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PORTRAITS ON THE GLOBAL STAGE: REACHING A HIGHER MORAL GROUND

2015-2020 RETROSPECTIVE





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Dean and Bernard G. Segal Professor of Law,
University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School

Penn Law builds bridges with leading international organizations, legal institutions, world leaders, and policymakers that deepen our engagement with pressing global issues.

At a time of great geopolitical upheavals, Penn Law's engagement with transnational leaders has helped strengthen our students' shared commitments to multilateralism, strong international institutions, and diversity in leadership. In an age of intense inquiry of equal representation of gender and race in global decision-making, these portraits and perspectives showcase a few of the global voices that have influenced Penn Law's inclusive vision of global justice.

Rangita de Silva de Alwis,
Associate Dean of International Affairs,
University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School



"In the course of history, there comes a time when humanity is called upon to shift to a new level of consciousness to reach a higher moral ground — that is where we are now."

-Mary Robinson,
President of Ireland;
Penn Law Commencement Speaker 2017



Ruth Bader Ginsburg,
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court;
Penn Law Roberts Lecture, 2018

“The number of women who have come forward as a result of the #MeToo movement has been astonishing. My hope is not just that it is here to stay, but that it is as effective for the woman who works as a maid in a hotel as it is for Hollywood stars.”

*-Justice Ginsburg
at Penn Law*

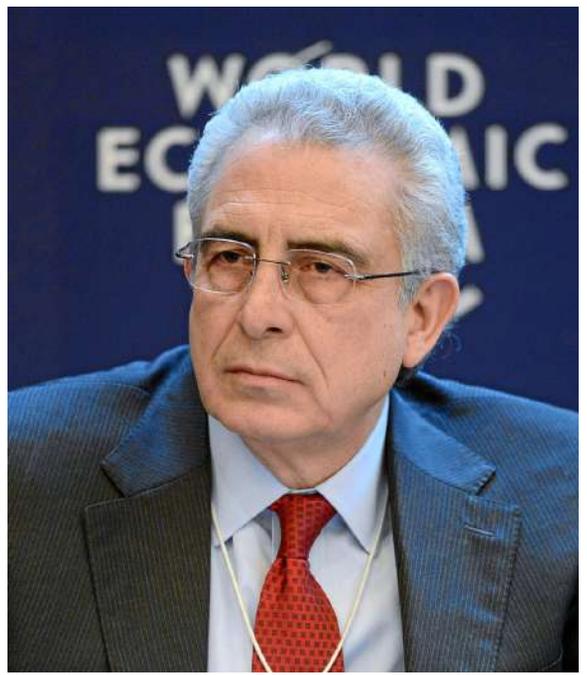
*"Let it be said
that human rights
are women's
rights, and
women's rights
are human rights,
once and for all."*



*Hillary Clinton,
Penn Law Women's Summit, 2016*



Roza Otunbayeva,
President of Kyrgyzstan, 2010-2011;
Penn Law *Global Leadership and Public
Policy Speaker Series*, 2019



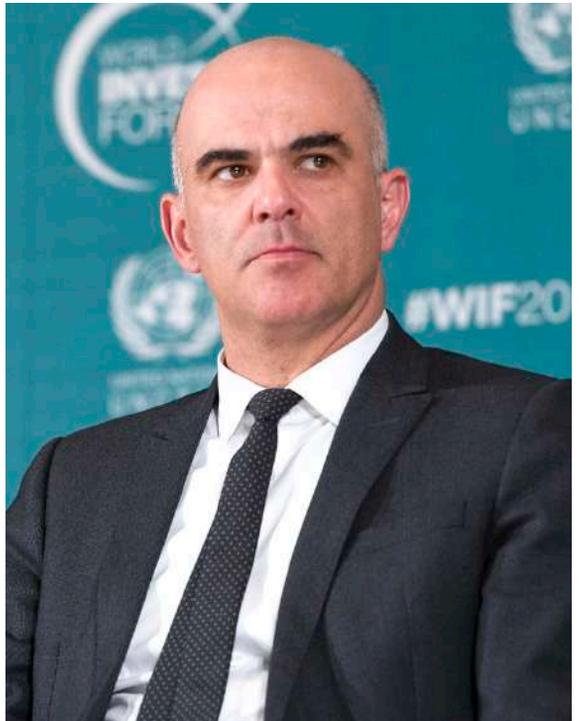
Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon, President of
Mexico, 1994-2000;
Penn Law Holt Lecture in
International Law, 2017

“The aim of human rights [...] is to move beyond the design and drawing-board phase, to move beyond thinking and talking about the foundation stones, to laying those foundation stones, inch by inch, together.”

-Mary Robinson
at Penn Law



Mary Robinson,
President of Ireland, 1990-1997;
Penn Law Commencement Speaker, 2017



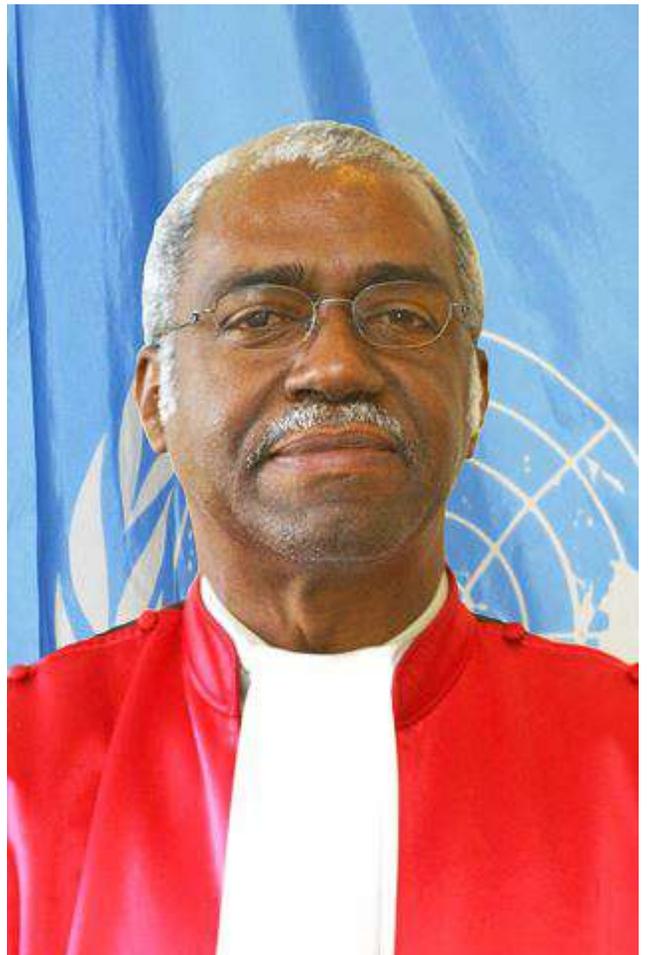
Alain Berset,
President of Switzerland, 2018;
Penn Law *Global Leadership and Public
Policy Speaker Series*, 2018



Sisi Khampepe,
First Woman Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa,
Penn Law Critical Global Conversations, 2019

"It has become evident to me that the truth is both powerful and dangerous. This is because historical truth... cannot be bottled and administered as contemporary medicine of the wounds of the past."

-Justice Sisi Khampepe
at Penn Law



Patrick Lipton Robinson,
Judge at the International Court of Justice
Penn Law Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series, 2016



Anne Richard,
Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration,
U.S. State Department 2012-2017;
Penn Law *Critical Global Conversations*, 2017

"The late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, for whom I clerked years ago, said it best: 'We must dissent from the indifference. We must dissent from the apathy....We must dissent from the poverty of vision and the absence of moral leadership.'"

-Crystal Nix-Hines
at Penn Law



Crystal Nix-Hines
United States UNESCO Ambassador; Penn
Law *Critical Global Conversations*, 2019



Melanne Vermeer
Former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global
Women's Issues;
Penn Law *Critical Global Conversations*, 2016



"A state should go out of its way to broaden the right to vote."
-Maina Kiai

Maina Kiai,
UN Special Rapporteur on the
Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association;
Penn Law *Critical Global Conversations*, 2018



Nobelist Leymah Gbowee,
Head, Women Peace, and Security Network Africa;
Penn Law *Women, Peace & Security*



Cynthia Arnson,
Head of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson
International Center for Scholars,
Penn Law *Global Women's Leadership Forum*, 2018

Indira Jaising,
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India;
Founder, Lawyers Collective;
Penn Law *Global Women's Leadership Forum*



*"I always had this feeling
that if you see injustice,
you have to speak out
against it; otherwise you
are not in a position to
complain."*

-Hina Jilani

Hina Jilani,
Former UN Special Representative of the
Secretary-General for Human Rights Defenders;
Penn Law *Global Women's Leadership Forum*

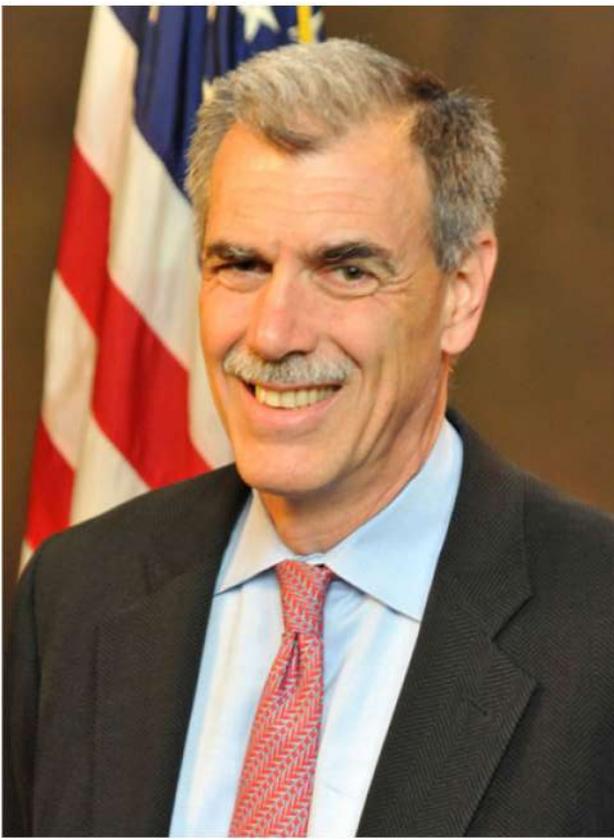


*"To the little girls, I would say
that they have to dream. They
have to believe. They have to
believe in themselves. They
have to believe that they can
do anything in this world."*

-Irina Bokova
at Penn Law

Irina Bokova,
Former Director-General of UNESCO;
Penn Law *Global Women's Leadership Forum*, 2018





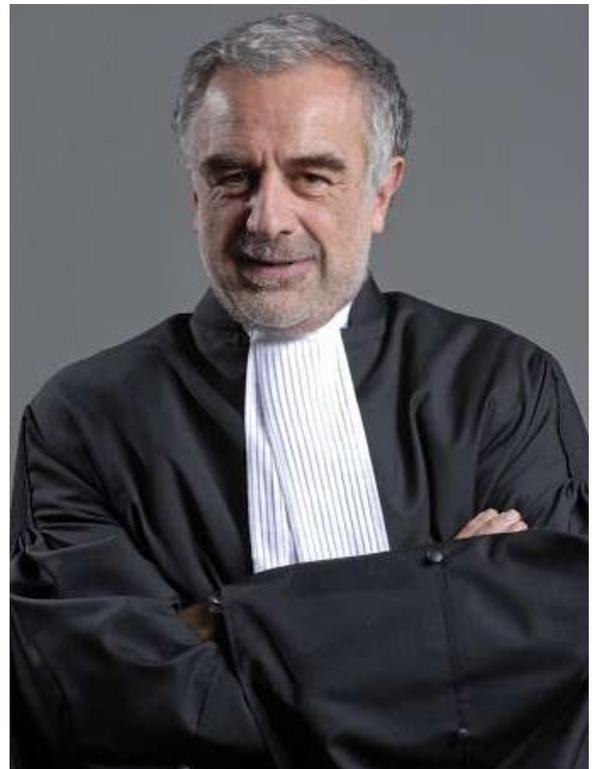
Donald B. Verrilli, Jr.,
46th Solicitor General of the United States;
Penn Law *Global Leadership and Public Policy
Speaker Series*



Macharia Kamau,
Kenyan Ambassador to the UN; Special Envoy of
the Secretary-General on El Niño and Climate;
Dean's Distinguished Lecture Series



Hon. Mohamed El Orabi,
Former Foreign Minister of Egypt;
Penn Law *Institute for Law and Diplomacy*, 2018



Luis Moreno Ocampo,
Prosecutor, International Criminal Court;
Penn Law *Global Research Seminar*
Penn Law *Global Institute for Human Rights*



“There is no country today that can say they have no problem with gender parity.”

-Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
at Penn Law

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala,
Former Minister of Finance of Nigeria,
Coordinating Minister for the Economy,
Penn Law Holt Lecture in International Law, 2015

“The Institute at Penn Law fulfills the highest aspirations of the United Nations to train the next generation of advocates in partnership with leading academic institutions like Penn Law School.”

-Lopa Banerjee

*Lopa Banerjee,
Director, Civil Society Division for UN Women;
Penn Law Global Institute for Human Rights, 2019*



“Discussions about mitigation techniques, reduction commitment, adaptation, and finance repeatedly revert to a debate about past and present economic justice.”

-Penny Wong
at Penn Law

Penny Wong,
Opposition Leader in the Australian Senate;
Penn Law *Critical Global Conversations*, 2016





Zainab Hawa Bangura, UN Under-Secretary General and Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict;
Holt Lecture in International Law, 2015



Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka,
UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Director of UN Women;
Penn Law *Global Women's Leadership Forum*

“No amount of pressure will deter me from representing women in distress. It has been my life’s mission. Till the last breath, I will stand by them.”

-Asma Jahangir (1952- 2018)



Asma Jahangir,
United States Rapporteur for Human Rights to Iran;
Former UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Belief and Religion;
Former UN Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Executions;
Penn Law *Global Women's Leadership Forum*



"The rule of law is essential for establishing peoples' rights."

-Irene Khan

Irene Khan,
Director-General, International
Development Law Organization;
Penn Law High-Level Roundtable on
Women and Legislative Reform, 2017



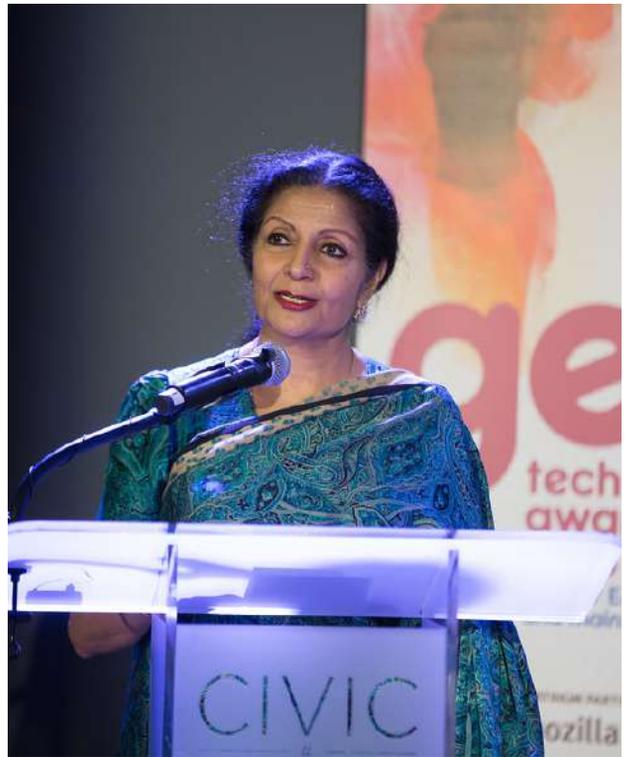
Yakin Ertürk,
Former Special Rapporteur on Violence
Against Women;
Penn Law High-Level Roundtable on
Women and Legislative Reform, 2017



Kai Sauer,
Ambassador of Finland to the United Nations; Penn Law
Institute for Law and Diplomacy, 2018



Mahnaz Afkhami,
Founder and President of the
Women's Learning Partnership;
Former Minister for Women, Iran;
Penn Law High-Level Roundtable on
Women and Legislative Reform, 2017



Lakshmi Puri,
Assistant Secretary General for
Intergovernmental Support and
Strategic Partnerships at the UN Entity for Gender
Equality and the Empowerment of Women;
Penn Law & UN Women Presents: *Ending Gender
Discrimination in Law and Practice*, 2016



María Emma Mejía Vélez,
Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations;
Penn Law & UN Women Presents: *Ending Gender Discrimination in Law and Practice*, 2016

Leta Hong Fincher,
Author, *Leftover Women*;
Penn Law *High-Level Roundtable on Women and
Legislative Reform*



Dubravka Šimonović,
United Nations Special Rapporteur on
Violence Against Girls and Women;
*Penn Law & UN Women Presents: Ending Gender
Discrimination in Law and Practice*



Paloma Durán,
Director, UN Sustainable Development Goal Fund;
Penn Law High-Level Roundtable on Women and Legislative Reform



Dina Powell McCormick,
Goldman Sachs;
Penn Law Women, *Law & Leadership*, 2019

"Real change must come from within, and it can only come from within if people are properly educated, perceive that they have choices and opportunities and accept that we are all responsible for and have a duty to each other."

-Lubna Olayan



Lubna Olayan,
CEO Olayan Financing;
Penn Law Women, *Law & Leadership*, 2019



Silda Wall Spitzer,
Co-Founder, Co-CEO, New York Makers;
Penn Law Women, *Law & Leadership*, 2019

"...without the rule of law and access to justice, we don't have to be in this room. There's no point, really. This is what we're all here for."

-Sandie Okoro
at Penn Law

Sandie Okoro,
Senior Vice President and General Counsel for the World
Bank Group;
Penn Law Holt Lecture in International Law in
Discussion with Assoc. Dean of Rangita de Silva de Alwis,
2019



Radhika Coomaraswamy,
Former Under Secretary General and
Special Representative on Children and Armed Conflict
Penn Law Bok Visiting International Professor, 2019

"One of the discoveries of leadership is that leadership is not about leading ourselves. There is no leadership without followership."

-Natalie Jabangwe
at Penn Law

Natalie Jabangwe,
CEO, EcoCash;
Penn Law Women, Law & Leadership, 2019





Maria-Pia Hope,
CEO, Vinge;
Penn Law Women, Law & Leadership, 2019



Chris Jochnick,
CEO, Landesa



Kamakshi Sivaramakrishnan,
CEO & Founder, Drawbridge, Inc.;
Penn Law Women, Law & Leadership, 2019



Anand Grover,
Leading Indian Litigator and Former Special
Rapporteur for Health and Human Rights;
Penn Law *Critical Global Conversations*



Saniye Gülser Corat,
Director, UNESCO Division for Gender Equality;
Penn Law High-Level Roundtable on Women and
Legislative Reform



Anita McBride,
Former Chief of Staff to First Lady Laura Bush;
Penn Law *Critical Global Conversations*



Sajan Poovayya,
Senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of India and
High Court of Karnataka;
Penn Law *Critical Global Conversations*



Begoña Lasagabaster,
Chief of Leadership & Governance, UN Women;
Penn Law High-Level Roundtable on Women
and Legislative Reform



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Penn Law High-Level Roundtable on Women
and Legislative Reform



Farahnaz Ispahani,
Global Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center for
International Scholars;
Former Member of Parliament and Media Advisor
to the President of Pakistan;
Penn Law High-Level Roundtable on Women and
Legislative Reform



Hon. Mohamed El Orabi,
Former Foreign Minister
of Egypt;
Law and Diplomacy
Institute, 2018



Haleh Esfandiari,
Public Policy Fellow, Former and Founding
Director of the Middle East Program,
Woodrow Wilson International Center for
Scholars;
Penn Law Global Institute for Human Rights



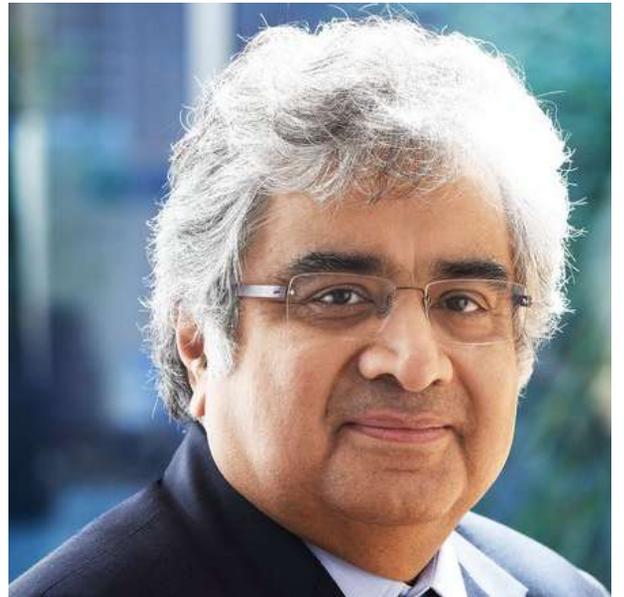
Khalid Malik,
Former Director of the Human Development Report;
"Leaving No One Behind: Engaging the Law and
Building Capacities to Expand the Policy Space to
Sustain Development"



Michele J. Sison,
United States Deputy Representative to the
United Nations; Deputy Representative of the
United States to the UN Security Council



Preeta Bansal,
Solicitor General, New York



Harish Salve,
Solicitor General of India



Maya Harris,
Political Analyst;
Policy Advisor, Hillary Clinton Campaign, 2016

Meena Harris,
Commissioner for the San Francisco
Commission on the Status of Women;
Head of Strategy and Leadership, Uber



Rachel Vogelstein,
Douglas Dillon Senior Fellow and Director of
the Women and Foreign Policy Program at
the Council on Foreign Relations; Advisor to
Hillary Clinton;
Penn Law *Critical Global Conversations*, 2017



*"I want to be clear:
Our country needs
all the smart people
they can get in to ...
STEM positions [...]
regardless of their
ethnicity or gender."*

-Craig Newmark
at Penn Law

Craig Newmark,
Founder, Craigslist;
Penn Law Institute for Law and Diplomacy, 2018





"Policies, in and of themselves, will not do anything if you don't have supportive leaders supporting those policies."

-Carolyn Edgar
at Penn Law

Carolyn Edgar,
Managing Counsel, Technology and Intellectual
Property, BNY Mellon;
Penn Law Women, *Law & Leadership*, 2019



Gitanjali Swamy,
Managing Partner, IoTask; Representative to the UN
Equals Leadership Coalition;
Penn Law Institute for Law and Global Development



Christopher Calabia,
Senior Advisor, Financial Services for the Poor,
Gates Foundation;
Penn Law Institute for Law and Global Development

Funmi Balogun,
UN Women Representative for South Sudan,
Penn Law Symposium on 20 Years of
Women, Peace & Security, 2020

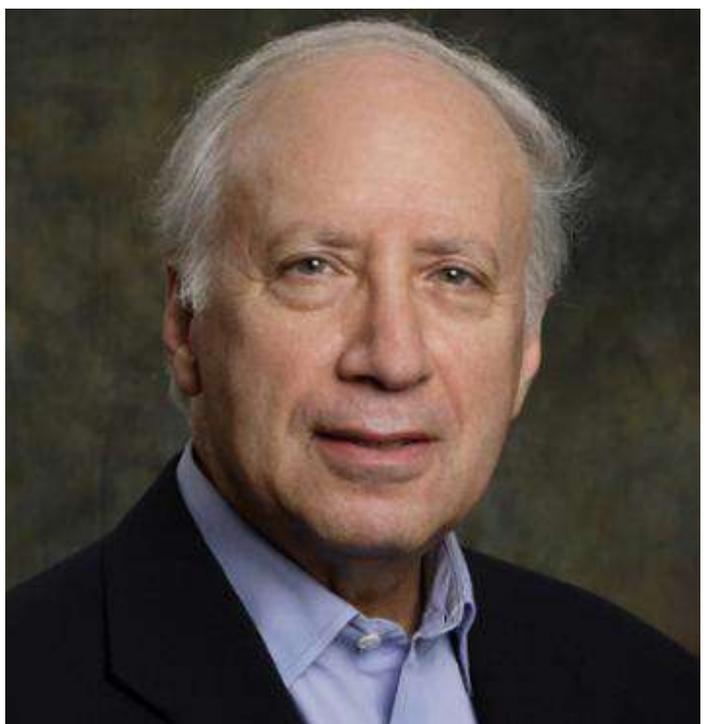


*"The right to education [is]
not only a human right but
a tool to achieve other
human rights."*

-Moushira Khattab
at Penn Law

Moushira Khattab,
Former Minister of Family & Population of Egypt;
Former Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt;
Former Ambassador;
Penn Law Institute for Law and Diplomacy, 2018

Matt Nimetz,
United Nations Special Representative for the
Naming Dispute between Greece and the former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (now North
Macedonia);
Penn Law Institute for Law and Diplomacy, 2018





Navi Pillay,
Former UN High Commissioner for Human
Rights;
Penn Law Global Women's Leadership Forum,
2016



Preet Bharara,
US Attorney for the Southern District of
New York;
Penn Law Commencement Speaker, 2018

“Practice law like a human being [...] Justice sometimes springs more from the heart than from the head [...] keep your mind sharp, but don’t ever forget to keep your heart full.”

-Preet Bharara
at Penn Law



Husain Haqqani,
Pakistan Ambassador to the United States



Akua Kuenyehia,
Justice, International Criminal Court; First
ICC Vice President,
Penn Law Bok Visiting International
Professor Series, 2015



Anna Wu Hung-yuk,
Solicitor, Executive Council of Hong Kong,
Penn Law Comparative Approaches to Regulation
in India and China Conference, 2015

"[The ICC] is not a perfect institution...and as we go along, we go back and look at how we can improve. [...] It is important that there is protection and accountability for the kinds of horrible things that are committed in the course of conflict."

-Akua Kuenyehia
at Penn Law



Ivan Šimonović,
UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights;
Penn Law *Critical Global Conversations*, 2015



Vanessa Liu,
Head, SAP.iO Foundries



Vinicius Pinheiro,
Deputy Director of the International Labour
Organization Office for the UN



Žygimantas Pavilionis,
Lithuanian Ambassador to the United States,
Penn Law Critical Global Conversations, 2015

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"The Impact of Women's Leadership on the Global Economy"

Sandie Okoro, Senior VP and General Counsel for the World Bank Group

"25 Years After Apartheid: Looking to the Past, Looking to the Future"

Justice Sisi Khampepe, Constitutional Court of South Africa

"Women in Leadership on the Global Stage"

Ambassador Crystal Nix-Hines, US Ambassador to UNESCO (2014-2016)

"Governing Like a Woman:

A Charge Leveled Against Her by Her Opponents"

Roza Otunbayeva, Former President of Kyrgyzstan

2018

"Women's Security as National Security"

Ambassador Moushira Khattab, Egypt's Minister for Family and Population; Former Egyptian Ambassador to South Africa and Italy; Egypt's nominee to head UNESCO, 2017

"Foreign Policy, Middle East Security, and Negotiations"

Hon. Mohamed Orabi, Egypt's former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador to Israel

"Ethical Leadership in Diplomacy"

Ambassador Kai Sauer, Finland's Ambassador to the UN

"What's in a Name: The Naming Dispute Between Greece and Macedonia"

Matthew Nimetz, Advisory Director for General Atlantic; Former Chairperson of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Warton & Garrison LLP



Trudy Rubin, *Philadelphia Inquirer* foreign affairs columnist and Haleh Esfandiari, former Director of the Middle East Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center record their podcast.

2018 continued

"Democracy and Distrust: Threats to Democracy in the 21st Century"

President Alain Berset, President of the Swiss Confederation

"Legal, Social, and Public Policy Interventions for Diversity and Inclusion: Law, Incentives, and Culture Reboots in Tech"

Gitanjali Swamy, Managing Partner at IoTask

"Women of Color in Law and Business"

Carolyn Edgar, Managing Counsel, Technology and Intellectual Property at BNY Mellon

"Inclusion in Development, Finance and Technology"

Christopher Calabia, Senior Advisor Financial Services for the Poor, Gates Foundation

Chris Jochnick, CEO, Landesa

Mark Kaplan, Partner, Eachmile Technologies

Nina Nieuwoudt, VP MasterCard

"Transforming the World through Business and Public Leadership"

Craig Newmark, Craigslist Founder

"Serving the Public in Challenging Times"

Hon. Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., 46th Solicitor General of the United States

"The Role of Women Human Rights Defenders: Challenges and Opportunities"

Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2014-2018

Hina Jilani, Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan;

Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Human Rights Defenders, 2000-2008

Video Series: Women Leaders in Law & Policy on the Global Stage



“Women Leaders in Law & Policy on the Global Stage” is a video series that presents conversations with women who, as experts in law and policy, are dealing with the critical, cutting-edge issues of our time. These situations — armed conflict, forced migration, sustainable development, climate change, and the human rights of children and the disabled — are where the voices of women are most in jeopardy of being silenced.

The women featured in this series have occupied myriad roles on the international stage over the course of their careers—legislators, judges, academics, government ministers, political activists, and pragmatic thinkers with non-governmental organizations. They have been among the few female leaders and change makers who have occupied seats at the tables where matters of import to women are discussed and decided. Their conversations with us confirm that women’s leadership of the kind they exemplify has never been more important than it is at the present moment for the achievement of equality, development and peace in the world.

"Breaking the Barriers of Apartheid to Become the First Woman Acting Chief Justice of South Africa"
Justice Sisi Khampepe

"First Woman Head of State of Central Asia and the First Woman to Lead a Peaceful Transition of Power"
Roza Otunbayeva, Former President of Kyrgyzstan

"First UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women: The Voice for Child Soldiers"
Radhika Coomaraswamy

"Mobilizing the Global Community to Ban Nuclear Weapons"
Beatrice Fihn

"The First Woman to Head the International Law and Development Organization"
Irene Khan

"Writing the First Anti-Female Genital Mutilation Law in the Middle East and Africa"
Moushira Khattab

"Addressing Destruction of Culture as a Crime Against Humanity"
Irina Bokova, Head of UNESCO

"The First Woman in the World to Serve as Minister of Justice and Foreign Affairs"
Tzipi Livni

"Breaking the Highest, Hardest Glass Ceiling: The First Woman President of Ireland"
Mary Robinson

"Redefining Gender Equality in Technology at UNESCO"
Gulser Corat

"The Global Human Rights Defender"
Hina Jilani

"Fighting Apartheid and Rising to Global Leadership"
Navi Pillay, ICC; High Commission for Human Rights

"Prosecuting War Crimes at the ICC"
Patricia Sellers

"Amplifying Women's Voices in Peace and Security"
Melanne Verbeke, first US Ambassador on Global Women's Issues

"One Woman's Intrepid Journey to Freedom From Imprisonment in Iran"
Haleh Esfandiari, Founding Director of the Middle East Program, Woodrow Wilson