

**Santiago workshop on the prohibition of incitement to
national, racial or religious hatred:**
Biography of experts

Eduardo Bertoni

Eduardo Bertoni is the Director of the Center for Studies on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information (CELE) at Palermo University School of Law, Argentina. He was the Executive Director of the Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF) until May, 2006. Previously, he was the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights at the Organization of American States (2002-2005) and a former fellow of the Human Rights Institute at Columbia University School of Law. Mr. Bertoni has also worked as a private lawyer in Argentina and has been a legal advisor for several non-governmental organizations in his country. He has also worked as an advisor to the Department of Justice and Human Rights in Argentina.

Mr. Bertoni holds a Masters in International Policy and Practice from the Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University. He was appointed Professor of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure at the School of Law of Universidad de Buenos Aires, where he has taught undergraduate and graduate courses. He was also an Adjunct Professor at the School of Law, George Washington University. Mr. Bertoni has written several publications on the right to freedom of expression, judicial reforms and international criminal law and has given lectures and conferences in several countries on these issues.

Frank La Rue

Mr. La Rue has been serving as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression since August 2008. He is a lawyer and the current Director of the Centro-American Institute for Social Democracy Studies (DEMOS) in Guatemala. He holds a degree in law from the University of San Carlos, Guatemala, and a postgraduate degree in U.S. foreign policy from Johns Hopkins University. Mr. La Rue has worked extensively on human rights issues, and as founding member and Director of the Centre for Legal Human Rights Action (CALDH), he was involved in presenting the first Guatemalan human rights case before the Inter-American Court for Human Rights. Mr. La Rue also brought the first case of genocide against

the military dictatorship in Guatemala. As a human rights activist, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004.

Mr. La Rue has previously served as Presidential Commissioner for Human Rights in Guatemala (2004 – 2008), Human Rights Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, President of the Governing Board of the DEMOS, and consultant to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. He was also a professor of human rights at the University of Rafael Lavander de Guatemala.

Heiner Bielefeldt

Mr. Bielefeldt is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, since 2010. He is also Professor of Human Rights and Human Rights Politics at the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, and honorary Professor of Law at the University of Bielefeld. He has held various other teaching positions with the universities of Toronto, Heidelberg, Mannheim and Tübingen.

From 2003-2009, he was the Director of the German Institute for Human Rights. In that capacity he was also the Chair of the Subcommittee on Accreditation of the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions (2008-2009). Mr. Bielefeldt has also been the Coordinator for human rights in the German Commission of Justice and Peace.

Mr. Bielefeldt has undertaken studies in philosophy, history, and Catholic theology. He obtained his PhD in philosophy from the University of Tübingen in 1989 and his Habilitation (postdoctoral qualification) in philosophy from the University of Bremen in 2000.

José Francisco Cali Tzay

Mr. Cali Tzay is a member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (period 2004-2008 and 2008-2012). He is also the Director of Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala.

Previously, Mr. Cali Tzay has been consultant to the Vice President of the Republic of Guatemala with respect to indigenous issues and compliance with international commitments (2007). He was also the Presidential

Commissioner in charge of the Unit of International Relations and Cooperation at the Presidential Commission against Discrimination and Racism against Indigenous Peoples in Guatemala (CODISRA) (2003-2006). In addition, Mr. Cali Tzay has been the Director of the Indigenous Rights at the Center for Human Rights Legal Action (CALDH) (1995-2003). He was also a political adviser Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Nobel Peace Prize winner, from 1991 to 1993.

Paula Martins

Paula Martins is the South America Director for the organization Article 19. She is a lawyer who has worked for many years with NGOs in Brazil on issues such as housing rights, indigenous land rights and disability rights. She has also developed capacity-building programmes and materials on human rights themes. She has experience in co-ordinating human rights projects, researching and documenting human rights violations and legal counselling on legal matters of public interest. Before joining ARTICLE 19, Paula worked with Human Rights Watch as a researcher on Angola, and as a focal point on housing rights with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva. She was a visiting fellow to the Federation Internationale des ligues des Droits de l'Homme in Paris and with the European Roma Rights Center in Budapest. She has an LLM in public interest law, with a specialisation in international human rights law.

Ricardo Lombana

Mr. Ricardo Lombana is the current president of the Ethics Committee of the Journalism National Council (2009-2011) and is the host of his own radio show, awarded as best opinion radio show in Panama, 2010. Mr. Lombana is currently practicing law at Galindo, Arias & López law firm where he is a specialist in media and communications Law. Prior to joining the firm, he worked at Diario La Prensa in Panama, performing duties as Assistant Editor and Ombudsman of La Prensa (Panama's top publication). He has also been Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Panama in the United States (to the White House) and Consul General of Panama in Washington, DC; and also was the first Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression at the Ombudsman Office in Panama.

Mr. Lombana holds a bachelor in law and political science from the University of Panama and an LLM in international and comparative law from the George Washington University Law School. He also holds and

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Santiago Canton

Santiago A. Canton is the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States (OAS). Previously he was the OAS Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression.

Mr. Canton holds a law degree from the University of Buenos Aires and a Master degree in International Law from the Washington College of Law of the American University. During 1998 he was Director of Public Information for the OAS. From 1994 to 1998 Dr. Canton was Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), a democratic development institute based in Washington, D.C. Mr. Canton was a political assistant to Mr. Carter in the election processes in El Salvador and Dominican Republic.

Sir Clare K. Roberts

Sir Clare was until recently a member of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights. He was elected in 2001 and was re-elected in 2005. In 2006 he was the President of the Commission. Sir Clare was the first Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and Against Racial Discrimination and Racism. He has spearheaded the fight by the Inter –American Commission on Human Rights against racial discrimination in the hemisphere. He has studied and reported on the situation of Afro- descendants in Brazil, Columbia, and the Caribbean including Cuba, the United States and Canada.

In 2006, Sir Clare was knighted for his work in human rights, and his service to the legal profession and youth. He is also an Attorney and Principal of Roberts & Co., Attorneys at Law in Antigua and Barbuda. Commissioner Roberts has held the positions of Attorney General & Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda and Solicitor General of Antigua and Barbuda, as well as positions as Director of the Antigua Commercial Bank, ACB Mortgage & Trust and Founding Member and Director of the National Development Foundation of Antigua and Barbuda.

Sir Clare received his LL.B. (Honours) and B.A. in History from the University of the West Indies. He is a Member of the Antigua and

Barbuda, Montserrat, Dominica and BVI Bars, an Associate Member of the American Bar Association, and Vice President of the Antigua Offshore Association.

Tad Stahnke

Tad Stahnke joined Human Rights First in January 2008 as Director of the Fighting Discrimination program, and currently serves as Director of Policy and Programs. Prior to joining Human Rights First, Mr. Stahnke worked at the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom from 2000 to 2007, where he served as Deputy Executive Director for Policy, as well as Acting Executive Director in 2002 and 2007. He led the Commission's effort to strengthen U.S. foreign policy to advance the right to freedom of religion and belief. He participated in fact-finding missions in Asia, the Middle East and Europe, and served on official U.S. delegations to human rights conferences of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the United Nations. He has also served as an expert in international human rights law in training officials from the Departments of State, Justice, and Homeland Security.

Mr. Stahnke has worked as a research fellow and lecturer at Columbia Law School and as an associate at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York. He holds a J.D. from Columbia Law School, a Masters in Urban Planning from New York University's Wagner School of Public Service, and a B.A. in Metropolitan Studies from NYU. He was also a law clerk to Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the United States Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit. Mr. Stahnke has authored and coauthored numerous scholarly publications.

Toby Mendel

Toby Mendel is the Executive Director of the Centre for Law and Democracy, a Canadian-based international human rights NGO that focuses on providing legal expertise regarding foundational rights for democracy, including the right to information, freedom of expression, the right to participate and the rights to assembly and association. Prior to that, he was for 12 years Senior Director for Law at ARTICLE 19, a human rights NGO focusing on freedom of expression and the right to information. He has provided peak level expertise on these rights to a wide range of actors including the World Bank, various UN and other intergovernmental bodies, and numerous governments and NGOs in

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