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*Martti Ahtisaari Centre*

## HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE ON MEDIATION IN THE OSCE AREA

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10 OCTOBER 2014

NEUER SAAL, 2ND FLOOR, HOFBURG CONGRESS CENTRE,  
HELDENPLATZ 1, 1010 VIENNA

This event is organised by CMI with funding support from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland in cooperation with the Co-chairs of the OSCE Group of Friends of Mediation – Finland, Turkey and Switzerland and with the support of the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE Secretariat



# PROGRAMME

**08:00-09:20** Registration of participants

**09:20-09:30** Welcoming words

**Ms. Andrea Rauber**, Deputy Head of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE

**09:30-10:45** High-level panel on mediation in highly politicized contexts

Moderated by **Tuija Talvitie**, CMI's Executive Director

Speakers:

- **President Martti Ahtisaari**, Former President of Finland and Nobel Peace Laureate
- **Ambassador Lamberto Zannier**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Ambassador Herbert Salber**, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia

Discussion and questions

**10:45-11:00** Coffee break, Vorsaal, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**11:00-13:00** Expert panel on dilemmas of inclusive mediation: What is the rationale of inclusive mediation? What dilemmas arise in broadening participation in mediation processes?

Moderated by **Ambassador Katja Pehrman**, Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Ambassador Erwan Fouéré**, Former Special Representative of the OSCE CiO for the Transnistrian settlement process; Senior Adviser, CMI
- **Dr. Thania Paffenholz**, Senior Researcher, Centre on Conflict, Peacebuilding & Development, Graduate Institute Geneva
- **Mr. Matthias Siegfried**, Head of the Mediation Program of swisspeace
- **Mr. Jonathan Cohen**, Director of Programmes, Conciliation Resources

Discussion and questions

**13:00-15:00** Buffet lunch hosted by CMI, Vorsaal, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**15:00-16:15** Expert panel on the future of mediation: What is the potential role of the OSCE in promoting national dialogue and building confidence across different divides?

Moderated by **Ambassador Tacan Ildem**, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Ambassador William Hill**, Former Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova
- **Prof. John Packer**, Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC) at the University of Ottawa, former UN Standby Team constitutional expert
- **Rt. Hon. Jeffrey Donaldson**, MP, Chairman, Causeway Institute, Northern Ireland
- **Dr. Sven Koopmans**, Member of the UN Standby Team of Mediation Experts

Discussion and questions

**16:15** Concluding remarks

- **Ms. Katri Viinikka**, Director, Unit for UN and General Global Affairs, Political Department, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

# SPEAKERS

## OPENING REMARKS

### MS. ANDREA RAUBER



Andrea Rauber Saxon is the Deputy Head of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, the United Nations and the International Organizations since 2011. She currently manages several teams and coordinates political issues at the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship team. She actively contributed to the establishment of a mediation support focal point at the OSCE in the framework of the negotiations on the ministerial decision on the conflict cycle (MC 3/11). Prior to joining the Swiss Mission in Vienna, Ms. Rauber Saxon served as the foreign policy advisor of two successive Presidents of the Swiss Confederation, Hans-Peter Merz and Doris Leuthard. From 2005 to 2008, Ms. Rauber Saxon worked at the Swiss Civil Aviation Office where she coordinated the negotiations with Germany on Zurich airport. Previous assignments included negotiations with the European Union on the association of Switzerland to Schengen/Dublin, a posting to India and in the Division for Human Security Policy at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs where she was, among other issues, also responsible for the human dimension at the OSCE.

## HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON MEDIATION IN HIGHLY POLITICIZED CONTEXTS

### TUIJA TALVITIE - MODERATOR



Mrs. Tuija Talvitie is CMI's Executive Director since November 2009. Tuija has over twenty years' experience in international leadership, cultural relations and social development. Prior to joining CMI, Tuija was the Director of British Council Finland where she led the office's programme work on climate change, intercultural dialogue, education and research. She was CMI's board member from 2005-2009 and sits on the boards of various think tanks and NGOs.

### PRESIDENT MARTTI AHTISAARI – KEYNOTE PANELIST



President Martti Ahtisaari is a Nobel Peace Laureate and has a distinguished career spanning more than three decades in solving international conflicts. President Ahtisaari was also the 10th President of the Republic of Finland holding office from 1994 to 2000. He has served most of his career at the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations, including acting as Finnish Ambassador to Tanzania, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Namibia and UN Under-Secretary General for Administration and Management. Upon leaving office as President, Ahtisaari founded the Crisis Management Initiative, where he is the Chairman of the Board. Since then, he has continued to engage in peace mediation and conflict resolution, including facilitating the peace process between the Government of Indonesia and the Free Aceh Movement, and acting as Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the future status process for Kosovo.

### AMBASSADOR LAMBERTO ZANNIER – KEYNOTE PANELIST



Ambassador Lamberto Zannier of Italy took up the post of OSCE Secretary General on 1 July 2011. Amb. Zannier is an Italian career diplomat. From June 2008 to June 2011 he was UN Special Representative for Kosovo and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). From 2002 to 2006, he was the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE. Previous senior positions include Permanent Representative of Italy to the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague (2000-2002), chairperson of the negotiations on the adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (1997-2000) and Head of Disarmament, Arms Control and Cooperative Security at NATO (1991-1997).

### AMBASSADOR HERBERT SALBER – KEYNOTE PANELIST



Ambassador Herbert Salber is the Special Representative of the EU for South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia. He served in the German diplomatic service in Belgrade and Nicaragua and Moscow. He was also involved in disarmament and arms control issues (Geneva Conference on Disarmament). Ambassador Salber has a unique overview of the OSCE from different sides, based on his experiences as Deputy Head of the German Permanent Mission to the OSCE, Head of the OSCE Centre in Almaty and Special Adviser to the Portuguese OSCE Chairmanship on Central Asia in 2002. He served as Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE in Vienna from 2006 to 2011.

## EXPERT PANEL ON DILEMMAS OF INCLUSIVE MEDIATION: WHAT IS THE RATIONALE OF INCLUSIVE MEDIATION? WHAT DILEMMAS ARISE IN BROADENING PARTICIPATION IN MEDIATION PROCESSES?

### AMBASSADOR KATJA PEHRMAN – MODERATOR



Ambassador Katja Pehrman is the Permanent Representative of Finland to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) since September 2013. She has been appointed to be the Coordinator to strive for tangible progress towards the settlement of the protracted conflicts in a peaceful and negotiated manner within the Helsinki +40 process. She has been one of the co-founders of the OSCE Group of Friends of Mediation in 2014. Ambassador Pehrman has previously served as the Chief of Cabinet and Diplomatic Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Furthermore, she has discharged various tasks at the Political Department, among others as the Adviser to the General Director and the Under-Secretary of State. She has worked especially with security policy issues, including at the Unit for Arms Control. She has served at diplomatic missions abroad, working at the Permanent Mission of Finland to the UN in New York, handling, among others, EU Presidency tasks. In addition, she has worked at Finland's Permanent Mission to the OSCE in Vienna during Finland's Chairmanship of the OSCE in 2008.

#### **AMBASSADOR ERWAN FOUÉRÉ – PANELIST**



Ambassador Erwan Fouéré is Former Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transnistrian settlement process, CMI's Senior Advisor and Senior Associate Research Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS). Previously, he has worked for the European Union for over 35 years. During his career, Ambassador Fouéré has been the EU Special Representative and Head of the European Commission Delegation to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Head of the European Commission Delegations in Slovenia, South Africa and Mexico, as well as Head of the OSCE Section in the Directorate-General for External Relations.

#### **DR. THANIA PAFFENHOLZ – PANELIST**



Thania Paffenholz is Senior Researcher at the Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Peacebuilding and Development. She is a political scientist by training and received her Ph.D. in international relations from the University of Frankfurt, Germany (1996). Thania Paffenholz is an internationally recognised expert in support of peace processes with 25 years of work experiences both as an academic and a policy advisor. She has supported peace processes in many countries in Africa and Asia. She previously held positions such as Director of the Center for Peacebuilding (KOFF) at swisspeace in Berne, Switzerland (until 2003); served as peacebuilding officer at the European Commission in Kenya working on the peace process in Somalia. Dr. Paffenholz has participated in different UN missions in Africa. She advises the UN, the EU, the OCED/DAC as well as governments and non-governmental organisations.

#### **MR. MATTHIAS SIEGFRIED – PANELIST**



Matthias Siegfried is Head of the Mediation Program of swisspeace. Previously he worked at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) as their regional peacebuilding advisor for south-eastern Europe. From 2005-2009, Matthias led the swisspeace Mediation Support Project mandated to build up the FDFA mediation capacities. In this function he was also co-director of the annual "Swiss Peacebuilding Training Course" and "Peace Mediation Course". From August 2009 - July 2010, he worked for the Mediation Support Unit of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs in New York, where he headed the Asia team and was in charge of developing and implementing regional mediation support activities. Currently, Matthias is a mediation advisor to a Personal Envoy of the UN Secretary General in ongoing peace negotiations. He is also an associate fellow of the Geneva Center for Security Policy.

#### **MR. JONATHAN COHEN – PANELIST**



Jonathan Cohen is Director of Programmes at Conciliation Resources. He joined Conciliation Resources in December 1997 and developed the Caucasus programme. In September 2008 he became Director of Programmes overseeing all Conciliation Resources' regional programmes. Previously he was deputy director of the Foundation on Inter-Ethnic Relations in The Hague, working with the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. Before that he worked for International Alert and the Peace Research Institute Oslo. He has been a board member of the DFID / CAF Partnerships in the Non-Profit Sector Programme for Russia; acted as a consultant to United Nations Volunteers, the Heinrich Boell Foundation, the Berghof Foundation and taught at the London School of Economics. Jonathan has degrees from the universities of Bristol, London and Oxford. Languages other than English: Russian.

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#### **EXPERT PANEL ON THE FUTURE OF MEDIATION: WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF THE OSCE IN PROMOTING NATIONAL DIALOGUE AND BUILDING CONFIDENCE ACROSS DIFFERENT DIVIDES?**

#### **AMBASSADOR TACAN ILDEM – MODERATOR**



Ambassador Tacan Ildem is Permanent Representative of Turkey to the OSCE in Vienna and OSCE Helsinki+40 Coordinator on Conflict Cycle. He served as Chair of the Security Committee in 2012 and 2013. Ambassador Ildem is a senior career diplomat and has held positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey in both multilateral and bilateral affairs. Before his appointment in Vienna, Ambassador Ildem was Director General for International Security Affairs in Ankara (2009-2011), Turkey's Permanent Representative to NATO (2006-2009) and Ambassador of Turkey to the Kingdom of the Netherlands (2003-2006). His previous assignments include notably Chief of Cabinet and Principal Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the Republic, Head of NATO and WEU Department, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Turkish Embassy in Athens, Head of the NATO Military Affairs Department, Political Counsellor at the Turkish Embassy in Washington D.C., First Secretary at the Mission to NATO and Turkish Embassy in New Delhi.



## AMBASSADOR WILLIAM HILL – PANELIST



Ambassador William Hill is currently a Public Policy Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC; he is on leave from his post of Professor of National Security Strategy at the National War College in Washington, DC. He served two terms – January 2003-July 2006 and June 1999-November 2001 – as Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova. He was also a Public Policy Scholar at the Wilson Center in 2001-2002, and an Associate of Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy in 2006-2007. During his foreign service career he served in Moscow, Leningrad, Belgrade, the U.S. CSCE delegation in Vienna, and Dhaka. In Washington, DC, he held a number of posts involving east-west relations, political-military affairs, and intelligence analysis, including CSCE Coordinator and Chief of Analysis for Eastern Europe in the State Department, European Division Chief in the Voice of America, and Senior Advisor for Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in the Pentagon.

## PROF. JOHN PACKER – PANELIST



John Packer is Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HREC) at the University of Ottawa. Prof. Packer previously held academic positions at the University of Essex and Tufts University. He has held Fellowships at Cambridge and Harvard Universities and lectured at universities and professional institutions around the world. Prof. Packer is also an experienced practitioner having worked for the United Nations for some ten years (notably in Geneva for the UNHCR, ILO and OHCHR) i.a. investigating serious human rights violations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Burma/Myanmar, and attacks on judges and lawyers. 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 located 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. He continues to advise in a number of situations around the world.

## RT. HON. JEFFREY DONALDSON – PANELIST



Rt. Hon. Jeffrey Donaldson is a politician of Northern Ireland, Member of Parliament belonging to the Democratic Unionist Party and Chairman of Causeway Institute. Jeffrey Donaldson's political career began when he joined the Young Unionist movement at the age of 18 and became Chairman of the Young Unionist Council in 1985 and 1986. He was a key member of the Ulster Unionist Party negotiating team in the talks culminating in the Good Friday Agreement in April 1998. He subsequently joined the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) in January 2004 and became a key member of their negotiating team for the review of the Belfast Agreement which culminated in a new Agreement at

St Andrew's in the autumn of 2006. Donaldson was returned to the House of Commons of the United Kingdom in the 2005 UK general election and in 2007 was appointed to Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council with a special interest in security and defence matters and global terrorism. He subsequently became a Minister in the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister (OFMDFM) with special responsibility for a range of governmental issues, including children and young people, policy on older people, supporting the victims of terrorism, as well as relations with the European Union.

## DR. SVEN KOOPMANS – PANELIST



Dr. Sven Koopmans is an expert in peace negotiations and process design, combining experience as a diplomat and political advisor with expertise in international law. A member of the Standby Team since 2013, he was the lead mediation advisor to the head of the UN mission in Mali, developing a negotiation framework and conducting shuttle diplomacy in the collaborative effort with the AU, ECOWAS and the EU, leading to the 2013 Ouagadougou Agreement. He advises special envoys of the Secretary-General on conflicts in Africa, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America on matters of mediation design, international law, constitutional review and border delimitation. Previously he advised the African Union on ways to settle border disputes, and was counsel to the European Union Special Representative for Sudan and South Sudan. For USAID he helped develop the popular consultations process in South Kordofan and Blue Nile in Sudan. Around the time of Kosovo's declaration of independence he was adviser to the International Civilian Representative there. Earlier he contributed to the negotiation of the Annan Plan for Cyprus.

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## CONCLUDING REMARKS

### MS. KATRI VIINIKKA



Katri Viinikka is Director of the Unit for UN and General Global Affairs in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. Her unit is responsible for coordination of mediation at the MFA. She has held various positions in the MFA in the Political Department, Department of Africa and Middle East and Department of Development Policy. She has served in the Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union and in the embassies of Finland in Bonn and Berlin. She has also previously worked as Chief of Cabinet and Senior Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.