



## **2017 OSCE HUMAN DIMENSION SEMINAR**

### **Rights of the Child: Children in Situations of Risk**

**Warsaw, 11-12 October 2017**

#### **Bios of introducers and moderators**

**Day 1: Wednesday, 11 October 2017**

**10:00-11.30**      **OPENING SESSION**

#### *Opening Remarks*

#### **Ms. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir**

Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir (Iceland) was appointed as Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights on 18 July 2017. Gísladóttir has 35 years of leadership experience working on human rights, democratic governance and the rule of law at the international, national and local levels. Before taking up the position of ODIHR Director, she served from 2014 as Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia and Country Representative to Turkey for UN Women. From 2011 to 2014 she was Country Representative of UN Women to Afghanistan.

From 2007 to 2009, Gísladóttir served as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland. She was previously a Member of Parliament and Chairperson and Leader of the Social Democratic Alliance (2005 – 2009) and Mayor of the City of Reykjavik (1994 – 2003). Throughout her career, she has been involved in policy and development work in conflict and non-conflict countries, aimed at strengthening democratic institutions and human rights.

In the early years of her political career, in 1982, Gísladóttir was one of the founders of the Women's Party, laying the ground for Iceland's remarkable progress in gender equality.

Gísladóttir holds a Bachelor's degree in history and literature from the University of Iceland (1979), and pursued Post-graduate studies in history at the University of Copenhagen (1979-1981). In 2004 she was a Visiting Scholar at the European Institute, London School of Economics (LSE). She speaks English, French and Danish.

#### **Ambassador Christian Strohal**

Ambassador Christian Strohal is an Austrian diplomat with a long career in multilateral work: currently he is serving as a Special Representative for the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship 2017. Previously he has served as the Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, as well as in positions at the United Nations in Geneva, as Chairman of the Governing Bodies of

the International Organization for Migration and Vice-President of the Human Rights Council.

Throughout his career, Strohal has consistently focused on human rights work; serving as the Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights from 2003 to 2008, as well as the Ambassador for the 1993 Vienna World Conference on Human Rights and the director for human rights at the Austrian Foreign Ministry.

**Professor Jacek Czaputowicz, Undersecretary of State for Legal and Treaty Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland**

Professor Jacek Czaputowicz graduated from the Warsaw Central School of Planning and Statistics. He completed his Ph.D. thesis in political science at the Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences PAN. He obtained his habilitation in humanities at the University of Warsaw's Faculty of Journalism and Political Science.

In the 1970s and 1980s he was an activist of the democratic opposition. In 1988-1990 he was a member of the Civic Committee to the Chairman of the Independent and Self-Governing Trade Union Solidarity (NFZZ Solidarność). He entered the MFA in 1990. He was Deputy Director and then Director of the Consular and Emigration Department in 1990-1992. In 1998-2006 he was Deputy Head of the Civil Service. In 2006-2008 he headed the Department of Strategy and Foreign Policy Planning at the MFA. In 2008-2012 he was Director of the National School of Public Administration (KSAP). From January 2017 he was Director of the MFA's Diplomatic Academy. On 15 September 2017 Jacek Czaputowicz has been appointed MFA Undersecretary of State in charge of legal and treaty affairs.

He is the author of over 100 articles and academic monographs, covering such topics as theories of international relations, international security and the concept of sovereignty.

**Ms. Katarzyna Gardapkhadze**

Ms. Katarzyna Gardapkhadze, the First Deputy Director of ODIHR is responsible for managing the operations of the ODIHR, overseeing the preparation, co-ordination and implementation of the activities of the Election, Democratization, Human Rights, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Programmes and of the Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues, as well as formulation of the ODIHR public message. Ms. Gardapkhadze is an expert in management, strategic planning and capacity-building, with thematic expertise in human and children rights and social welfare, and more than 20 years of professional experience from Poland, the United States, Western Balkans, South Caucasus and Central Asia. Prior to her current appointment, she was the Head of ODIHR's Human Rights Department, and had earlier supported setting up ODIHR civil society program in Ukraine and developing and institutionalizing a system of project monitoring and evaluation in the Office. Trained in conflict resolution and mediation, in 2003-2011, Ms. Gardapkhadze served as the director of conflict resolution, human rights and child/social welfare reform programs in the South Caucasus, with advisory and capacity-building roles in similar programs in Central Asia. In 2000 – 2002, she led programs focused on human rights, minorities and inter-ethnic dialogue in Western Balkans. Fluent in Polish, English and Russian, Ms. Gardapkhadze holds a Master's Degree in social sciences.

11:30-13:00

**WORKING GROUP I**

*Opening Debate Panellists:*

**Ms. Michaela Bauer**

Ms. Michaela Bauer works as Partnerships Manager for the UNICEF Regional Office in Europe and Central Asia and is based in Brussels. She supports UNICEF's strategic partnerships with the European Union, the Council of Europe and other regional bodies and civil society networks covering the Europe and Central Asia region. She has been working for nearly twenty years in policy advocacy and programme management on international security and development issues. Before joining UNICEF she worked for the Australian Government in Brussels, the OSCE Mission in Kosovo and the UN International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. She has a background in Political Science and International Relations.

**Mr. Benoit Van Keirsbilck**

Mr. Benoit Van Keirsbilck is the Director of the Belgian section of Defence for Children – International (DCI) and the former President of the International Executive Council (International board) of DCI. He is one of the founder and co-director of the Interdisciplinary Centre of the Rights of the Child (CIDE) which gathers 4 universities and 2 NGO in the French part of Belgium. The CIDE organises a University degree and conducts academic researches on children's rights. Finally, he is Chief Editor of the Journal of Children's Law (Belgium). Benoit Van Keirsbilck has a long experience on children's deprivation of liberty (DCI-Belgium has published a Practical guide on Monitoring places where children are deprived of liberty); he took part to the call for the UN Global Study on children deprived of liberty and is member of the advisory board of this study.

**Mr. Azamat Shambilov**

Mr. Azamat Shambilov graduated from Kazakh Humanitarian Law University (Almaty Law Academy) and completed his LLM degree at City University London in the United Kingdom. Azamat Shambilov is Regional Director of Penal Reform International (PRI) office in Central Asia, regional office is based in Astana, Kazakhstan. He has been working on various projects, including programmes on health in prison, the abolition of death penalty, reintegration of prisoners, issues of women prisoners, and improvement of prison system and detention conditions in general, torture prevention, and justice for children, radicalization of prisoners in Central Asia countries. PRI Central Asia office covers work in five countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, where it aims to improve the conditions and treatment for prisoners – men, women and children. Since April 2015, he is Member of the Coordination Council of NPM Kazakhstan at the Ombudsman office in Kazakhstan, member of working groups at the parliament of Kazakhstan on behalf of CSOs on criminal justice reforms, one of the leading human right activists in Central Asia, who promotes criminal justice reform with human rights and gender based approach. Since 2015, Associate of the Global Initiative "Know Violence in Childhood", Since 2017, Associate member of the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation. Since 2016, Azamat is

member of the Coordination Council of the prison reform platform at the State Service on Execution of Sentences in Kyrgyzstan.

**Ms. Roza Akylbekova**

Ms. Roza Akylbekova holds a Bachelor in Law and is a founding member of the Kazakhstan Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law. Today she holds the position of Deputy Director, Coordinator of Project Activities. Since 2002, Roza coordinates the Kazakhstan NGOs Working Group "On Protection of Children Rights", aimed at lobbying and implementing international law and standards on protection of children rights into Kazakhstani legislation; consulting citizens (children and parents) on proper issues, and developing reports on children rights in Kazakhstan to the proper bodies (e.g. UN Committee on the Rights of the Child). Since 2007 she is also coordinator of the Kazakhstani NGOs' Coalition against Torture, which consolidates over 30 different KZ NGOs, Lawyers and Experts on anti-torture issues and aimed at formation of the "zero tolerance" policy to torture issues in the Republic of Kazakhstan, minimization and subsequently elimination of torture appliance and bringing Kazakhstani legislation and law-enforcement practice in compliance with the international standards, supporting activities of monitoring network of public control, and conducting education and training programs in regions.

***Moderator:***

**Mr. Omer Fisher**

Omer Fisher is Head of the Human Rights Department of ODIHR. Mr. Fisher joined ODIHR in 2010 as the Human Rights Advisor, working primarily on freedom of peaceful assembly. Previously, he worked at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International in London as Researcher on the Balkans and as Senior Research Policy Advisor, developing and advising on human rights monitoring and fact finding methodologies. Omer Fisher holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK and a degree in Economics from Bocconi University, Milan, Italy.

**15:00-17:00      WORKING GROUP I (cont.)**

**Ms. Ina Verzivolli**

**Ms. Ina Verzivolli**, is the Chairperson of the Albanian State Agency for the Rights and Protection of the Child, the agency mandated with monitoring the implementation of the rights of the child in Albania as well as the lead agency in child protection. She is dedicated to strengthening the protection of children's rights in Albania, with a particular focus on building an effective and integrated child protection system. Ms Verzivolli has led the process of drafting of the new legislation on child rights and protection protection and is currently involved in the coordination of the plan of action for the protection of children in street situation. She is also involved with child rights at the international level and is currently the chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Rights of the Child of the Council of Europe, as well as member of the Lanzarote Committee. She is the national focal point for the Council of European Network of Children's Rights Coordinators. Ms. Verzivolli graduated in International Development Studies M.Sc. at the Geneva Graduate Institute (HEID).

**Ms. Joanna Sosnowska**

**Ms. Joanna Sosnowska**, Coordinator of the National Migration Network, Head of Unit.

A graduate of the Institute of International Relations at the Faculty of Journalism and Political Science and the Centre of Latin American Studies at Warsaw University, Political Science at Collegium Civitas and Postgraduate Studies in the field of contemporary international migration at the Faculty of Economics, Warsaw University. She has twice been a scholar of the Mexican government and studied at Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico w Centro de Investigaciones sobre America Latica y el Caribe. Since 2006, she has been dealing with international migration and cooperating with the Analysis Division of the Department of Migration Policy of the Ministry of the Interior where - as an analyst – she has been in charge of monitoring the phenomenon of migration from the countries of Latin America and Asia, preparing Polish migration policy and cooperating with international institutions and national NGOs dealing with issues of migration and asylum. Since 2010, she has been working at the National Contact Point of the European Migration Network in Poland. Currently (since November 2016) is leading the Unit for European Migration Network and Prevention against Trafficking in Human Being at the Ministry of the Interior and Administration. Speaks English and Spanish.

**Mr. Johannes Carniel**

Mr. Johannes Carniel works as legal expert at the Austrian Ombudsman Board (AOB). Mr. Carniel joined the AOB in 2012, the same year the mandate of the National Preventive Mechanisms according to OPCAT had been assigned to the AOB. The focus of his work lies on human rights issues especially the rights of persons with disabilities, children, migrants, and matters of social welfare as well as the implementation of the OPCAT mandate in Austria. Previously, he worked for a humanitarian organization as well as in a private law practice. Mr Carniel holds a bachelor and master's degree in law from the University of Vienna, an LLM from the University College London and a MA in Human Rights from the University of Essex.

Johannes Carniel will talk about a special report the institution is about to present to the National council and the Laender and/or present a recent amendment of the Nursing Home Residence Act (Heimaufenthaltsgesetz) which will improve the conditions for children with disabilities in such institutions.

***Keynote closing address:***

**Mr. Manfred Nowak**

In October 2016 Manfred Nowak was appointed as independent expert leading the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty. He carries out this function in close cooperation with the European Inter-University Center for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC) in Venice, which he is heading as Secretary General, and the partner universities of the Global Campus of Human Rights, as well as with the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights in Vienna, which he founded and co-directs.

In addition, Manfred Nowak still has a part-time Professorship of International Human Rights at the University of Vienna, where he is the head of the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights and of the Research Center Human Rights. He is also Vice-Chairperson of the Management Board of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights in Vienna.

Aside from Vienna University, Manfred Nowak was Professor of International Law and Human Rights at various prestigious universities, such as Utrecht, Lund, Stanford and the Graduate Institute in Geneva, and has published more than 600 books and articles in this field, including various language editions of the CCPR-Commentary, a CAT-Commentary

and an introduction to the International Human Rights Regime. His latest books deal with the human rights as an answer to growing economic inequality (Menschenrechte – Eine Antwort auf die wachsende ökonomische Ungleichheit, Konturen Hamburg 2016) and with the limits of privatization from a human rights perspective (Human Rights or Global Capitalism, Pennsylvania Press 2017).

In the past, he also carried out various expert functions for the UN, the Council of Europe, the EU and other inter-governmental organizations. Most importantly, he served for many years in various functions as UN Expert on Enforced Disappearances (1993 to 2006), as one of eight international judges in the Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo (1996 to 2003), and as UN Special Rapporteur on Torture (2004 to 2010).

***Moderator:***

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<b>Day 2: Thursday, 12 October 2017</b>
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**10:00-13:00**

**WORKING GROUP II**

***WG II Introducers***

**Dr. Maia Rusakova**

Dr. Maia Rusakova graduated from the St. Petersburg University of Culture in 1995 with a degree in sociology. In 1998 she obtained her Ph.D. from the Sociological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Since 1994 she is the associated researcher of the sector of Sociology of Deviance and Social Control in the Sociological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Since 2015 Dr. Rusakova has been the head of the Research Center for the Sociology of Childhood, since 2003 - an associate professor in Sociology in the St. Petersburg State University. The regional non-governmental organization “Stellit” was one of the initiators of the creation of the Russian Alliance against sexual exploitation of children, which in 2005 was granted the status of an affiliate group of the international network of ECPAT organizations (“Stop Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes”). In 2011 Dr. Rusakova became the regional representative of Eastern Europe and Central Asia of the ECPAT network. Since 2013 she is also a member of the Public and Expert Council under Child Ombudsmen under President of Russian Federation and the Head of the Public Commission for monitoring the observance of the rights of orphans and children left without parental care in residential institutions. Dr. Rusakova is also an alumnus of the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program (Virginia Commonwealth University, 2010-2011). Dr. Rusakova is an expert in the field of research on human trafficking, public health, prostitution, sexual exploitation of children and HIV, and has more than 60 scientific publications. Her professional activities are related to the conduct of academic and applied research and the development of prevention programs.

### **Ms. Allison Hollabaugh**

Ms. Allison Hollabaugh joined the Helsinki Commission in January 2012 as Counsel. Her portfolio includes human trafficking, women's issues, international parental child abduction, and combating sexual exploitation of children. Previously employed as Legal Counsel to Representative Chris Smith and as Policy Analyst in the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration at the U.S. Department of State, Allison has advocated for human rights in both bilateral and multilateral settings, particularly within the Organization on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Organization of American States, and the United Nations. She has also developed law and policy on U.S. domestic concerns, including legislation on human trafficking, parental child abduction, and religious freedom.

Allison began working in human rights in 2001 at the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, where she pursued the prioritization of religious freedom in U.S. foreign policy as well as highlighted egregious religious freedom abuses occurring abroad. Allison earned a B.A. in Philosophy from Westmont College and a J.D. from the University of Notre Dame. She is a member of the Virginia Bar

### **Ms. Cheyenne de Vecchis**

Ms. Cheyenne de Vecchis was born in Rome, Italy. From the age of fourteen to seventeen, she was a victim of child commercial sexual exploitation in Italy. Today, she is twenty-three years-old, she attends university and lives with her fiancé. She volunteers for the Iroko Onlus Association, sharing her experience with high school students through an educational program, raising awareness of children and youth on gender-based violence and how to protect themselves from being vulnerable to abuse. As a survivor, she has become a vocal activist on the issue and has spoken at a number of events in Italy.

### ***Moderator:***

### **Ambassador Madina Jarbussynova**

Ambassador Madina Jarbussynova of Kazakhstan is the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, and represents the OSCE at the political level in anti-trafficking issues. She took office in September 2014. From June 2012 to August 2014 she served as the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine. She was Ambassador-at-Large for Kazakhstan from 2009-2011, including during Kazakhstan's Chair-in Office in 2010. Previously, since 2008, she represented the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States at the SOS Kinderdorf International Senate in Vienna. She also previously was a member of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Advisory Board and a member of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development Board. From 1999 to 2003, she was her country's Permanent Representative at the United Nations. Prior to this, from 1998 to 1999 she served as the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

**13:00-17.00**

**WORKING GROUP III**

***WG III Introdurers:***

**Mr. Andrey Makhanko**

Mr. Andrey Makhanko is the Founder, Leader and International Director of the International NGO Ponimanie (Belarus); Executive Chairman of Razumenne (*understanding*) International Group (Belarus - EU), working in realm of Children's Human Rights. Co-author of the first in national history Alternative Report on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (2010), and author of the evidence-based Responsible Participation Approach at Children's Human Rights Defense, quoted in other international reports. Author of the evidence-based United Child Protection Model, recognized by the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) Multidisciplinary Team Award (2014), and the Women's World Summit Foundation WWSF Prize for Prevention of Child Abuse (2014), both awarded to Ponimanie. Mr. Andrey Makhanko is personally recognized with the USAID Certificate of Recognition (2016); the Donald Fridley Memorial Award for Excellence in Training and Mentoring (2017); Certificate of Recognition of Outstanding Achievements by the State of California Senate (2017); and was nominated for a number of prestigious international awards. Mr. Makhanko's areas of scientific and practical interests are: Children's Human Rights, Systemic Prevention and Response to Child Abuse, Neglect, and Trafficking, Children and Civil Society, Children as Human Rights Defenders, Contemporary Forms of Neo-Colonialism, AI and Global Governance.

**Mr. Serhiy Burov,**

Mr. Serhiy Burov, Coordinator of [All-Ukrainian Educational Program «Understanding Human Rights»](#). Advisor, educator, trainer in the sphere of human rights, civic education; Manager and participant of working groups on human rights monitoring. Head of Board [Education Human Rights House - Chernihiv](#). Coordinator of Education department of [Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union](#). Member of [Expert Council of National Preventive Mechanism](#) under Ombudsman on prevention of torture, cruel or degrading treatment and punishment.

***Moderator:***

**Mr. Pavel Chacuk**

Pavel Chacuk is the Deputy Head of the ODIHR Human Rights Department. He joined ODIHR in 2004 as the Human Rights Advisor, working on capacity building and human rights monitoring issues. Pavel Chacuk has also worked as a consultant and trainer for the OSCE, Council of Europe, UNDP and other organizations. He holds an MA degree in International Relations from Central European University (Budapest) and a law degree from Hrodna State University (Belarus).



*Closing Remarks*

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