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Contributor Bios

Vamik Volkan (Presenter)

Dr. Vamik Djemal Volkan was born to Turkish parents in Cyprus. He immigrated to the United States in 1957, where he did his internship, psychiatric residency, and psychoanalytic training. He became a faculty member at the University of Virginia School of Medicine in 1963 and, upon his retirement, became an Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry in 2002. From 1978 to 1995, while a faculty member, he served as the Medical Director of the University of Virginia's Blue Ridge Hospital. In 1987 Dr. Volkan created a center under the umbrella of the University of Virginia's School of Medicine: "*The Center for the Study of Mind and Human Interaction (CSMHI)*." This center was the first of its kind. The faculty consisted of psychiatrists, psychoanalysts, psychologists, as well as former diplomats, political scientists, historians, and others. Dr. Volkan's aim was to expand the concept of "*preventive medicine*" to include an examination of societal responses to massive aggression due to wars or war-like situations and to develop methods to "*vaccinate*" large-groups against violent acts. Dr. Volkan directed CSMHI from 1987 until his retirement in 2002.

Dr. Volkan was a founder of *the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)*. ISPP draws its membership from many disciplines: psychology, political science, sociology, psychiatry, history, and anthropology. It transcends academic and professional boundaries by serving as a meeting ground for scholars in academia and persons working in government and public post. ISPP's Constitution was written during his tenure as President. Starting in 1989, Dr. Volkan also served as a member of *the Carter Center's International Negotiation Network (INN)* under the direction of former USA President Jimmy Carter. 1987, President Jimmy Carter founded INN a flexible, informed network of eminent persons, conflict resolution practitioners, Nobel Peace laureates and former heads of state, dedicated to resolving international conflicts through peaceful means.

Nigel Young (Discussant)

Professor Nigel Young has been active in transnational peace activity for at least a half century. He is presently Editor-in-Chief of the 'Oxford International Encyclopedia of World Peace' (a four-volume reference work). He is active in the Balkans Peace Park Project, UK (B3P). He has authored numerous publications including six books (two co-authored), and edited or co-edited others. A co-founder of the first Peace Studies department in Britain (Bradford, 1973/4), he was also the first endowed Peace Studies Chair-holder in the USA. As Professor of Peace Studies he was director of one of the earliest university Peace Studies Programs in North America (Colgate University, New York 1984-2004) where he retains the title of Research Professor.

Professor Young has held academic positions in sociology, politics and peace studies, at over a dozen universities and colleges worldwide, and was a Senior Peace Research fellow in Oslo, Norway (1981-84). He is currently working on books on Historical Memory as related to peace, and the community basis of resistance. In 2012 he received the Dayton Peace Prize for outstanding scholarly achievement.

Alexandra Asseily

As witness of the pain of the civil war in Lebanon, Alexandra explored her own responsibility for war and for peace. She became a psychotherapist. She is a governor and founder of the Centre for Lebanese Studies, Oxford, a founder member of the Ara Pacis Initiative, and a former member of the Advisory Board of the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University. In 1998 Alexandra initiated Hadiqat As-Samah, the Garden of Forgiveness, in the heart of Beirut, between three cathedrals and three mosques and amongst the archaeological ruins of 3,000 years of human living and dying. In 2011 she initiated the Healing the Wounds of History programme; a series of workshops focusing on the ancestral element of healing. She is actively involved in helping individuals and groups reach a better understanding of forgiveness, as a bridge to peace.

Patrice Brodeur

Dr Patrice Brodeur, is a Canadian national, and joins KAICIID as Director of Research. With a BA in Religious Studies and an MA in Islamic Studies, both from McGill University, as well as a second Master's in Comparative Religion and a PhD in Islam & Judaism from Harvard, Dr. Brodeur's extensive experience stretches back to early beginnings as a teaching assistant at Harvard and Director of the National Conference for Community and Justice Seminarians Interacting Program in New York. He later became Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life at Connecticut College. Since 2005, prior to joining KAICIID, Dr. Brodeur served as Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair on Islam, Pluralism & Globalization in the Faculty of Theology and the Sciences of Religions at the University of Montréal.

An esteemed author and multilinguist, Dr. Brodeur has received numerous prestigious awards, including fellowships, scholarships, research grants and prizes during his distinguished career. He won 1st Prize for the Social entrepreneurship venture plan competition at the University of Notre Dame Mendoza Business School (2005) and received an "Interfaith Visionary Award" from the Temple of Understanding (2010).

Marina Cantacuzino

Marina Cantacuzino is an award-winning journalist who in 2003, in response to the imminent invasion of Iraq, embarked on a personal project collecting stories in words and portraits of people who had lived through violence, tragedy or injustice and sought forgiveness rather than revenge. As a result Marina founded, The Forgiveness Project, a UK-based non-profit that uses the real stories of victims and perpetrators to examine how ideas around forgiveness, reconciliation and restorative justice can be used to impact positively on people's lives. The Forgiveness Project is a non-partisan and non-religious initiative that works with the public, prisons, schools, faith communities and any other group wishing to explore the nature of forgiveness and alternatives to conflict, whether in the wider political context or within individual lives.

Marina also has a regular blog on The Huffington Post. In 2012 she spoke at the UN before Secretary General Ban Ki-moon about her work and is a contributor in the film documentary feature *Beyond Right and Wrong* directed by Roger Spottiswoode. She also co-created www.theforgivenessstoolbox.com and runs workshops exploring concepts of forgiveness.

Graham Dawson

Professor Graham Dawson is the University of Brighton's professor in Historical Cultural Studies. His first degree was in English with Cultural and Community Studies from the University of Sussex. He studied as a postgraduate at the Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies, University of Birmingham, where he worked as a member of the Popular Memory Group from 1979-1986 and was awarded a doctorate in 1991.

Prof Dawson's first book, *Soldier Heroes: British Adventure, Empire and the Imagining of Masculinities* (1994) has been acclaimed internationally as challenging, innovative, original, magisterial and essential reading. It is being actively used and cited by researchers in diverse fields of study in, *inter alia*, Britain, Ireland, North America, Australia, France, Germany, South-east Asia and South Africa. Since 1995 the main focus of his research has been on questions of cultural memory, violence and conflict resolution in the Irish Troubles and the peace process. This has resulted in numerous articles and a second monograph, *Making Peace with the Past? Memory, Trauma and the Irish Troubles*, published by Manchester University Press in November 2007. He has also participated in national and international networks involved in the study of memory, co-editing three books - on the politics of war memory and commemoration, on trauma, and on contested spaces and the representation of conflicted pasts - and contributing to others. Graham Dawson's current interests lie in the cultural dimensions of dealing with the past within conflict resolution processes, involving questions of memory, imaginative geography, social justice and human rights.

Scherto Gill

Dr Scherto Gill is the Executive Secretary and Research Fellow at the Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace (GHFP). Her research interests centre on understanding peace and human development as a holistic and dynamic process and how to apply this understanding in wider social transformation. The key concepts that she is developing include human-centred education, pedagogy of encounter, narrative learning and dialogic approach to peacebuilding. She is the Co-ordinator of the GHFP's 'Healing the Wounds of History' Project, jointly initiated with the Centre for Lebanese Studies.

Scherto recently edited a Special Issue of the Journal of Comparative and International Education on 'Dialogic Pedagogy in Education for Peacebuilding'. Scherto is also a Visiting Fellow and an Associate Tutor at the University of Sussex's School of Education and Social Work. Scherto is a Fellow of RSA.

Ivor Goodson

Prof Ivor Goodson has worked in universities in England, Canada and the USA, and held visiting positions in many countries, notably at the Max Planck Institute in Berlin, Sciences Po - L'Institut d'études Politiques (IEP) de Paris and Stanford University in the USA. Ivor is currently Professor of Learning Theory at the Education Research Centre, the University of Brighton, UK; International Research Professor at the University of Tallinn, Estonia, and Senior Visiting Fellow at the GHFP.

Ivor has spent the last 30 years researching, thinking and writing about some of the key and enduring issues in education and has contributed over 50 books and 600 articles to the field. Life history and narrative research specialisations represent a particular area of competence as does his research on teacher's lives and careers and teacher professionalism. He was given the Michael Huberman award at

the American Educational Research Association for his work on teachers' lives; an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Gothenburg and was made a Laureate of the Phi Delta Kappan Society in the USA.

Jean Baptiste Habyalimana

Dr. Habyalimana has been the Executive Secretary of the Rwandan National Unity and Reconciliation Commission (NURC) since 2009. Prior to assuming this position, Dr Habyalimana J.B. served as the President of this Commission from 2002. The goals of NURC are to promote unity and reconciliation by creating a climate of trust and harmony among the people as well as monitoring whether political parties, civil society, public and private institutions observe policies of unity and reconciliation. During the past 10 years, he has played a key role in post-genocide rebuilding particularly with regard to unity and reconciliation process in Rwanda. From 1999 to 2001 in partnership with the US Embassy, he coordinated activities of a club of tolerance and reconciliation in Rwanda especially by organizing debates on peace and conflict prevention and resolution. After the genocide he served as Director General of the King Faysal Hospital (KFH) from 1994 to 1999 and worked as Specialist Physician in the same Hospital. In 1998 he was elected for one year as the president of Rwanda Medical Association.

Dr. Habyalimana has represented Rwanda in various regional and international conferences related to peace, conflict prevention and resolution, gender and human rights, among them is the International Conference on women and women rights held in Beijing in 1995, International Convention of all Forms of Racial Discrimination held in Geneva in March 2011. He organized and attended various Seminars on unity and reconciliation and Gacaca for Rwandan Diaspora, in Moscow in 2002, in Brussels 2007 and a civic education program (Itorero) for Rwandan students in Bangalore, India in 2010. In 2003 he participated in a training on conflict resolution and peace building in the School of International Training (SIT) in Vermont – USA. He is a member of Rotary Club Mont Jali and was the President of the Club in 2002.

Sharif Horthy

Sharif Istvan Horthy, President of the GHFP and Vice Chairman of the GHFP's Board of Trustees, was born in Hungary, and is the grandson of Admiral Horthy (Regent of Hungary 1920-1944). He studied physics at Oxford University and civil engineering at Imperial College. At 25, Sharif embraced Islam. He has worked as a civil engineer and businessman in Britain, Indonesia and the USA. He is currently living in the UK. Sharif is also on the advisory board of the Three Faiths Forum, and a Trustee of the Museum of World Religions (UK). Sharif is also Chair of the Trustees for Lewes New School and on the board of the Three Faiths Forum, and a Trustee of the Museum of World Religions (UK).

Mannie Sher

Dr Mannie Sher's work as an evaluator and organisational development and change consultant covers assignments in the following sectors: financial, public protection, health and social care, manufacturing, voluntary organisations and professional and political associations. His approach to the work concentrates on evaluating and redefining organisational aims, introducing new strategies, designing inter-dependent systems of work and understanding the role of technology. Dr Sher's work involves addressing intra- and inter-group relationships to improve collaboration and team effectiveness; other important aspects of his approach include working with group beliefs; group identity, role and culture and the exercise of authority and leadership.

Dr Sher has a special interest in the part that thought plays in strategic development and he is currently undertaking research in this area. He is the Director of the Group Relations Programme at the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations (TIHR). In this role, he has developed and directed the world-renowned Leicester conference Authority, Leadership Organisation. From January 2012, he is Co-Directing the Certificate in Coaching for Leadership and Professional Development, a certificated programme for those involved in developing others.

Dacia Viejo-Rose

Dr Dacia Viejo Rose is a British Academy Post-doctoral Fellow. From 2012-2014 she will be doing research on the topic... moreDr Dacia Viejo Rose is a British Academy Post-doctoral Fellow. From 2012-2014 she will be doing research on the topic 'Cultural Violence/Violence against Culture'. Her PhD (2009) from the University of Cambridge focused on the reconstruction of cultural heritage after civil war and its long-term impacts on societies. Her first book on the topic has recently come out entitled "Reconstructing Spain: Cultural Heritage and Memory after Civil War" (Sussex Academic Press 2011). She was also a guest editor and contributor for The Culture and Globalization Series, volume 4, "Heritage, Memory and Identity" (Sage 2011). From 2009-2011 she was Research Associate on the EU funded project Cultural Heritage and the Reconstruction of Identities after Conflict (www.cric.arch.cam.ac.uk). In January 2006 Dacia founded the Cambridge Post-Conflict and Post-Crisis Group. She has also been a coordinator of the European Cultural Foundation's UK National Committee (2003-2005) and worked at UNESCO's Department of Cultural Policies for Development (2000-2002) in Paris where she managed the Cities for Peace Prize. Her interest in this field began in 1997 when she interned at the United Nations Department for Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva.