

Global Women's Court of Accountability

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Mary Ann Arnado, currently a Women PeaceMaker in residence at the IPJ, is the Deputy Director of the Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID), a regional advocacy institution in the Philippines that promotes south-south solidarity among the peoples of South East Asia. She organized the successful Bantay Ceasefire monitoring team, worked directly in zones of conflict to educate warring factions on international humanitarian law

and human rights, and was appointed by the government peace panel to serve as an official adviser on ancestral domain.

Adriana Portillo-Bartow, an advocate for human rights and a survivor of the war in Guatemala, is the Deputy Director of Amnesty International's Midwest Regional Office. She joined with Rigoberta Menchú Tum in her lawsuit against several high-ranking army and Guatemalan government officials for crimes committed during the war, including genocide and torture.

Fatou Bensouda was elected Deputy Prosecutor of The International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague in 2004. She is in charge of the Prosecution Division of the Office of the Prosecutor.

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Estelle Dehon is a lawyer from South Africa and worked in the South African Constitutional Court in Justice Richard Goldstone's chambers. Dehon recently co-authored *Engendering Accountability: Gender Crimes Under International Criminal Law* (2003, New England Journal of Public Policy) which analyzes the response of international tribunals to gender-based crimes during conflict.

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Justice Richard Goldstone is currently an Eminent Leader in Residence at the University of San Diego. The UN Security Council named Justice Goldstone as Chief Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda between 1994 and 1996. He then chaired the Independent International Commission on Kosovo from 1999 to 2001. His most recent book, entitled *For Humanity: Reflections of a War Crime Investigator* (2000, Yale University Press), presents a thoughtful account of his remarkable legal career.

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Tang Kim (video testimony) was twenty-three years old in 1976 when the Khmer Rouge defeated the American-backed Lon Nol government and a new reign of terror was unleashed in Cambodia. She hid in a leech-infested swamp and witnessed the murder of thirty-three families. Kim broke her silence 28 years after this event in the film, *The Khmer Rouge Rice Fields, A Story of Rape Survivor Tang Kim* by Rachana Phat.

Leila Labidi is actively involved in the Committee for Research at the University of Tunis and El Taller International's Committee for the Arab World. Her involvement in civil society has facilitated the presentation of her perspectives in various conferences, including the Maghrebian Forum on Women's Human Rights in Islam in Morocco.

Gloriose Murekerisoni is a founding member of the Association for Promoting Women Rights in Burundi (Association pour la Promotion des Droits de la Femme au Burundi) (APDFB), created in 1998 to work for peace and the empowerment of women's voices, especially on issues of security, rights and inclusion in decision-making. Since 2003, with the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross and trained traditional midwives, APDFB created twelve local women's group, inclusive of Tutsi and Hutus, focusing on women's education, healing after sexual violence, reproductive training and speaking publicly against sexual violence to break the stigma and bring accountability and justice.

Golalei Nur was elected in 2005 to represent the province of Mazar-e Sharif in the Afghan National Parliament. She immigrated to Germany in 1989 and since 2002 has worked as the lead of Doctors of Hope for Medica Mondiale in Afghanistan where she focuses on trauma sensitive medical treatment in governmental Afghan hospitals for women and girls survivors of violence.

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Marijana Senjak is the program director for Medica Zenica, an NGO based in Bosnia-Herzegovina founded in the midst of war in 1992 in Bosnia, as a multi-ethnic therapy center. Women and their children suffering from wartime traumas were given short and medium-term medical and psychological care by specially trained female Bosnian gynecologists, psychologists, and other medical professionals.

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