



The Advisory Board

International Panel on Social Progress

Collective intelligence for action

The 2018 Report of the International Panel on Social Progress, the work of more than 350 experts, provided a comprehensive global review of the state of societies. It covered economic, social, political, environmental and cultural issues and assessed the positive trends and the mounting challenges we face. It offered a vision of progress, in the form of a broad picture of the type of institutions and reforms that, allowing for substantial variations around the world, might realize a ‘better’ society, inspired by values of equality, freedom, emancipation, participation and inclusion.

Since then, the need to address the challenges of environmental protection, social cohesion, and governance has greatly increased. Adding to worrisome trends, the recent crises (pandemic, wars, extreme weather) are deepening inequalities and reveal new vulnerabilities. In order to tackle these issues, to prepare for future challenges and to seize innovative opportunities, it is our responsibility to develop analysis and tools that support the actors and processes which can lead the transition.

How can we make social movements, civil society activism, business initiative, political action by networks of local officials, governmental and intergovernmental policies and platforms, and intellectual initiative better contribute to steering our path in the direction of social progress? We consider that there is a vital need for:

- the continued production of reports and briefs based on collective intelligence,
- the identification, support and dissemination of solution ideas,
- the pursued implementation of transformative social innovation.

What the International Panel on Social Progress can bring is a capacity for analysis that is guided by a general vision of promoting social progress and a keen awareness of the structural interlinkages between the components of societies. The focus remains on the four main and interdependent challenges of our time –environment, technological innovation, social cohesion, governance– as a compass for societal change. The Panel’s contributions will produce a continuous update on the broad picture of the evolution of societies and will help actors connect particular topics and actions to key transversal challenges.

Social tipping points, power realities and sustainable collective aspirations receive special attention given their strategic importance in societal transformations. Elucidating and bridging gaps between perceptions among actors on the ground and statistics, between perceptions of different social groups on critical societal issues, as well as gaps between civil society actors and policymakers are among the priorities of the work to be undertaken by the Panel.

The Panel is characterized by its strong focus on:

- co-construction with stakeholders and member-based organizations to make the work more relevant and more informed about issues of concrete implementation;

- transdisciplinary expertise on every issue to provide a comprehensive understanding of the issues and avoid biases coming from specific approaches and narrow disciplinary silos;
- developing solutions and roadmaps accessible to civil society change-makers and not only governments and policy-makers.

To support changemakers working for sustainable social progress with the most innovative and actionable knowledge, the Panel will develop its activities over the 2024-2027 period on three fronts to shed light on concrete solutions:

- Reports, briefs, and toolkits
- Open digital resources and mobilization platform
- Dissemination and participatory dialogue events

JARI ALA-RUONA



CEO, Aion Sigma
Co-chair, Oxygen2050

A seasoned serial entrepreneur, Jari Ala-Ruona co-chairs Oxygen 2050, a community of transformative entrepreneurs and investors dedicated to a brighter world. His journey exemplifies the relationship between personal growth and business, showcasing entrepreneurship as a way of being in the world. He pioneers digital financial inclusion in Africa, fostering global connections. He is an accomplished lecturer, speaker and researcher.

His research explores the potential of DAOs as digital community and entrepreneurship platforms aimed at expediting the transition to an equitable economy. His work revolves around themes of community empowerment and social justice, providing insights into the transformative potential of entrepreneurship, decentralized structures and technology. Committed to ethical and digital entrepreneurship, involved in the first IPSP cycle, he serves as a catalyst for positive change, dedicated to championing a future that is equitable and sustainable.

MARTA ARRETCHÉ



**Professor of political science,
University of São Paulo**

Full professor at the Department of Political Science of the University of São Paulo, Marta Arretche served as director of the Center for Metropolitan Studies (2009-2020), as the editor-in-chief of the Brazilian Political Science Review (2013-2019) and as vice-provost for research at the University of São Paulo (2016-2018). She was a postdoctoral fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA) and a visiting fellow at the European University Institute in Florence.

Her field of interest is comparative and institutional analysis. Her areas of research focus on inequality, federalism, and social policies. She edited *Paths of Inequality: a half-century of changes*, by Springer and *Inequality and Governance in the Metropolis; Place Equality Regimes and Fiscal Choices in Eleven Countries* (Jefferey Sellers, Daniel Kübler, and Eran Razin) by Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.

GUSTAF ARRHENIUS



Director, Institute for Futures Studies

Professor of practical philosophy, Gustaf Arrhenius is interested in issues in the intersection between moral and political philosophy and the medical and social sciences (e.g. economics, law, and political science). He is best known for his research on our moral and political obligations to future generations and on issues in democratic theory. His research has also concerned the structure of value, measures of equality and power, and how power can be distributed fairly. He is the author of the *Oxford Handbook of Population Ethics*, Oxford University Press, 2022

He has been a visiting researcher at several universities and institutes, for instance the University of Oxford, the Paris Institute for Advanced Studies, the *Collège d'études mondiales* and the CNRS. He is an honorary professor at Aarhus University, a member of the Economics-Philosophy initiative at Paris School of Economics and a member of *Academia Europaea*. He was a member of the first IPSP Steering Committee.

ADELLE BLACKETT



Professor of law, McGill University

Canada Research Chair in Transnational Labor Law, Adelle Blackett is an award-winning author and educator whose work focuses on rethinking core labor law narratives from pluralist, decolonial perspectives.

She has been actively involved in labor law reform initiatives in Canada (she currently chairs Canada's Employment Equity Act Review Task Force, whose report should be released in fall 2023) and internationally, notably with the ILO as lead expert on the Domestic Workers Convention and on labor law reform in Haïti, as well as current member of the ILO's Trade and Labour Advisory Committee. She is an elected fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

She holds a B.A. in history from Queen's University, civil law and common law degrees from McGill, and an LL.M. and a doctorate in law from Columbia University, as well as honorary doctorates from Queen's, Simon Fraser University and UCLouvain.

MERIKE BLOFIELD



**Professor of political science,
University of Hamburg**

With a focus on global health and social policy, Merike Blofield's research addresses the conditions under which governments produce more equity-enhancing policies. Her collaborative work has recently been published by Cambridge University Press (*Social Protections during Times of Crisis*), Oxford University Press (co-editor of the Latin America section of the Oxford Handbook of Governance and Public Management of Social Policy), The Lancet, and UNICEF. She has received awards for both research and institution-building.

She is currently working on public opinion toward social protections in Latin America, the social determinants of reproductive health among vulnerable groups at the Colombia-Venezuela border, and policy efforts on domestic and gender-based violence. She directed gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of Miami and the GIGA Institute for Latin American Studies (2020-2023). She was a leading co-author in IPSP on the pluralization of families. She has been a member of the IPSP Coordination Council since January 2023.

ROMINA BOARINI



**Director, Centre on Well-Being,
Inclusion, Sustainability
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Previously a senior advisor to the OECD Secretary-General and the Head of the Inclusive Growth Initiative, where she developed the OECD Framework for Action on Inclusive Growth and launched Business for Inclusive Growth, Romina Boarini heads the WISE, an OECD Centre that investigates what drives our well-being beyond GDP using innovative methodologies and new data. Before joining the Office of the Secretary-General, Romina Boarini worked for the Statistics Directorate and was responsible for OECD Better Life Initiative. Currently, she promotes the OECD's position as a leading international institution in the area of well-being, inclusion, sustainability and equal opportunity, and contributes to strengthening OECD research and advice on the 'Beyond GDP Agenda', policies for well-being, inclusive growth and SDGs. Before joining the OECD in 2005, she was a postdoctoral fellow in sustainable development (chaire EDF-École Polytechnique) and worked as a consultant to the French Ministry of Social Affairs.

OLIVIER BOUIN



**Director, RFIEA Foundation,
French Network of French Institutes
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As head of the *Réseau français des instituts d'études avancées*, a scientific research foundation founded in 2007, Olivier Bouin has been leading European and international collaborations for the Network of European Institutes for Advanced Study (NETIAS) and for the global network of university-based institutes (UBIAS). He was a founding member of the European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities for which he served as a member of the Board (2015-2018) and then as the chair (2018-2021). He co-founded and has been co-chairing the World Pandemic Research Network since 2020. He was the executive director of the European Institute for Chinese Studies from 2019 to 2022.

He was one of the initiators of the International Panel on Social Progress in 2014, a member of the Steering Committee from 2015 to 2019 and has been a member of the Coordination Council since January 2023.

GUSTAVO CARDOSO



**Professor of communication sciences,
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Member of Centre for Sociological Studies (CIES) at the University Institute in Lisbon and associate researcher at Centre d'analyse et d'interventions sociologiques (CADIS) in Paris, Gustavo Cardoso was a visiting professor at IN3 in Barcelona and a member of the Innovation Lab of the Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Southern California. He works in the field of communication and information studies and has published *People are the message* (Gulbenkian Foundation, 2016) and more recently on *The communication of communication* (Mundos Sociais, 2023).

He is coordinator of the MediaLab-ISCTE and the European Journalism Observatory. He was a consultant at the Civil House of the President of the Republic Jorge Sampaio (2006-2016). He was distinguished as Young Global Leader by WEF and is a fellow of the German Marshall Fund. As lead author on communication for IPSP, he organized the first IPSP final authors' meeting in Lisbon in 2017.

LARS-ERIK CEDERMAN



**Professor of international
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Lars-Erik Cederman's main research interests include nationalism, state formation and conflict processes. He is the author of *Emergent Actors in World Politics: How States and Nations Develop and Dissolve* (Princeton University Press, 1997), and co-author of *Inequality, Grievances and Civil War* (with Kristian Gleditsch and Halvard Buhaug; Cambridge University Press, 2013), and *Sharing Power, Securing Peace? Ethnic Inclusion and Civil War* (with Simon Hug and Julian Wucherpfennig; Cambridge University Press, 2022).

Since 2003, he has been collecting evidence on ethnic groups and their participation in conflict processes. This immense data collection undertaking culminated in the widely used Ethnic Power Relations Dataset Family. New information and indicators are made accessible in a user-friendly manner via the GROWup - Geographical Research On War, Unified Platform. In 2018, he was also awarded a European Research Council advanced grant for a project on nationalist state transformation and conflict.

MARTHA CHEN



**Lecturer in urban planning and design,
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Co-founder, WIEGO

Co-founder, international coordinator emeritus and board member of the global network Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), Martha Chen is an experienced development practitioner and scholar. Her areas of specialization are employment, poverty and gender with a focus on the working poor in the informal economy.

Before joining Harvard in 1987, she had two decades of resident work experience in Bangladesh with BRAC and in India with Oxfam America. She co-founded and, for 20 years, led the WIEGO network. She was awarded a high civilian award, the Padma Shri, by the Government of India in April 2011, and a Friends of Bangladesh Liberation War award by the Government of Bangladesh in December 2012.

Martha Chen chairs the BRAC Global board and the United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) board.

PEDRO CONCEIÇÃO



**Director, Human Development
Report Office, United Nations
Development Programme**

Prior to his current position (2019-), Pedro Conceição was director for strategic policy at the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support of UNDP, where he co-led the UN's participation in the G20 Finance and Central Bank Governors Meetings, managed UNDP's engaged in the Financing for Development processes, and contributed to articulate UNDP's support to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (2014-2019). He was chief economist and head of the Strategic Advisory Unit at the Regional Bureau for Africa (2009-2014).

Prior to this, he was deputy director then director of the Office of Development Studies (2001-2007). His work on financing for development and on global public goods was published by Oxford University Press in books he co-edited (*The New Public Finance: Responding to Global Challenges*, 2006; *Providing Global Public Goods: Managing Globalization*, 2003). He has published on inequality, the economics of innovation and technological change, and development.

ANABEL CRUZ



**Founder director, Institute
for Communication and Development
Coordinator, Rendir Cuentas**

Expert on topics related to citizen participation, civil society transparency, accountability, and good governance, Anabel Cruz has a long working experience with local, national, regional, and global civil society organization networks. She has been the chair of the board of CIVICUS in two different periods, and led the creation in 2009 of Rendir Cuentas, a Regional Civil Society Accountability Initiative in Latin America and the Caribbean. She is currently the civil society co-chair (2022-) of the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

She founded the Institute for Communication and Development in Montevideo in 1989, a civil society organization and private centre with experience in strengthening civil society and citizen participation, by means of research, training, capacity building and dissemination of information activities in Latin America and worldwide. ICD is a leader in the promotion of accountability and transparency of civil society and other actors.

LEILA DAGHER



**Associate Professor of Economics,
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Lebanese American University**

Before joining LAU in 2023, Leila Dagher was an American University of Beirut faculty member for 15 years, Director of the Institute of Financial Economics, and Chairperson of the Department of Economics. She is a Senior Fellow at the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, a Research Fellow at the Economic Research Forum, and sits on the steering committee of the Mashreq Gender Facility.

Her research applies to the areas of energy, environmental, and financial economics. She has been a visiting fellow at the Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Dr. Dagher previously served as Economic Adviser to several public officials including a former Prime Minister. At LAU, Dr. Dagher is tasked with setting up the new Center for Policy Analysis, an advanced think tank rallying internal and external experts.

PURNAMITA DASGUPTA



**Chair-professor
of environmental economics,
Institute of Economic Growth at Delhi**

Purnamita Dasgupta's research applies economics to real world contexts, is interdisciplinary and routinely involves stakeholder engagements and field studies. She has taught environmental economics in India and at Johns Hopkins University. She has been a Coordinating lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), for the International Panel on Social Progress and is currently, for the Nexus Assessment of the IPBES. She has served on the IPCC's scientific committee for Economics, Costing and Ethics, the Knowledge and Wisdom Committee of the Global Assembly, and several committees on environment-related matters for the Government of India. She has researched for India's National Determined Contributions, on implementation and evaluation of adaptation and mitigation interventions in South Asia, and city-level biodiversity action plans. Her publications reflect interest in the role of ecosystem services in advancing sustainable development, adaptation to climate extremes for human well-being, and policy instruments for sustainability.

MATHIEU DENIS



**Head, Centre for Science Futures,
International Science Council**

Before becoming head of the Centre for Science Futures - an ISC think tank providing thought leadership in discussions of policy for science, and developing evidence and intellectual resources to help transform science and research systems at the global and regional levels, Mathieu Denis was science director at the creation of the International Science Council (2018-2022) and served as acting CEO of the ISC throughout 2022. He had originally joined the International Social Science Council in 2012 and became its executive director in 2015.

In that position he helped guide and oversee the merger with the International Council for Science (ICSU), and the creation of the ISC. Mathieu Denis holds a PhD from the Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany. He has previously taught history, political theory, and industrial relations at Université de Montréal. He also worked as researcher at the Berlin Social Science Centre.

FATIMA DENTON



**Director, United Nations University
Institute for Natural Resources in Africa**

Fatima Denton is a senior leader in the UN system with depth of expertise in natural resource management in the African region. Prior to joining UNU-INRA in 2018, she worked with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in Ethiopia (2012-2018). Her roles included director of the Natural Resource Management Division and coordinator of the African Climate Policy Centre. Before that, she worked with the Canada-based International Development Research Centre (IDRC), where she managed high-impact action research, including a climate change adaptation research programme involving over 100 action research initiatives in Africa.

She is a lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 4th and 5th Assessment Reports (Working Group II) and 6th Assessment Report (Working Group III) as well as for IPSP. She has served on the independent scientific committee of the Climate Change and Food Security Programme, and is a current member of the advisory board of Future Earth.

GALA DIAZ LANGOU



Executive Director, CIPPEC

Professor of public policy at the Torcuato di Tella University, Gala Diaz Langou has been working with CIPPEC in Buenos Aires since 2006 where she led the Social Protection team (2016-2021). She has also worked as an international consultant for several United Nations agencies and other international organizations and governments of the Latin American Region. Her work is focused on doing applied research on gender and children's rights.

She has authored over 50 publications on social policy in Latin America, including a book on *Early Childhood in Argentina* (2015), a book on *Gender Economic Equity and G20* (2018) and a book on *Gender and Labor in Argentina* (2019). She was selected as one of the 500 most influential people in Latin America and she was invited to the Group of 100 Women Leaders. She is a Delegate to W20 representing Argentina.

AIDAN EYAKUZE



Executive Director, Twaweza East Africa

Aidan Eyakuze heads a leading regional civil society organization that works to enable children to learn, citizens to exercise agency and governments to be more open and responsive in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. Before joining Twaweza in 2015, he was associate regional director of the Society for International Development based in Tanzania. He has 20 years of experience as a scenario practitioner having participated in and led national scenario-building projects in Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Nigeria and East Africa. In 2016, he was appointed to the global steering committee of the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and to the board of directors in 2023. He was co-chair of the OGP with the Government of Italy in 2022. He also serves on the board of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data. He is a United World Colleges alumnus, an Archbishop Desmond Tutu Leadership fellow and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network.

WARREN FEEK



Executive director, The Communication Initiative Network and Partnership

Over the past 25 years, Warren Feek has been heading a network of 90,000 people and organizations using media, communication, social change and behavior change strategies to address priority local, national and international development issues. That network has shared their work - 38,000 knowledge summaries - and engaged in review and dialogue for the purpose of helping to advance the scale, quality and impact of the work of other people in the network. The focus is across all development issues and the full spectrum of people focused strategies including, for example, entertainment, community engagement, public interest media, digital networks, and local cultural processes. He has a specific interest in understanding the strategic lessons from major social movements and the transformational possibilities of bold, at-scale policy initiatives. He previously worked on HIV/AIDS for UNICEF in New York and on anti-apartheid for the Commonwealth Secretariat.

ISABELLE FERRERAS



**Professor of sociology,
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Sociologist as well as political scientist, Isabelle Ferreras is a senior tenured fellow of the Belgian National Science Foundation and a permanent researcher of the Louvain CriDIS (*Centre de recherches interdisciplinaires Democracy, Institutions, Subjectivity*). She is a senior research associate of the Center for Labor and a Just Economy at Harvard Law School. In 2020, with colleagues across the globe, she launched the #DemocratizingWork movement, which she coordinates with Julie Battilana (Harvard) and Dominique Méda (PSL Paris-Dauphine). Her research agenda has developed toward an exploration of firms as -internally- political entities from both a descriptive and normative perspective. She works on labor issues, particularly democratizing firms through a bicameral model. Recent publications include *Firms as Political Entities Saving Democracy through Economic Bicameralism* (2017, Cambridge University Press); *Democratizing the Corporation: The Bicameral Firm as Real Utopia* (2023, special issue Politics & society), 'Hé Patron! Pour une révolution dans l'entreprise' (2023, Seuil).

FERNANDO FILGUEIRA



**Head of office, United Nations
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**Professor, Social Science Faculty,
Universidad de la República**

Fernando Filgueira's research centers on social structure, social policy and welfare regimes in Latin America. He has been a central player in multilateral institutions since his proposal of Basic Universalism (Inter-American Development Bank, 2006) as a blueprint for welfare reform in Latin America, advising governments and influencing the World Bank, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and specialized UN agencies.

Some of his publications in co-authorship include the Latin American section of *The Oxford Handbook of Governance and Public Management for Social Policy* (Oxford University Press, 2023); *Beyond States and Markets: Families and Family Regimes in Latin America* (Springer, 2020). He was vice-minister of Education in Uruguay. He is a contributor to the T7/T20 recommendations group for the G7/G20. He received the Von Humboldt Award for his contributions to the social sciences in 2020. He was a lead author on IPSP on welfare reform.

MARC FLEURBAEY



**Senior researcher, CNRS
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Marc Fleurbaey is associate professor at ENS-Ulm, and up to 2020 was Robert E. Kuenne Professor at Princeton University. He is the author of *Beyond GDP* (with Didier Blanchet, Oxford University Press, 2013), *A Theory of Fairness and Social Welfare* (with François Maniquet, Cambridge University Press, 2011), and *Fairness, Responsibility and Welfare* (Oxford University Press, 2008). He is a former editor of *Social Choice and Welfare* and *Economics and Philosophy* and is currently an associate editor of *Philosophy and Public Affairs*. He is a lead author of its *Manifesto for Social Progress* (Cambridge University Press, 2018). He was a coordinating lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Fifth Report, a member of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy (2016-2021), and he has co-chaired task forces of the T20. He has been one of the initiators of the International Panel on Social Progress in 2014 and member of the IPSP Coordination Council since January 2023.

SAKIKO FUKUDA-PARR



**Professor of International Affairs,
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Sakiko Fukuda-Parr's teaching and research focus on decolonizing international affairs, global health, and global goal setting and governance by indicators. She has worked on the political economy of international development and the power of ideas and discourses in shifting policy approaches. She has published widely on a broad range of topics including inequality, poverty, international economic governance, gender and technology. Her co-authored book, *Fulfilling Social and Economic Rights* (Oxford University Press, 2015) received the Grawemeyer Prize for Ideas to Improve the World Order. From 1995 to 2004, Sakiko Fukuda-Parr was lead author and director of the UNDP Human Development Report. She currently serves as chair of the UN Committee on Development Policy, an expert committee of UN ECOSOC, and co-leads the Collective on the Political Determinants of Health. She co-directs the Collective for the Political Determinants of Health at the University of Oslo.

DEBRA FURR-HOLDEN



**Dean, NYU School
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Professor of epidemiology and a public health leader with broad expertise in health disparities and policy-level interventions promoting health equity, Debra Furr-Holden's scholarship encompasses drug and alcohol dependence epidemiology, psychiatric epidemiology, and prevention science. She was previously the C.S. Mott Endowed professor of public health & associate dean for public health integration at Michigan State University. She was an assistant and later associate Professor at Johns Hopkins' Bloomberg School of Public Health, where she retains an adjunct professor appointment.

During the Covid-19 pandemic she was appointed to the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities, the Greater Flint Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Inequity, and the New York City African American Covid-19 Task Force. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the White House Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

UGO GENTILINI



**Lead economist,
Social protection and jobs,
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Over the past 20 years, Ugo Gentilini spearheaded a range of analytical and operational activities on adaptive social protection, reforming energy and food subsidies, financing social assistance, stress-testing of social protection systems, enhancing food security and nutrition-sensitive programming, implementing safety nets in urban areas and slums, connecting with humanitarian assistance in fragile settings, and integrating social assistance, insurance and jobs. Recently, he was a team member of the World Development Report on The Changing Nature of Work (2019); co-authored the White Paper ‘Protecting All: Risk Sharing for a Diverse and Diversifying World of Work’ (2019); co-authored books like Exploring Universal Basic Income (2019) and Adaptive Social Protection; and co-founded The State of Social Safety Nets flagship in 2014. Before joining the World Bank in 2013, he spent a decade with the UN World Food Programme, including supporting early phases of safety nets and cash transfers piloting and policy.

SASCHA HASELMAYER



**Social entrepreneur
Ashoka fellow**

Ashoka fellow since 2011, Sascha Haselmayer is an author and social entrepreneur who has led urban innovation, economic development and government innovation projects in over fifty countries. He is a non-resident fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and a former fellow at New America in 2020-2021. Among other ventures, he founded Citymart, pioneering innovation in city procurement in more than 100 cities in the world.

He has advised organizations such as the Rockefeller Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, the Aspen Institute, the government of Chile, and the World Bank Group. He’s recently published a book called ‘*The Slow Lane: Why Quick Fixes Fail and How To Achieve Real Change*’. In late 2021, he joined Ashoka Innovators for the Public, a global NGO where he has helped Ashoka’s vision of creating an ‘Everyone a Change-maker’ by changing mindsets and empowering more people to contribute to real change.

SAMIA HUQ



**Professor of anthropology,
Brac University**

Samia Huq is dean of the School of General as well as Research Fellow at the Center for Peace and Justice, both at Brac University where she runs the project on Faith and Development in collaboration with the World Faiths Development Dialogue at Georgetown University. She has been involved in research on the impact of secondary secular and madrasa education on gendered norms and practices, as part of the Initiative on Education, Gender and Growth in Asia, authored and was involved in the International Panel on Social Progress and Musawah.

She is the chief academic officer representing Brac University at the Open Society University Network (OSUN), building bridges between various academic programs and universities and overseeing student and faculty mobility. Dr. Huq also sits on the board of several national NGOs and think tanks.

RAVI KANBUR



**Professor of economics
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Ravi Kanbur has served on the senior staff of the World Bank including as chief economist for Africa. He is co-chair of the Food Systems Economics Commission. The positions he has held include: chair of the board of United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics Research, member of the OECD High Level Expert Group on the Measurement of Economic Performance, president of the Human Development and Capability Association, president of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, member of the High Level Advisory Council of the Climate Justice Dialogue, and member of the Core Group of the Commission on Global Poverty. He is ranked in the top 0.5% of academic economists in the world.

He was co-chair of the scientific council of the International Panel on Social Progress and has been a member of the IPSP Coordination Council since January 2023.

LILA KARBASSI



Chair, SBTi executive board

**Senior programme officer,
United Nations Global Compact**

Lila Karbassi's work supports the United Nations' agenda to deliver a resilient net-zero future and drive business ambition towards the achievement of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. She is currently serving as the chair of the Science-based Target Initiative (SBTi), acting as a liaison between the SBTi and the UN Global Compact. She has been instrumental to the work of the UN Global Compact since 2005 and led numerous successful programmes to position leading businesses on the UN agenda. Between 2017 and 2022, she served as the chief of programmes overseeing the initiative's work on human rights, labor rights, the environment, anti-corruption, reporting and finance. In 2016, Lila Karbassi was seconded to the Office of the UN Secretary-General supporting business engagement on the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Prior to joining the UN, she held senior positions on policy regulation at Sanofi-Aventis in France.

UICHOL KIM



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Uichol Kim's research interests focus on the software of the mind: genetics, neurobiology, human agency, indigenous and cultural psychology, quality of life, work values, management, leadership, human rights, and human software interface of Artificial Intelligence, and augmented reality. He has conducted research and published extensively in the areas of family and parent-child relationship, education attainment and school violence, organizational culture and change, health and subjective well-being, and democracy, human rights and political culture. He has taught at the University of Tokyo and at the University of Hawaii. He was a visiting professor at Stanford University, University of Stockholm, University of Konstanz, Warsaw School of Advanced Social Psychology, Beijing Normal and Xiamen University, Gadjah Mada, Indonesia. He worked with Pfizer, Stryker, CIDA, BASF, Ciputra, Toyota, LG and Samsung. He is the founding editor of the Asian Journal of Social Psychology.

DINA KIWAN



**Professor in comparative education,
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Dina Kiwan is deputy director of Research and Knowledge Transfer at the University of Birmingham. She has an interdisciplinary background in psychology, sociology and education, educated at the universities of Oxford, Harvard and University College London. She was the Centre for Lebanese Studies fellow at the University of Oxford (2015-2016) and associate professor in sociology at the American University of Beirut (2012-2017). She leads the Global Challenges Research Fund Arts and Humanities Research Council's 'Disability Under Siege Network Plus' programme (2020-2024) working with partners in Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine to address the challenge that most children with disabilities never go to school. She has extensive and long-standing experience and networks in the UK and internationally in the field of citizenship and was appointed as a member of the government's Migration Advisory Committee (2021-2024). She was a lead author in IPSP on education.

DANIEL KOSTZER



**Chief economist, International
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Daniel Kostzer was senior Regional Wages specialist at the ILO Asia and the Pacific, and a former board member at the World Bank Group. His earlier positions include senior economic advisor at the UNDP Myanmar, head of the socio-economic unit at United Nations Mission (UNMIT) in Timor-Leste, Coordinator of the Social Development Cluster at the UNDP Argentina, director of Research and Macroeconomic Coordination at the Argentine ministry of Labor. He is a consultant on poverty reduction, income distribution and employment policies and was a member of the knowledge networks of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, ILO. He taught economics while visiting several universities in the USA, Europe and Latin America and published in books, academic and professional journals on issues related to social protection, income distribution, labor markets, and economic development.

WILL KYMICKA



Canada Research Chair in political philosophy, Queen's University

Will Kymlicka's research focuses on democracy and diversity, in particular on models of citizenship and social justice within multicultural societies. He is co-director of a CIFAR program on Boundaries, Membership and Belonging, which explores whether we can re-draw these boundaries in a more inclusive way without losing solidarity and the possibility of collective action. He is the co-director of the Multiculturalism Policy Index project, which monitors the evolution of multiculturalism policies across the Western democracies, provides information about multiculturalism policies and contributes to the understanding of state-minority relations.

He has received honorary doctorates from the University of Copenhagen and KU Leuven, the Gold Medal from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. He was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2023. He was a coordinating lead author in IPSP on Social Progress and Cultural Change.

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Thinkers & Doers focuses on stories of those who do, think and act differently to reform our societal pillars: markets, corporates, social protection policies and democratic deliberation mechanisms. Founder Amandine Lepoutre created The General Assembly of Citizen Entrepreneurs, which brings together 250 international decision-makers to promote socio-economic progress at the UN and the OECD.

At Art for Action, she leads projects on education and information, to build generations of enlightened leaders. She supports the development of peace programs in schools in Europe and Africa. The A.for.A strives to model how art can urge communities into greater action and social change.

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She currently investigates whether responses to the pandemic entailed opportunities for social policy in Central America and public opinion towards cash transfers across Latin America. She is co-editor of *Social Politics* and undertakes regular consultancies with different international institutions like UNDP and UN-Woman.

SHANAAZ MATHEWS



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Shanaaz Mathews has more than 30 years' experience in the women's and children's sectors and has worked within civil society organizations, as an academic, and technical advisor to government programmes specializing in violence against women and children. She has led the national study on Femicide and Child Homicides in South Africa with a focus on pathways to violent masculinities. Her current research focus is the intersections of violence against women and children with a focus violence prevention programming.

She is a Commissioner on the Lancet Commission on Gender-based Violence, a lead investigator for the Department of Science and Technology, National Research Foundation Centre of Excellence on Human Development, at the University of the Witwatersrand. She also serves as the Evaluation Lead for the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office 'What Work 2 Impact at Scale' research component.

CLAIRE MELLIER



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Claire Meillier is a facilitator, process designer and researcher with expertise in delivering participative processes which put citizens at the heart of decision making. In 2020, in collaboration with other partners, she initiated and organized the first global Citizens' Assembly: the Global Assembly on the climate and ecological crisis for COP26, which received the backing from UN Secretary General, António Guterres.

Over the past few years, she has delivered many citizens' deliberative processes on climate change and other topics, at all levels: from the local to the global. She was part of the facilitation team at Climate Assembly UK and Scotland's Climate Assembly and one of the accredited researchers who observed *Convention Citoyenne pour le Climat*. She is knowledge and practice lead at Iswe Foundation. She is also an associate researcher at the Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformation (CAST) at Cardiff University, where she published a research briefing on systems change and citizens' assemblies.

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She was president of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (2013-2015), lead author for the Global Report of the International Panel for Biodiversity and Ecosystems, and member of the Committee for Development Policies of the United Nations (2015-2021). Since 2007 she has been awarded with the highest recognition to academics granted by Mexico's National Council for Science and Technology, the award for contributions to the knowledge of Biodiversity (Universidad de Guadalajara) and for Exceptional contributions to UNAM.

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As a practitioner, he participated in South Africa's negotiations to end apartheid in 1990-94 and was a member of the African Union mediation for Darfur in 2005-6. He has been a senior mediation advisor to the United Nations, the European Union, Southern African Development Community, Intergovernmental Authority on Development in Eastern Africa, Economic Community of West African States. He served on the UN Academic Advisory Council on Mediation in 2012-2018 Course.

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Living in Abuja, Nigeria, Charmaine Pereira works on the gender and sexual politics of violence, feminist thought and practice, and the politics of natural resource extraction in Africa. She has organised action research on sexual harassment and sexual violence in Nigerian universities with a view to strategising for change. She is the author of *Gender in the Making of the Nigerian University System* (James Currey/ Partnership for Higher Education in Africa, 2007) and editor of *Changing Narratives of Sexuality* (Zed, 2014).

She has been an active force in the coalition pushing for passage of the Violence Against Persons (Prohibition) Act, 2015 in Nigeria and has coordinated research on implementation of the law. She edited a special issue of the continental scholarly journal *Feminist Africa* on 'Feminists Organizing - Strategy, Voice, Power' and co-edited *Feminist Africa's* issue on 'Extractivism, Resistance, Alternatives'.

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CAMILLE PUTOIS



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Camille Putois joined in 2020 the global CEO-led coalition of major companies coordinating with governments to advance inclusive growth. She provides overall leadership to B4IG's program of work, which consists of concrete and measurable actions to fight against inequalities, sharing and promoting the most innovative and successful initiatives, and developing new forms of public-private financial solutions to support inclusive business models. She previously had a career in the French administration (deputy chief of staff to France's prime minister, French Ministry of the Interior) and in the communications industry (partner at Brunswick, co-president and COO of the French leader in transport advertising). She was also the founder of a GovTech startup, while simultaneously advising European tech companies on strategies and critical issues.

HOSSAIN ZILLUR RAHMAN



**Founder-chairman, Power
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Since its inception in 1996, the Dhaka-based think-tank Power and Participation Research Centre has been at the forefront of research and policy advocacy on poverty, social protection, land, inclusive growth, governance, local governance, political development, basic education and sustainable urbanization. Its founder Hossain Rahman was a leading researcher at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies.

He was a member of the Independent South Asian Commission on Poverty Alleviation (2003-2006) and served on the board of the Central Bank of Bangladesh. He was appointed advisor (cabinet minister) in charge of the ministries of Commerce and Education in the Caretaker Government of Bangladesh (2007-2008) and was credited with a lead role in the return of Bangladesh to electoral democracy. He was elected chairperson of BRAC, one of the world's largest NGO, in 2019. He has been a member of the IPSP Coordination Council since January 2023.

GABRIELA RAMOS



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She worked more than 20 years for the OECD (1999-2020), ending with the high position of OECD chief of staff and sherpa to the G20. Prior to joining the OECD, she held several positions in the Mexican Government and launched a consultancy firm leading major environmental and social projects. She was also professor of international economy at the *Universidad Iberoamericana* and at the *Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México*.



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She has dedicated her decades-long career as a journalist, columnist, and media trainer across the MENA region to promote free speech, human rights, gender equality, independent media, and the culture of ‘accountability journalism’. As the chief editor of *The Jordan Times*, she became the first Arab woman in the history of the Levant to run a daily political newspaper. She served from 1999 to 2002, when the government premier ordered her sacking because of the paper’s pro-reform editorial stance. She was a correspondent for Reuters International News Agency in Jordan and the Gulf (1986-1997). She is the MENA region representative on the Board of Directors of the Global Investigative Journalism Network.

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She has worked in particular on the reciprocal interactions between business and society, with a particular interest for the evolving nature of the social responsibility of firms and the structural inscription of a sustainability and justice agenda in economic and social policy at the national and international level. She was a member of the Steering Committee of IPSP and has been a member of the IPSP Coordination Council since January 2023.

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He has been a visiting professor at many top universities around the world and has advised a variety of international organizations and national governments on macroeconomic policy, employment policy and welfare state policy. He was a member of the Scientific Council of the first IPSP and has been a member of the Coordination Council since January 2023.

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Since 2010, his main research topics have been the history of development models in Latin American constitutionalism; regional environmental constitutionalism in Latin America; climate change litigation in the global south; private law institutions in the Anthropocene era; consumer law and ecological transition. He is a member of the European Network Latin American 'Law and Government of the Risks' in the Program ALFA-EU and member of the project 'LASCAUX (law, food, soil): The new European food law in the light of the challenges of Food Security, Sustainable Development and International Trade.'

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Diane Stone was dean of the School of Public Policy at Central European University in Budapest. Other professorial positions have been held at the University of Canberra, Warwick University and University of Western Australia. At the World Bank, she was a member of the Secretariat that launched the Global Development Network. From 2004 to 2008, she was a European Commission Marie Curie Chair. She has been a consulting editor of *Policy and Politics* and she was co-editor of *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Institutions*. Diane Stone is a founding vice-president of the International Public Policy Association.

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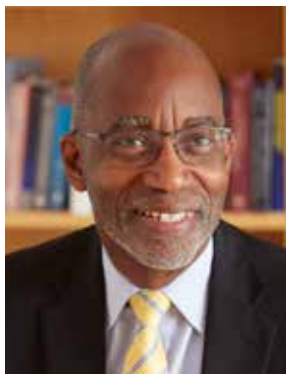


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He received the Sun Yefang Prize for Economics Research in China and the Zhang Peigang Development Economics Outstanding Achievement Award. He is the Chief Editor of *China Economic Review*. He was part of the Steering Committee of IPSP.

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