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BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

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Gilles Carbonnier is Professor of Development Economics at the Graduate Institute and, since April 2018, Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). His research and publications focus on the economics of humanitarian crises and responses, the energy-commodity trade-development nexus, as well as international development cooperation. Until early 2018, he served as Editor-in-Chief of International Development Policy and President of the Board of Directors of CERAH, the Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action. He has over 20 years of professional experience in international trade, development cooperation and humanitarian action. From 1989 to 1991, he was a delegate of the ICRC in Iraq, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia and El Salvador. He joined the ICRC again from 1999 to 2006 as the organisation's economic adviser and head of private-sector relations. Between 1992 and 1996, he was in charge of international development cooperation programmes and multilateral trade negotiations with the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs, and advised Vietnam on its accession to the WTO between 1996 and 1999. Gilles Carbonnier served as Vice-President of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes until 2017 and sits in the Federal Commission for International Development Cooperation and advises investment funds over sustainability and human rights issues.

EMANUELA-CHIARA GILLARD

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Emanuela-Chiara Gillard is a Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict and an Associate Fellow in Chatham House's International Law Programme. From 2007 to 2012, she was Chief of the Protection of Civilians Section in the Policy Development and Studies Branch of the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. The Section worked with the United Nations security Council and other key actors to promote and enhance the protection of civilians in armed conflict. For seven years prior to joining OCHA, Emanuela was a legal adviser at the International Committee of the Red Cross. There she was responsible for providing advice to headquarters and field on legal issues relating to the protection of civilians in armed conflict, children, assistance, multinational forces, civil/military relations, occupation and private military/security companies. Emanuela holds a B.A. in Law and an LL.M. from the University of Cambridge. She is a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. Her research interests include international

humanitarian law, with a particular focus on the protection of civilians and mechanisms for promoting compliance; the role of the Security Council in enhancing the protection of civilians; counter-terrorism, sanctions and principled humanitarian action.

THOMAS BIERSTEKER

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Thomas Biersteker is Gasteyer Professor of International Security and Director of Policy Research at the Graduate Institute, Geneva. He previously directed the Graduate Institute's Programme for the Study of International Governance, the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University and has also taught at Yale University and the University of Southern California. He is the author/editor of ten books, including *State Sovereignty as Social Construct* (1996), *The Emergence of Private Authority in Global Governance* (2002), and *Targeted Sanctions: The Impacts and Effectiveness of United Nations Action* (2016). His current research focuses on targeted sanctions, transnational policy networks in global security governance, and the dialectics of world orders. He was the principal developer of SanctionsApp, a tool for mobile devices created in 2013 to increase access to information about targeted sanctions at the UN. He received his PhD and MS from MIT and his BA from the University of Chicago. Until 2017, he was Director of the Global Governance Centre, formerly Programme for the Study of International Governance at the Graduate Institute.

EDWINA THOMPSON

Founder of Amanacard; Independent Expert to the United Nations



Edwina Thompson is the Founder of *Amanacard* and works as Independent Expert to the United Nations. She combined her unique expertise in understanding alternative remittance channels (hawala) with her experience as a humanitarian worker to found a social impact enterprise in 2016 that helps charities and individual donors to safely move funds to people in unbanked crisis zones, where the provision of healthcare and humanitarian assistance otherwise represents a major challenge. The independent platform *SecureAid* and service *Amanacard* are now fully operational in Syria and Iraq, facilitating the safe tracking and delivery of millions of dollars in official aid to end recipients in hospitals, schools, internally displaced people camps, NGO offices, and small businesses which remain critical for the local economy to remain functioning, despite the extreme conditions of conflict, insecurity and complex sanctions regimes in place.

MODERATOR

ERICA MORET

Senior Researcher, Global Governance Centre; Chair of the Geneva International Sanctions Network



Erica Moret is Senior Researcher at the Centre for Global Governance and Visiting Lecturer at the Graduate Institute, as well as Chair of the Geneva International Sanctions Network (GISN) and Associate Editor of the *Journal of Global Security Studies*. She holds a DPhil (PhD) and MSc from the University of Oxford, where her research focused on the health and socioeconomic impacts of US sanctions on Cuba. She wrote one of the first peer-review articles that sought to examine the likely humanitarian ramifications of broadened EU sanctions on Syria and Iran and other studies include those on humanitarian impacts of sanctions on Venezuela for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR); a study on humanitarian impacts of sanctions on children for UNICEF; research into gender and sanctions for Global Affairs Canada; a review of global initiatives seeking to lessen the humanitarian impacts of sanctions and de-risking, and a paper presented to the UN's Human Rights Council on autonomous sanctions on Iran. For the past four years she has facilitated consultations on the humanitarian situation in Syria on behalf of the Swiss government and in 2019/2020 she convened the "Compliance Dialogue on Syria-Related Humanitarian Payments", a project run through the Graduate Institute, funded by the Swiss Government, through the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, and supported by the European Commission, Directorate General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations. More widely, she has provided evidence to both the UK House of Lords and UK House of Commons Inquiries on the future of sanctions after Brexit and sits on a number of high-level EU task forces.