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Dr. iur. Rainer Hofmann
Professor of Public Law, Public International Law and European Law at Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany

Rainer Hofmann is the President of the German Association of International Law; a Member of the Executive and Management Board of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, Vienna (Austria), representing the Council of Europe; and former President of the Advisory Committee on the Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities.

Nataša Kandić
Founder of the Humanitarian Law Center, Belgrade, the Republic of Serbia

Nataša Kandić has a B.A. in Sociology and was founder of the Humanitarian Law Center in Serbia in 1992 where she held the position of Executive Director until 2012. At present, Kandić is Coordinator of the RECOM Process/Human Losses in the Wars in the Former Yugoslavia. She has received 26 human rights awards and acknowledgements for her persistent and fearless work on documenting war crimes and the most serious human rights abuses in the former Yugoslavia.

Barbara Oomen
Professor of the Sociology of Human Rights at Utrecht University, based at University College Roosevelt, in Middelburg, The Netherlands.

Barbara Oomen has published extensively on the realization of human rights worldwide – as in Global Urban Justice: The Rise of Human Rights Cities (CUP 2016). She worked at the University of Amsterdam, Columbia University and the European University Institute in Florence. Her most recent research is supported by the Vici program of the Netherlands Science Foundation and concerns the relevance of international human rights law to the way in which local authorities throughout Europe welcome and integrate refugees. She sits on a wide range of advisory boards such as the Roosevelt Foundation and the Foundation Freedom lectures.
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Daniel Serwer
Director of the Conflict Management Program at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C., United States of America

Daniel Serwer has worked on preventing interethnic and sectarian conflict in Iraq and has facilitated dialogue between Serbs and Albanians in the Balkans. As a minister-counselor at the U.S. Department of State, Serwer directed the European office of intelligence and research and served as U.S. special envoy and coordinator for the Bosnian Federation, mediating between Croats and Muslims and negotiating the first agreement reached at the Dayton peace talks.

Alexander Verkhovsky
Director of the SOVA Center for Information and Analysis, Moscow, Russia

Alexander Verkhovsky’s areas of research are political extremism, nationalism and xenophobia, religion and politics, as well as the misuse of anti-extremism policies in contemporary Russia. He has authored or co-authored several books on these issues, including: Criminal Law in OSCE Countries against Hate Crimes, Incitement to Hatred, and Hate Speech.