

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

### **Abdelaziz Bennani**

*Organisation Marocaine des Droits Humains* (OMDH) (Moroccan Human Rights Organization), Morocco

A lawyer by training, Abdelaziz Bennani is the former President of the *Organisation Marocaine des Droits de l'Homme* and the *Reseau Euro-méditerranéen des droits de l'Homme* (Euro-Mediterranean human rights network). He is also a long-time member of the *Instance Équité et Réconciliation* (Equity and Reconciliation Tribunal).

### **Ayla Göl**

University of Wales Aberystwyth, United Kingdom

Ayla Göl is a graduate of the University of Ankara in Turkey and holds a PhD from the London School of Economics (LSE). Before joining the Department of International Politics at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, she lectured at the Department of International Relations, LSE between 2003 and 2005. Her research interests include political Islam, the politics of developing countries, nationalism and Turkey.

### **Byunghoon Oh**

National South Korean Human Rights Commission, South Korea

Byunghoon Oh is the Director of the international division of South Korea's National Human Rights Commission (NHRCK). Created in 2001 as an entity independent of the government, its role is to promote respect of human rights in South Korea. The Commission is responsible for carrying out investigations when complaints concerning violations of human rights are filed. Its mandate also includes significant research and public education components.

### **Dominique Payette**

Université Laval, Canada

Dominique Payette teaches journalism in the Information and Communication Department at Université Laval in Québec City. She worked as a journalist for many years, mainly in radio with Radio-Canada, but also on television with Radio-Canada and Télé-Québec. She is well-known as the moderator of *275-Allô/Ados Radio* (275-Hello/Teen Radio), a program for young people, and developed a radio program that gives a voice to young French-speaking Africans entitled "*À toi, l'Afrique!*". In 2004, she wrote "*La derive sanglante de Rwanda,*" published by Éditions Écosociété.

Dominique Payette holds a Master's Degree in Communications and a PhD in Sociology from UQAM.

**Driss Moussaoui**

*Collectif Démocratie et Modernité* (Democracy and Modernity Collective), Morocco

Driss Moussaoui is a physician, specializing in psychiatry, a professor at the Faculty of Medicine in Casablanca and Head of the Department of Psychiatric and Medical Psychology in that faculty. He is the Chief Physician of the Ibn Rushd University Psychiatric Centre in Casablanca and Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre in Mental Health. Dr. Moussaoui is also a member of the French National Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Moussaoui is also a founding member and Past President of *Collectif Démocratie et Modernité*. He is also a founding member of Daba 2007 and Vice-president of *Fondation Zakoura* (micro-credit and education).

**Fatimata M'Baye**

Association Mauritanienne des Droits de l'Homme (AMDH) (Mauritanian Human Rights Association) and the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)

A figurehead in the struggle for human rights in Mauritania, Fatimata M'Baye is a lawyer by training. She completed her law studies in Nouakchott, and in 1985 became the first female lawyer in Mauritania. She is now the Vice-president of FIDH and President of AMDH, as well as volunteer for various causes related to human rights in her country.

On September 26, 1999, she became the first African to receive the Nuremberg International Human Rights Award, in Germany. Created in 1995, this honour is awarded every two years to an individual who has been exemplary in her or his commitment to the respect of human rights.

**Gérard Latulippe**

National Democratic Institute (NDI), Morocco

Gérard Latulippe is a lawyer by profession. He is NDI's Resident Director and is responsible for the NDI parliamentary program in Morocco, in addition to being NDI's senior representative for North Africa. He has also worked with NDI as a trainer in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in Georgia, in Mauritania, in Iraq and in Jordan. In 2005, he was an observer for the presidential elections in Egypt.

In Québec, he was Minister of Public Security and a Member of the Legislature of the National Assembly in Québec City. As a civil servant, Mr. Latulippe held the position of Québec Delegate General in Mexico City and in Brussels, and as Assistant Deputy Minister of International Affairs.

### **Guido Riveros Franck**

*Fundación Boliviana para la Democracia Multipartidaria (FBDM), Bolivia*

Guido Riveros Franck is a founder and current President of the Bolivian Foundation for Multiparty Democracy (FBDM), an organization that works primarily to consolidate democracy in Bolivia by supporting a stronger party system and promoting dialogue and the participation of all sectors of society in democratic development. He has also been a member of the National Congress, the Deputy Minister of coordination between the Parliament and executive power, and a diplomat in Colombia, where he successfully worked for the release of victims of abductions.

His actions have always been informed by his advocacy for democracy, human rights and justice. This struggle forced him into exile in Switzerland during the dictatorship of General García Meza.

### **Hannah Forster**

*African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies, Gambia*

Hannah Forster is the Executive Director of the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies in Gambia. Created by the Gambian government in 1989, the centre's mission is to ensure respect, through educational activities and publications, of individual rights and freedoms as provided in the Charter. In 2007, Ms. Forster was the first Gambian to receive the US Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award. She has also worked for the adoption of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa.

### **István Gyarmati**

*International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT)*

Since his graduation from the University of Budapest in 1974, István Gyarmati has worked as a foreign service officer. He is currently the Director of the International Centre for Democratic Transition. The centre's mission is to document democratic transitions, and to share these experiences with countries wishing to follow that path. Research is one of the central focuses of the institution. Mr. Gyarmati is the author of numerous publications on security policy, conflict management and Hungarian defence policies.

### **Janice Stein**

*Munk Centre for International Studies and Chair of the Board of Directors, Rights & Democracy, Canada*

Janice Stein has substantial expertise in political conflict, mainly with respect to the Middle East. Currently, she is the Director of the Munk Centre for International Studies and the Belzberg Professor of Conflict Management and Negotiation in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto. She is the author of many books and articles on management and resolution of crises and conflict, the Cold War, international security issues and the Middle East. Ms. Stein is on a number of advisory and editorial

boards on international issues, including Foreign Affairs Canada's Working Group on the Middle East. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and an honorary foreign member of the American Academy of Arts and Science.

### **Jean-François Lisée**

Executive Director of the new International Studies Center (CERIUM), Université de Montréal

For five years, Jean-François Lisée was an adviser, notably in international affairs, to Québec premiers Jacques Parizeau and Lucien Bouchard. He has written several books, including "*Dans l'oeil de l'aigle*," on US policies towards the sovereignty movement, which won him the Governor General's Award. For almost 20 years he has been a journalist, working from Paris and Washington for Québec and French media. A member of the *Centre d'études sur les politiques et le développement social* (CPDS), with his team, he set up the *PolitiquesSociales.net* Internet site on social policies and globalization.

### **Jean-Louis Roy**

Rights & Democracy, Canada

Jean-Louis Roy was nominated President of Rights & Democracy in June, 2002. A former Director of the Montreal daily *Le Devoir*, Mr. Roy was Secretary General of the *Agence de la Francophonie* in Paris from 1990 to 1998.

Mr. Roy holds a Ph.D. in history from McGill University, where he was Director of the Centre for French Canadian Studies at McGill University from 1971 to 1981. He was Director of *Le Devoir* from 1981 to 1986 until he was named Québec Delegate General in Paris and Delegate to Francophone Multilateral Affairs, a post he held until 1990. President of the *Ligue des droits et libertés du Québec* (Quebec's Civil Liberties' Union) from 1976 to 1978, he was also a member of the *Commission des droits et libertés de la personne du Québec* (Québec's Human Rights Commission).

### **John Parisella**

BCP Ltd and Concordia University, Canada

A well-known figure in Montréal and throughout Québec, John Parisella has worked in government communications and business for over 25 years. Among others, he has been the General Director of the Liberal party of Québec, Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff to premiers Robert Bourassa and Daniel Johnson (1986-1994). President of BCP since 1999, Principal Associate and President of BCP Consultants, he is frequently consulted by the media and contributes articles in dailies as a political analyst. He is currently Special Communications Advisor to the Rector of Concordia University.

**Marc Mayrand**

Elections Canada, Canada

Marc Mayrand served as Superintendent of Bankruptcy from May 1997. After joining the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy in 1982, he held a variety of positions of increasing scope and responsibility, including Deputy Superintendent, Programs, Standards and Regulatory Affairs and Deputy Superintendent, Operations. Before joining the federal public service and the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Mr. Mayrand was a full-time professor at the University of Ottawa, Civil Law Section, where he taught Insolvency, Corporate/Commercial Law, and Public and Administrative Law.

Mr. Mayrand holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Ottawa and a Master's in Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He has been a member of the Quebec bar since 1977.

**Mohamed El Ayadi**

Université Hassan II Aïn Chock-Casablanca, Morocco

Mohamed El Ayadi holds a PhD in history and social sciences from Université de Paris VII: Denis Diderot. His principle areas of research are the relationship between society, politics and religion in contemporary Muslim societies. He is currently a professor of social and political history of contemporary Morocco at the Faculty of Arts and Social Studies of Aïn Chock-Casablanca. He is also a visiting professor at the Maghreb/Europe Institute of Université de Paris VIII, visiting professor at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and visiting professor at Sciences Po-Paris. His work has been extensively published.

**Mohamed Sghir Janjar**

*Prologues* Revue, Morocco

Mohamed Sghir Janjar was born in 1956. He holds a PhD in Anthropology from the Sorbonne and is currently Assistant Director of the King Abdul-Aziz Foundation for Islamic and Social Studies, Casablanca. He is a translator and the author of several studies on Arab-Islamic thought, the Publication Director of the Moroccan revue *Prologues* (a North African book revue published in Casablanca) and Co-director of the collection "*Débats philosophiques*" published by Éditions Le Fennec. He has published a number of studies and co-authored several books.

**Nacer Chraibi**

President, *Collectif Démocratie et Modernité*, Morocco

Nacer Chraibi was professor of cardiology from 1976 to 2004 at the Faculty of Medicine in Casablanca. He is particularly interested in strategies to prevent cardiovascular disease in developing countries.

Dr. Chraïbi is one of the founding members of the *Collectif Démocratie et Modernité* and has been its President since 2007. He is also Vice-president of the “Alternatives” Association since 1998 and Secretary-General of the Moroccan foundation for youth, initiatives and development since 2000. He has written over 165 articles, which have been published in national and international journals.

### **Nancy Riche**

Former Executive Vice-president of the Canadian Labour Congress and Vice-president of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, Canada

One of Canada’s leading labour leaders, Nancy Riche has made an exceptional contribution to the lives of working women in Canada and around the world. Ms. Riche has received both the National Action Committee on the Status of Women “Woman of Courage” Award and the Governor General’s Award in Commemoration of the “Persons” Case. She also received the AFL-CIO George Meary-Lane Kirkland Human Rights Award and was decorated with the Order of Canada in 2003.

### **Noureddinne Ayouch**

2007 Daba Association, Morocco

Noureddinne Ayouch holds a Master’s Degree in Sociology. He also studied theatre, and received a diploma in theatre arts from the Sorbonne. He created one of the largest communication agencies in Morocco in 1972 (SHEMS), then Afric Photogravure (1978), ALIF (1988), Public’s (1990), Archipel (1993). He has always been interested in art and in 1982 created a women’s magazine, entitled *Kalima*. He is also the current President of the *Fondation des Arts Vivants* (Living Arts Foundation). He is very active in the association sector and created *Zakoura* Micro-credit in 1995, and *Zakoura* informal education in 1997. He is the founding member of *Transparency Maroc* and the *Collectif Démocratie et Modernité*, and the President of 2007 Daba Association.

### **Rajeev Bhargava**

University of Delhi, India

Rajeev Bhargava has a degree in Economics from the University of Delhi. Since 2005, Rajeev Bhargava has been the Director of the Department of Political Science at the University of Delhi. He works on the specificities of Indian democracy, Indian federalism, and the rights of the Dalit (Untouchables). However, the central theme of his research is the appropriate state response to cultural and religious diversity in pluralistic societies. He has many publications to his credit, which have been translated into several languages, on the rights of minorities and Indian secularism.

**R’Kia Laroui**

Université du Québec à Rimouski, Canada

A graduate of Université Laval with a PhD in Educational Sciences, R’Kia Laroui has been a professor-researcher at Université du Québec à Rimouski since June 2002. She has broad experience teaching French and the French language and literature at university level, a profession that she exercised until 2000 in Casablanca, Morocco. R’Kia Laroui has long been involved in the women's movement to advance conditions for women. She has also participated in several study missions in North Africa, Europe, Africa and the Americas.

From 2005 to 2009, R’Kia Laroui had a mandate within Québec’s Council on the Status of Women and between 2006 and 2007, a mandate in the Québec government’s committee on integration and reasonable accommodation.

**Saad Eddin Ibrahim**

American University, Cairo, Egypt

Saad Eddin Ibrahim is a professor of Political Sociology at the American University in Cairo. Secretary General of the Egyptian Independent Commission for Electoral Review (ICER), President of Cairo’s Union of Social Professions, Trustee of the Arab Thought Forum (Amman, Jordan), Member of the club of Rome (Paris), and Chairman of the Board of the Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies.

He has authored, co-authored, and edited over 35 books in Arabic and English. Some of his hundred or so scholarly articles have been translated into as many as 13 foreign languages. Dr. Ibrahim has received many decorations, scholarly and human rights awards.

**Sabah Chraibi**

*Espace de la Femme pour la Solidarité et le Développement* (EFSODE) (Women’s Space for Solidarity and Development), *Association pour la Promotion de l’Entreprise Féminine* (ESPODE) Morocco

Sabah Chraibi holds a doctorate in law and political science, and is a university professor and consultant for national and international organizations. She is also a long-term human rights activist promoting equality between women and men. The national President of the Moroccan Association for the Promotion of Women's Enterprise (ESPOD), Sabah Chraibi works for citizen mobilization and the implementation of networks for participatory development.

A municipal counsellor, Sabah Chraibi was a member of the first Commission for the reform of the *Moudawana*. She is the author of books and articles on the development and issues of democracy, North/South relations, and the role of civil society in the promotion of rights.

**Sima Samar**

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Darfur, Sudan and the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission, Afghanistan

Dr. Sima Samar is Chairperson of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Darfur, Sudan. Dr. Samar obtained her degree in medicine from Kabul University in 1982 and fled Afghanistan two years later for Pakistan, where she spent more than a decade as refugee. In Quetta, Pakistan, Dr. Samar established the *Shuhada* Organization and *Shuhada* Clinic for Afghan women and girl refugees. Returning to Afghanistan in 2001, Dr. Samar assumed a cabinet post in the Interim Government under Hamid Karzai, serving as Deputy President and Minister for Women's Affairs before threats to her security forced her to resign. Dr. Samar's efforts on behalf of women in Afghanistan have been recognized with numerous awards.