



“Building Back Better”– Business, Human Rights, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Climate Emergency in the Pacific

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Trainer Biographies

Amy Sinclair, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre

Amy Sinclair is an international lawyer, researcher and advisor on Human Rights and Business. She is the Regional Representative for Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific of the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, an international NGO that tracks the human rights impacts of companies worldwide. Amy has worked extensively in the not-for-profit sector as an adviser to NGOs and public bodies on business and human rights law, policy and advocacy. Amy is dedicated to raising awareness of human rights issues and educating human rights advocates. She is a regular public speaker and media commentator on developments Human Rights and Business law and policy.

Claire Slatter, Academic at University of the South Pacific

Claire Slatter taught Politics in the (then) Department of History/Politics at USP for 17 years before moving with her family to Wellington for three years. On her return she joined the Fiji Institute of Technology to help set up and teach mandatory ethics units. When FIT and other national tertiary institutions combined to form the Fiji National University a year later, she was appointed Head of the School of Social Sciences, and oversaw the establishment of undergraduate programmes in history and geography. She returned to USP in February 2012, where she joined the School of Government, Politics and International Affairs, teaching both postgraduate courses in the Governance Programme and undergraduate courses in Politics and International Affairs. Claire’s research interests include global development policy debates, the politics of economic and trade liberalization in the Pacific region, the implications and impacts of sectoral ‘reforms’ in Pacific Island states, and the economic rights of Pacific women. Claire has been actively involved in NGO work nationally and internationally. She is a founding member of the Citizens’ Constitutional Forum of Fiji which was originally established to build consensus on a democratic constitutional settlement after the 1987 coups. She is also a founding member (and current Board Chair) of the South-based feminist network of scholars and activists, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN).

Emeline Siale, Executive Director of PIANGO

Emeline Siale Ilolahia is the Executive Director of PIANGO and has a strong history of over 10 years of experience and track record in promoting sustainable growth and social development in the Pacific region and a reputation for developing strong partnerships within the civil society sector. She has exposure in regional and global advocacy. In her previous role as Executive Director of the Civil Society Forum of Tonga, Siale was instrumental in bringing together and supporting coalitions working on issues as diverse as ethical leadership, women’s access to finance, women’s leadership and political participation, and deep-sea mining. Siale was awarded an inaugural Jose Edgardo Campos Collaborative Leadership Award in Washington DC in 2016, in recognition of her contributions to local leadership efforts in Tonga. She holds a Masters in Business Administration from the University of the South Pacific, Graduate Diploma in Non-For-Profit Management from Unitec, New Zealand, and Graduate Diploma in Public Sector from Massey University, New Zealand.

John Southalan, Independent Examiner (Australian National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises)

John Southalan is a lawyer, mediator and academic based in Perth, Australia. He also has the part-time role managing and conciliating complaints under the OECD Guidelines, with the Australian National

Contact Point (AusNCP). Separate to that work, John's legal practice and academic work focusses on the extractive sector, government regulation and human rights. He has previously worked with NGOs in Australia and Thailand, Dundee University, the Australian Human Rights Commission, and Corrs Chambers Westgarth. John writes on issues of Indigenous land rights, mining regulation, and human rights. E: Secretariat@ausnccp.gov.au (AusNCP) and john@southalan.net

Joshua Cooper, Academic in Human Rights, USA

Joshua Cooper teaches at the University of Hawaii as well as guest lecturing at the National University of Ireland, and University of the District of Columbia and the International Training Center for Teaching Peace and Human Rights in Geneva. He lectures in political science and journalism, non-violent social movements, ecological justice in Oceania and Indigenous peoples' rights. Joshua has also had a number of leadership and supervisory roles, including as an Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellow at the East-West Center, Board member of Peace Action, the Human Rights Task Force for the United National Association of the USA. Joshua has also been selected to work with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and former U.S. Vice-President Al Gore on The Climate Project.

Justine Nolan, Director, Australian Human Rights Institute, UNSW, Australia

Justine is the Director of the Australian Human Rights Institute and a Professor in the Faculty of Law at UNSW Sydney. Justine's research focuses on the intersection of business and human rights, in particular, corporate responsibility for human rights and modern slavery. She teaches international human rights law and related courses on global law, development, globalisation and business and human rights. Prior to joining UNSW in 2004, she worked as the Director of the Business and Human Rights program at the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (now Human Rights First) in the USA. This work examined ways in which to prevent and redress corporate violations of human rights. During this time Justine advised both companies and non-governmental organisations on effective strategies to protect human rights in the corporate sphere and was closely involved in the establishment of the Fair Labor Association. Justine is a member of the Australian Government's Modern Slavery Expert Advisory Group and advise companies, governments and civil society on human rights issues.

Margaret Wachenfield, Managing Director, Themis Research; Senior Research Fellow, IHRB

Margaret is an international lawyer and policy adviser with expertise and experience in applying and linking key international developments and standards related to human rights, human development, good governance, extractives, environment, and climate change to the work of international organisations and the private sector. As a senior research fellow, Margaret is the focal point for IHRB's work in East Africa and the research lead for IHRB's work with the Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business. Margaret started her career as legal counsel to the Danish Institute for Human Rights. After practicing law in a commercial firm, focusing on environmental and corporate responsibility issues, she joined the International Finance Corporation (IFC) (World Bank Group) to work on environmental and social dimensions of project finance transactions and later served as the principal human rights advisor at the IFC. More recently, Margaret was senior policy advisor to UNICEF, covering a wide range of child rights issues. Margaret has a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in biology from Wellesley College, a juris doctor (JD) and masters in international and comparative law (LLM) from Duke University School of Law and a PhD in law (licentiat) from the University of Copenhagen.

Matthew Baird, Director, Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law

Matthew Baird has over 32 years experience in environmental and planning law in Australia. Matthew was Chair of the Environment and Planning Law Group of the Law Council of Australia from 2008-2012, Australia's peak body representing the legal profession in Australia. He is a member of LAWASIA's Committee on Environmental Law and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL). Matthew has consulted to the Asian Development Bank, UN Environment, UNDP, WWF, and Vermont Law School in Myanmar, providing capacity building and training on EIA to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Conservation of Myanmar and on

ESG to the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry. He led one of the first training programs on environmental law and advocacy in Myanmar in October 2012 and has remained engaged on environmental law in Myanmar since that time until the recent coup. He has worked widely in South-East Asia on environmental law and environmental impact assessment. In September 2016, he was appointed as **Visiting Scholar** of the Myanmar Environmental Governance Program of Vermont Law School. He is a **Honorary Research Fellow** at the Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business and a **Fellow** of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand.

Patrick Earle, Executive Director of Diplomacy Training Program

Patrick Earle has over 20 years' experience working in the human rights movement, both in Australia and internationally. Since 2003 Patrick has been the Executive Director of the Diplomacy Training Program, and in this role has developed and facilitated over 50 human rights courses in the region – including new thematic courses focusing on human rights business, human rights and migrant workers and the rights of Indigenous peoples. From 1996 until 2003, Patrick worked with the Human Rights Council of Australia with a focus on its ground-breaking project on the relationship between human rights and development and is co-author of “The Rights Way to Development – Policy and Practice”. Prior to that he worked for Amnesty International in London and produced their first International Campaigning Manual.

Robert Vaughan, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR-ROP, Fiji

Robert is a human rights officer at the United Nations Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). He holds a BA in Business and Combined Studies and an MA in International Development Studies. As a human rights officer, he has worked in a number of OHCHR country and regional offices, including; Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Cambodia, Thailand, South Sudan, and in the OHCHR headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Whilst in the field he has conducted first-hand monitoring and investigating into human rights violations and abuses. As geographical desk officer in Geneva Robert has covered over 60 countries, in all regions of the globe, and provided specialised support to the Special Rapporteurs of Myanmar, Cambodia, and Israeli and the Occupied Palestine Territories. He has also conducted thematic work / reports in the areas of; the right to food, land and housing rights, business and human rights; social inequality; the rights of peasants and rural people; and children deprived of liberty. Robert is currently based in OHCHR Regional Office for the Pacific (ROP) and is the focal point for climate change, environment, migration, business and human rights and economic, social and cultural rights.

Roger (Rocky) Guzman, Deputy Director, Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law

Roger Joseph (Rocky) Guzman is the Deputy Director of the Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law. He is an environmental lawyer and policy specialist with extensive background on oceans issues. Rocky has worked and conducted research on topics from fisheries management and plastic pollution to marine conservation and strengthening the rule of environmental law. He was previously the legal policy campaigner of Oceana Philippines, and has worked in different marine issues for Southeast Asia with the Asian Development Bank, UN Environment Programme and the Sustainable Ocean Alliance.

Surya Deva, Professor, City University, Hong Kong, UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

Surya Deva is an Associate Professor at the School of Law, City University Hong Kong and member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights. Deva's research and publications have contributed substantially to the areas of Business and Human Rights. He has also previously advised UN/EU bodies, states, multinational corporations and civil society organisations on matters related to business and human rights. Surya has authored several books on business and human rights, including Building a Treaty on Business and Human Rights: Context and Contours (co-editor with David Bilchitz) (CUP, 2017); Human Rights Obligations of Business: Beyond the Corporate Responsibility to Respect? (Co-editor with David Bilchitz) (CUP, 2013); and Regulating Corporate Human Rights Violations:

Humanizing Business (Routledge, 2012). He is one of the founding Editors-in-Chief of the Business and Human Rights Journal (CUP).