trade, and Colombian and Latin American economic history. His most recent books include *The Economic Development of Latin America since Independence*, with Luis Bértola (English 2012, Spanish 2013, Portuguese 2014, forthcoming in Chinese), *Development Cooperation in Times of Crisis*, edited with José Antonio Alonso (2012), the *Oxford Handbook of Latin American Economics*, edited with Jaime Ros (2011), *Time for a Visible Hand: Lessons from the 2008 World Financial Crisis*, edited with Stephany Griffith-Jones and Joseph E. Stiglitz (2010), and *Growth and Policy in Developing Countries: A Structuralist Approach*, with Lance Taylor and Codrina Rada (2009). He holds a BA in Economics and Sociology from the University of Notre Dame and a Ph.D. in Economics from Yale University.



Alistair Edgar

Executive Director, Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS); Associate Professor of Political Science, Wilfrid Laurier University

Current research work includes transitional justice and conflict-to-peace processes in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Uganda and Kosovo; the political, legal, economic and social dimensions of post-conflict peace and reconstruction programs; sovereignty and humanitarian intervention as competing norms and practices in global governance; and Canadian and American foreign policy and defence policy.



Hon. Douglas Roche

Former Canadian Senator and MP, former Ambassador for Disarmament

The Hon. Douglas Roche, O.C., is an author, parliamentarian and diplomat, who has specialized throughout his 35-year public career in peace and human security issues. He lectures widely on peace and nuclear disarmament themes.

Mr. Roche was a Senator, Member of Parliament, Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament, and Visiting Professor at the University of Alberta. He was elected Chairman of the [United Nations Disarmament Committee](#) at the 43rd General Assembly in 1988.

He is the author of 21 books. His latest is [Peacemakers: How People Around the World are Building a World Free of War](#) (Lorimer, 2014). His memoirs, [Creative Dissent: A Politician's Struggle for Peace](#) was published by Novalis in 2008. A previous book, [The Human Right to Peace](#) (Novalis, 2003), was the Canadian Book Review Annual Editor's Choice scholarly selection for July-August 2005. He has contributed chapters to 20 additional books.

Mr. Roche holds eight honorary doctorates from Canadian and American universities and has received numerous awards for his work for peace and non-violence, including the Mahatma Gandhi Foundation for World Peace Award (Canada) and the United

Nations Association's Medal of Honour. In 1995, Pope John Paul II presented him with the Papal Medal for his service as Special Adviser on disarmament and security matters, and in 1998 the Holy See named him a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great. He received the 2003 Peace Award of the Canadian Islamic Congress and the 2005 Luminosa Award for Unity from the Focolare Movement, North America. In 2005, he was given Lifetime Achievement awards from both the Canadian Pugwash Group and the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

In 2009, he received the Distinguished Service Award of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians for his "promotion of human welfare, human rights and parliamentary democracy in Canada and abroad." He is an Officer of the Order of Canada.



David Petrasek

Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa

Formerly Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of Amnesty International, David Petrasek has worked extensively on human rights, humanitarian and conflict resolution issues, including for Amnesty International (1990-96), for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-98), for the International Council on Human Rights Policy (1998-02), and as Director of Policy at the HD Centre (2003-07). He has taught international human rights and/or humanitarian law courses at the Osgoode Hall Law School, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute at Lund University, Sweden, and at Oxford University. David has also worked as a consultant or adviser to several NGOs and UN agencies.



Kathryn White

President and CEO of the United Nations Association in Canada and Chair of the Executive Committee, World Federation of United Nations Associations

Kathryn White is President and CEO of the United Nations Association in Canada and Chair of the Executive Committee, World Federation of United Nations Associations. Previously, Ms. White had been the President of Black & White Inc, an Ottawa-based international consultancy that specialized in risk management, policy research and citizen engagement. Ms. White has published widely on climate change, youth-at-risk, international peace building, conflict resolution and many other topics. She was elected Chair of the World Federation of United Nations Associations in August 2009.

Kate has also worked as a journalist and news manager – writing on science and medicine for the Globe & Mail, the New York Times and the New Scientist and as Managing Editor of the Canadian Review magazine. Kate developed the first Canadian national emergency public information course for first responders and elected officials. She has developed and delivered executive media training and has developed programs for journalists on disaster response and on identifying community sources reflecting Canada's diversity.



Carolyn McAskie

Former Assistant Secretary General for Peacebuilding, and Former Special Representative of the Secretary General and Head of the UN Peacekeeping Operation in Burundi

Carolyn McAskie was the first United Nations Assistant Secretary General (ASG) for Peacebuilding Support, helping to launch the UN's new Peacebuilding Commission in its first two years (2006-2008); previously Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) and Head of the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Burundi (2004-06); and ASG for Humanitarian Affairs, OCHA (1999-2004), also serving as the SG's Humanitarian Envoy for the Crisis in Cote d'Ivoire (2003).

Prior to her UN career, she was Vice-President (Assistant Deputy Minister) of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) responsible for Africa and the Middle East (1993-96) and for Multilateral Affairs (1996-1999), culminating a 30 year career with CIDA including service abroad in the Canadian High Commission in Kenya (1971-74), five years on assignment with the Commonwealth Secretariat in London, U.K. (1975-1980), and as Canada's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka (1986-89).

She is an Officer of the Order of Canada, holds honorary degrees from the University of British Columbia and the University of Ottawa. Since her retirement she has served as a Mentor for Canada's Trudeau Foundation, as a Mentor/Trainer for the UN's Senior Leadership Programme (Peacekeeping), as a Senior Fellow at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs of the University of Ottawa and was Vice-Chair of the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre until its closure. She is currently a member of the McLeod Group (www.mcleodgroup.ca) in Ottawa, and lives in Wakefield, Quebec.



John Packer

Director, Human Rights Research and Education Centre Associate professor, University of Ottawa

Professor John Packer has recently taken up responsibilities as an Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) at the University of Ottawa.

Prof. Packer previously held academic positions at the University of Essex where he was the Director of the world-renowned Human Rights Centre and at The Fletcher School, Tufts University. He has held Fellowships at Cambridge and Harvard Universities and lectured at universities and professional institutions around the world. He has been widely published and contributes to the editing of a number of scholarly journals. He also serves on the boards of a number of NGOs and is a Member of the Expert Advisory Panel for the Shared Societies Project of the Club de Madrid comprising almost 100 former Heads of State or Government of democracies.

Prof. Packer is also an experienced practitioner bringing to the University of Ottawa some 20 years working for inter-governmental organizations, including in Geneva for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Labour Organisation, and for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights investigating serious human rights violations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Burma/Myanmar, extrajudicial executions, arbitrary detention, forced disappearances, the use of forensic sciences, the use of civil defense forces, and the independence of judges and lawyers throughout the world. From 1995 to 2004, he was Senior Legal Adviser and then the first Director of the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities in The Hague working across Central and Eastern Europe and throughout the former Soviet Union. For the last two years, Prof. Packer was a Constitutions and Process Design Expert on the United Nation's Standby Team of Mediation Experts attached to the Department of Political Affairs, advising in numerous peace processes and political transitions around the world focusing on conflict prevention and resolution, diversity management, constitutional and legal reform, and the protection of human rights including minorities.

Prof. Packer's strength in the practice of international law and relations underpins his vision for applied research in public policy and a practice-orientation in the activities of the HRREC. He intends to build on the HRREC's record of achievement, emphasising know-how and skills for students and professionals interested in the effective realisation of human rights throughout Canada and the world.



MANFRED BIENEFELD

Professor Emeritus, Carleton University

Manfred Bienefeld is a Professor Emeritus from Carleton University where he taught and did research on international development issues for more than 25 years. Having earlier spent 15 years at the Institute for Development Studies in the UK he has published widely, worked as a consultant for many international organizations and lectured in more than twenty-five countries at the invitation of universities, governments, trade unions and other social organizations. Having been deeply involved in the work that led to the concept of the 'developmental state' based on the experience of East Asia's "miracle economies" his more recent work

has centered on the tension between deepening and strengthening international economic and institutional networks and the capacity of nation states to manage their economies in accordance with democratically defined principles and objectives.



Peggy Mason

President, Rideau Institute, former Ambassador for Disarmament

In June 2014 Peggy Mason became President of the Rideau Institute, an independent, think tank which engages in research and advocacy in support of a progressive foreign and defence policy for Canada, with the UN, multilateralism and global leadership for peace as its cornerstones. Peggy Mason's career highlights diplomatic and specialist expertise in the field of international peace and security, with a particular emphasis on the United Nations, where she served as Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament from 1989 to 1995.

Between 1996 and 2013 Ms. Mason has been involved in many aspects of UN peacekeeping training, including the development of ground breaking principles on the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former fighters, the reform of UN arms embargoes and the dramatic evolution of UN peacekeeping in the 21st century. As a regular trainer and exercise developer, she brought the UN political/diplomatic perspective to a range of UN, NATO and EU training exercises to help prepare military commanders for complex, multidisciplinary peace and crisis stabilization operations. From 2002-2012 Peggy Mason was a Senior Fellow at The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) at Carleton University, where she lectured, participated in training for Iraqi and Kuwaiti diplomats and chaired the Advisory Board of the Canadian Centre for Treaty Compliance (CCTC). From 2004-2015 she chaired the Board of Directors of Peacebuild, a network of Canadian NGOs engaged in all aspects of peace-building. She is a member of the Board of Directors of World Federalist Movement – Canada, a past Chair of the Group of 78 and is currently a member of the Executive Committee and Conference Planning Committee.



Fergus Watt

Executive Director, World Federalists Movement - Canada

Fergus Watt is the national Executive Director of the World Federalists Movement – Canada. His work with civil society to advance global governance reforms has included participation in a range of broad-based networks, in Canada and internationally, on topics such as peacekeeping and peacebuilding, democracy promotion and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court. Advancing the Responsibility to Protect is a current program priority for the World Federalists. In 2013, 2014 and 2015 the World Federalists published a collection of expert essays on, “The United Nations and Canada: What Canada has done and should be doing at the United Nations.” (<http://www.worldfederalistscanada.org/TheUnitedNationsandCanada.html>)



Scott Staring

Professor, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Georgian College

Scott Staring is a professor with Georgian College’s University Partnership Centre. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Toronto and has taught in the fields of political and social theory, as well as Canadian politics, at Harvard University and McMaster University. His recent research examines the influence of liberal political thought in shaping Canada’s foreign policy priorities.



Paul Heinbecker

Distinguished Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation and Inaugural Director of the Centre for Global Relations at Laurier University’

PAUL HEINBECKER served as Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations in New York, Ambassador of Canada to Germany and Minister (Political Affairs) at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, as well as in more junior positions in Ankara, Stockholm and the OECD. In Ottawa, he has been Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to then Prime Minister Mulroney, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet for Foreign Policy and Defence, and Assistant Deputy Minister for International Security and Global Affairs in the Department of External/Foreign Affairs. Paul was an architect of Canada’s human security agenda, helped negotiate an end to the Kosovo war, headed the Canadian delegation to the Climate Change negotiations in Kyoto and represented Canada on the UN Security Council. At the UN he was a leading opponent of the Iraq war, and an advocate of the International Criminal Court and the Responsibility to Protect.

Heinbecker graduated with an Honours BA from Laurier University (then called Waterloo Lutheran University) in 1965. He received honorary doctorates from Laurier in 1993 and St. Thomas University in 2007. He was named Laurier Alumnus of the Year in 2003 and an Alumnus of Achievement on Laurier’s 100th anniversary in 2011. He was also selected as one of the 50 top student athletes of the first 50 years of the CIS, Canadian Interuniversity Sport

In 2004 he was appointed the inaugural Director of the Centre for Global Relations at Laurier and a Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation in Waterloo. A frequent commentator on radio and television, he has also written numerous newspaper and journal articles, authored “Getting Back in the Game: A Foreign Policy Playbook for Canada” and contributed to and edited several other books on international relations.



Marie Clarke Walker

Executive Vice President, Canadian Labour Congress

Marie started her career working in a home for the elderly, later with adults and children with developmental disabilities, as a counsellor and family-support worker in Toronto and once again at the School Board as an Early Childhood Educator working with children with disabilities.

She rose rapidly through the ranks of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). She eventually became CUPE Ontario’s Equity Vice-President and her union’s first-ever national Diversity Vice-

President, before being elected to her current position at the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC).

Marie made history in 2002 when she was elected as the first racialized woman and youngest person to the position of Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Labour Congress. In May 2014, she was re-elected as Executive Vice-President for her 4th term. Marie’s current files include all of the Equity committees as well as Employment Equity, Immigration and the International Labour Organization.

She is the mother of two sons and a mentor/femtor to many. She has served as a Board member on a myriad of organizations, including the Canadian Peace Alliance, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Adventure Place, the Scarborough National Malvern Soccer Club and Scarborough Basketball Association, Juliette’s Place, a shelter for abused women and children and the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety. She is currently an executive member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists.

Her passion is just as fervent now as it was when she first became involved in social movements. She continues to fight injustice everywhere and looks forward to the day when Canada is truly a country which celebrates and respects equally all its diverse and vibrant communities.