

No woman's land: Unpacking the nexus and finding solutions on gender, corruption and access to natural resources

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➤ **Dr. Ayse Betül Çelik, Professor, Sabanci University & Mediterranean Women's Mediators Network**

Ayşe Betül Çelik received her Ph.D. in political science from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 2002. She teaches conflict analysis and resolution, and political science at Sabanci University in Istanbul. She has been a visiting scholar at the American University (2009) and the University of Sydney (2013). Her work focuses on conflict transformation processes, ethnicity, forced migration, peace processes, reconciliation, civil society and gender in peacebuilding. She has co-authored *Confronting Forced Migration: Post-Displacement Restitution of Citizenship Rights in Turkey*, and edited a book, *Türkiye'de ve Dünyada Barış Süreçleri: Anlamak ve Canlandırmak*, which are about forced displacement in Turkey, and rejuvenating peace processes around the world, respectively.

Prof. Çelik also served as a consultant to several civil society organizations and state ministries on conflict resolution and social cohesion. Prof. Çelik received "Ufficiale Dell Ordine Della Stella D'Italia"- Official (Ufficiale) of Order of the Star of Italy (Ordine della Stella d'Italia) which is a recognition of the highest degree conferred by the President of the Italian Republic in 2021 for her work in conflict resolution and gender.

➤ **Maria Victoria Cabrera Balleza, Chief Executive Officer, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders**

Maria Victoria "Mavic" Cabrera Balleza is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders. She is one of the two civil society initiators of the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund. She is also one of the founding members of its Global Funding Board. Ms. Cabrera-Balleza is also a Board Member of the Generation Equality Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action, representing GNWP and the Beijing +25 Civil Society Coalition on Women, Peace and Security and Youth, Peace and Security. She has initiated the development of the first Philippine National Action Plan on the UN Security Council Resolution 1325. She has provided technical support to NAP WPS development and implementation in Armenia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, Nepal, Sierra Leone, and Ukraine, among over 20 countries. She pioneered the Localization of the UN Security Council Resolutions on Women, Peace, and Security in 2010, which is now implemented in over 30 countries. The UN Secretary-General has cited the Localization of the WPS strategy as a key tool for translating policy into practice.

➤ **Dr. Michael Breen, Professor, Dublin City University, Ireland**

Dr. Michael Breen is an Associate Professor in the School of Law and Government at Dublin City University. His research interests include international political economy, the politics of international organisations, and the political economy of corruption.

His work has been published in leading academic journals, including *International Studies Quarterly*, the *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *European Union Politics*, and the *European Journal of International Relations*. He is the author of *The Politics of IMF Lending*, (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013) and a co-author of *Resilient Reporting: Media Coverage of Irish Elections Since 1969*, (Manchester University Press, 2019). He is the recipient of awards from the Irish Research Council and the Political Studies Association of Ireland and is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

He is Co-Director of DCU's Anti-Corruption Research Centre (ARC) and the Irish Local Research Correspondent on Corruption for the European Commission's DG Home Affairs. He is a member of Transparency International's expert advisory network. He has held visiting fellowships at the European University Institute and the University of Warwick. From 2016-18, he completed a two-year term as a member of the Royal Irish Academy's International Affairs Committee. He was a board member and then Secretary of the Political Studies Association of Ireland (2013-5).

➤ **Joachime Nason, Head of Humanitarian Section, EU Delegation to the UN in New York**

Joachime Nason is currently heading the Humanitarian Aid and Migration section in the EU delegation to the UN in New York. Before joining the delegation, she worked in the Cabinet of the EU Commissioner for Crisis Management and coordinated the organisation of the first European Humanitarian Forum in 2022. She headed the Humanitarian Affairs and Migration section in the EU Delegation to the UN in Geneva (2015-2021) and has worked in the European Commission's department for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG ECHO) in HQ for 15 years where she held different positions: Team leader of the International Relations Team, desk officer International Relations, Coordinator on Crisis management and desk officer for the Middle East. Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Nason worked as a legal advisor in the Flemish ministry and in the Cabinet of the Flemish minister for Education and Public Administration. She holds a Law degree and an LLM in European Law from the Free University of Brussels (1990-1996) and an LLM in International and Comparative Law from the George Washington University in Washington, DC (1997).

➤ **Ambassador Keith McBean, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN**

Ambassador Keith McBean has been Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN since September 2023. He holds particular responsibilities on the political, security and human rights sides of the Mission.

A longstanding career-diplomat with the Department of Foreign Affairs, he has previously served in Stockholm, New Delhi, Brussels, Strasbourg and Oslo, in addition to a wide range of Headquarters assignments in Dublin. He has served as Ambassador to the Political and Security Committee (PSC) of the European Union in Brussels, as Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, as well as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway and to Iceland, prior to taking up duty in New York.

➤ **H.E. Maurizio Massari, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations**

Ambassador, career diplomat with over thirty years of experience, Maurizio Massari is the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations in New York. In July 2022, he was nominated Vice President of the UN Economic and Social Council – ECOSOC (with an annual mandate until July 2023). In January 2023, he was elected by acclamation Vice-President of UN Women’s Executive Board, the major UN women rights agency, on a one-year mandate. As of 2021, he is an “International Gender Champion”. He has also served as the Permanent Representative of Italy to the European Union (June 2016 – May 2021), he was appointed Ambassador to Egypt in February 2013 and as Special Envoy of the Italian Foreign Minister for the Mediterranean and the Middle East (2012-2013).

Among his other appointments in a diplomatic career that began in 1985, Mr. Massari served as Ambassador and Chief of Mission to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Serbia and Montenegro, beginning in January 2003. He was First Political Counsellor at Italy’s Embassy in Washington, D.C., from July 1998 to June 2001, dealing particularly with United States policy towards the Russian Federation and the former Soviet Union, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Western Balkans.

Mr. Massari earned a master’s degree in international public policy from Johns Hopkins University, in the United States, in 2001; a fellowship certificate from the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University, also in the United States, in 1998; and a political science degree from the Istituto Universitario Orientale in Naples, Italy, where he specialized in Eastern European affairs.