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CONNECTING ACTIVISM AND ACADEMIA

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CONFERENCE IN BANGKOK, THAILAND

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BACKGROUND

As the Right Livelihood Award marks its 40th Anniversary and the Right Livelihood College celebrates 10 years of its existence, our common global challenges are becoming increasingly acute and tangible. Such challenges include the climate crisis, an increase in authoritarian governance worldwide, the continuous threat of violent conflict including the use of nuclear weapons, and growing inequality between rich and poor. At this crucial time in human history, Right Livelihood Award Laureates hold in their hands a mosaic of proven solutions for a peaceful, just and sustainable world. The Right Livelihood College, meanwhile, is emerging as a creative platform for Laureates to share their knowledge and converse with students. The collaboration of Laureates is essential to making the College an even more effective network for inspiring change, especially in the coming decade, which will prove to be decisive.

Through regular contact between the Right Livelihood Foundation and its Laureates, it has become clear that most of them are under pressure in one way or another because of their work. In many cases, the Foundation sees that the transfer of support, solidarity and knowledge from one Laureate to another can be of great assistance. During its 40th Anniversary year, the Right Livelihood Foundation has decided to make sure that Laureates meet in different constellations all over the world to make the Award better known, inspire the now urgent need for change with the Laureates’ stories, and for Laureates to strengthen each other in different ways.

The concept of Right Livelihood means that each one of us should fully respect other people and the natural world – being responsible for the consequences of our actions and taking only a fair share of the earth’s resources. It is an endless work for a just, peaceful and sustainable world for all – for present and future generations. The 40th
Anniversary provides the Foundation and its Laureates with a great opportunity to come together to inspire a much-needed systems change.

The Anniversary celebration includes three conferences on three continents (Bangkok, Addis Ababa and Medellín) focusing on different themes, while also allowing participants to join online. Additionally, the Foundation will facilitate smaller meetings (digital and physical) between Laureates.

**OVERALL OBJECTIVE FOR MEETINGS DURING 2020**

The overall objective for meetings arranged during the 40th Anniversary (digital as well as physical meetings) is to inspire real systems change by elevating the Award and its Laureates. The meetings are also meant to energise the network of Laureates and Right Livelihood College campuses, which facilitate mutual support among Laureates in their daily challenges, fears, hopes and ongoing campaigns, in order to bring another layer of cooperation to their work.

**THE BANGKOK CONFERENCE: EDUCATION FOR RIGHT LIVELIHOOD**

The conference in Bangkok coincides with the 10th Anniversary of the Right Livelihood College initiative. It is co-organised by the Right Livelihood Foundation, the Right Livelihood College campus in Bangkok, and the School for Wellbeing Studies and Research, for which Sulak Sivaraksa (Thailand, 1995 Laureate) is the honorary patron. During the celebration of the Award’s 40th Anniversary and the Right Livelihood College’s 10th Anniversary, the focus will be on exploring what it looks like to ensure Education for Right Livelihood. The meeting aims to strengthen the links between generations and between academia and activism.

During the 30th Anniversary conference in 2010, when Right Livelihood Award Laureates met in Bonn, Germany, Judge Weeramantry (Sri Lanka, 2006 Laureate) presented a declaration on Training for Trusteeship, which many of the Laureates and Board members signed. The declaration included the following explanation: “Trusteeship implies protection of and care for the environment, conservation of the rights and interests of future generations, protection of our cultural heritage, and the protection of human rights and dignity worldwide.”

> “The international legal system at one stage protected only the privileged few among the nation-states and disregarded the rights of the rest of humanity. We now deem that to be a travesty of what international law should stand for. [However], we are today using international law in a much more heartless fashion, for we think only of those who are alive here and now and shut our eyes to the rest of the vast family of humanity who are yet to come...”
> — Judge Weeramantry (2006 Laureate)

Judge Weeramantry’s thoughts are well in line with the work of many other Laureates, for example, movements like Bill McKibben’s 350.org (USA, 2014 Laureate) or the work of Erik Dammann and his organisation The Future in our Hands (Norway, 1982 Laureate), both of which have long brought in the aspect of future generations. This is also what
Greta Thunberg (Sweden, 2019 Laureate) and growing movements like Fridays for Future and Extinction Rebellion are expressing. After a consultation with Ibrahim Abouleish (Egypt, 2003 Laureate) in 2015, and ongoing dialogue with members of the Rights of Nature movement spearheaded by Vandana Shiva (India, 1993 Laureate), the School for Wellbeing initiated further steps in the direction of “trusteeship” as an enabling concept for local and global governance transformation.

The Right Livelihood College campus in Bangkok has also worked with the concept of trusteeship for the past 10 years. To have the training for trusteeship for future generations as an overall theme for the meeting in Bangkok, therefore, seems fitting.

During the forthcoming 10 years – which coincide with the Right Livelihood Award’s 40th and 50th Anniversaries – the world needs to go through extensive changes with a holistic approach to issues such as climate change, energy and food production, human rights, mindful consumption, biodiversity, and distribution of resources. These changes need to happen in the spirit of trusteeship, solutions and ideas that Right Livelihood Award Laureates have been working on and supporting for 40 years and more.

To bridge the possible gaps between generations and between science and activism, we will aim to bring in both the younger generation and activists working close to Laureates and their organisations.

**ARRANGING CONFERENCES IN THE MIDST OF A CLIMATE CRISIS**

The Foundation is deeply concerned about the climate crisis and the high carbon dioxide emissions, also due to air travel. We have therefore discussed and put into place a Travel Policy for our staff, Board and others who travel with us. Please have a look via this link.
The Right Livelihood Foundation is a charity registered in Sweden with a head office located in Stockholm and another office in Geneva. The Foundation is a politically independent and non-ideological platform aimed at amplifying the voices of its Laureates. It is sustained by individual donations from countries around the world. The Swedish Foundation has partner organisations in the US, Germany and Switzerland. Its network of recipients, donors, and other supporters covers five continents.

rightlivelihood.org

CHULA GLOBAL NETWORK (CGN)
Chula Global Network is the platform and forum for the exchange and integration of various disciplines from within the university, through the provision of support for curriculum development, teaching and research, organisation of meetings and provision of academic services. CGN not only coordinates activities within the university but it has another important mission: to promote awareness of Chulalongkorn University among wider international academia as a leader in the field of regional studies and the source of information and analysis on problems at the local, regional and global levels in an integrated and multidisciplinary way, as proposed in the Master Strategy Thai Asian World Educational Gateway in the Strategy of Progress of the Chulalongkorn University Development Plan 2008-2012.

www.cusri.chula.ac.th

THE SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (SRI/CUSRI)
The Social Research Institute was initially established in 1967 as a project of the Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University. It is now an independent institute with the main objective of undertaking research work according to the needs of national development. The main tasks of the institute have been to take a proactive role in raising awareness regarding social change, to help support society with sustainable development, and to alleviate inequality. It also creates a space to discuss and generate governmental policy on social development issues. Moreover, it develops researchers to be well equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge for national development.

www.cusri.chula.ac.th
THE HUMAN SECURITY AND EQUITY RESEARCH UNIT (HUSE)

HuSE is a new research and policy platform that works with human security and social justice issues from local to global levels. It aims to achieve paradigm shifts in policy and practice towards a just society and sustainable life on Earth. HuSE is engaged with academics across several fields, including sociology, anthropology, economics, law, political science and environmental science, while also working with governments, civil society and private sectors to generate interdisciplinary and holistic knowledge.

husechula.wordpress.com

INSTITUTE OF ASIAN STUDIES CENTER (IAS)

The Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) is an interdisciplinary research, teaching and service organisation. IAS was established in 1967 as a unit within the Faculty of Political Science at Chulalongkorn University. After a considerable expansion of its activities in 1979, an upgrade in the Institute’s status was determined to be necessary. Consequently, on May 10, 1985, IAS was officially recognized as a separate institute at Chulalongkorn University, granting IAS a status equivalent to that of a faculty at the university. Today, the strategic vision for IAS is to continue to serve the Thai community and the Asian region as a source of knowledge and expertise for a broad range of subject areas in the region including economic, social, political, and security concerns. This has been accomplished through the diligence and cooperation of a team of highly qualified researchers who possess specialized knowledge about each country and sub-region within Asia.

CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY

Established in 1917, Chulalongkorn University is the oldest institution of higher education in Thailand. Among the university’s six strategies are Sustainability and Happiness. As an intellectual community, the university aims to be a centre of sustainability, promote energy conservation, maintain a livable environment and build healthy relationships.

www.isc.chula.ac.th
www.chula.ac.th/chulaglobal

SCHOOL FOR WELLBEING STUDIES AND RESEARCH

The School for Wellbeing Studies and Research is an independent think tank, and a learning and research centre. Its aim is to understand and further explore historical and contemporary paradigm shifts and social movements in order to transform our materialistic, economically-driven public policies towards societies shaped by wellbeing-centred worldviews, democracy, and alternative development practices.

www.schoolforwellbeing.org
THE RIGHT LIVELIHOOD COLLEGE (RLC)

The Right Livelihood College (RLC) aims to be five things: a hub, a catalyst, an incubator, a multiplier, and an accelerator of links between universities and the work of Right Livelihood Award Laureates, as well as an interactive link between academics and activists. The Right Livelihood College is a global building initiative of the Right Livelihood Foundation co-founded in 2009 by Anwar Fazal, a 1982 Right Livelihood Award Laureate. RLC aims to make the knowledge of the Laureates accessible to all by linking them to young scholars, academics and civil society organisations to inspire holistic and far-reaching change.

rlc-blog.org / rightlivelihood.org/educate / college@rightlivelihood.org

There are nine RLC campuses:

**Center for Development Research, University of Bonn, Germany**
(RLC Global Secretariat, since 2014)

The University of Bonn is a public research institution and one of the leading universities in Germany. The university’s Center for Development Research (ZEF) partners with RLC to conduct interdisciplinary and applied research on socio-political, economic and environmental problems in Africa, Asia and Latin America to foster sustainable development. ZEF ranks in the top 10 of all science and technology think tanks worldwide.

**College of Development Studies, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia**

The College of Development Studies at Addis Ababa University (AAU) is the oldest and largest higher educational institution in Ethiopia and was RLC’s first partner on the African continent, in 2010. In March 2020, AAU will host part of the 40th Anniversary Conference on Women, Peace and Security.

Coordinator: Dr. Dilu Shaleka (not present)

**School for Wellbeing Studies and Research in Bangkok, Thailand**

The School for Wellbeing is the ninth campus of the RLC network. It is partnership between the Right Livelihood Foundation and the Sathirakoses Nagapradipa Foundation (SNF), and is supported by Chulalongkorn University, the Royal University of Bhutan (RUB), Centre for Bhutan & GNH Studies, and other partners in Bhutan. The School for Wellbeing shares its physical campus at Wongsanit Ashram together with other initiatives for informal higher studies inspired by the Right Livelihood Laureate Sulak Sivaraksa.

Coordinator: Kanyanat Lertkhonsan (Kaem)
The Faculty of Psychology, National University of Cordoba, Argentina

The National University of Cordoba is the oldest university in Argentina and has a long history of promoting democracy and human rights. The RLC campus is hosted by the Faculty of Psychology since 2016. With a focus on environmental issues and indigenous rights, the campus combines an expert use of science with community-based campaigning.

Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Raúl Montenegro

Lund University Center for Sustainability Studies, Sweden

Lund University has a long and vibrant history spanning nearly 350 years and is one of the top universities in Sweden. The Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies (LUCSUS) is a platform for education, research, and cooperation on questions related to sustainable development. LUCSUS partnered with RLC to help share research and education in Sustainability Science spanning local, regional, and global issues.

Coordinator: Prof. Lennart Olsson (not present)

The Centre for Livelihoods and Social Innovation, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, India

Tata Institute of Social Sciences is an institute of excellence in higher learning in India working for the promotion of sustainable, equitable and participatory development, social welfare, and social justice. Its Centre for Livelihoods and Social Innovation aims to develop the livelihood of the poor and marginalised in the country. In 2014, the Centre joined as an RLC campus in Asia. 2015, the campus hosted the regional conference for Right Livelihood Laureates in Asia and the Pacific

Coordinator: Dr. Swati Banerjee (not present)

Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

The University of Port Harcourt, based in the oil-rich Niger Delta region in Nigeria, helps generate tools for tracking environmental pollution and related socio-economic issues caused by the petroleum industry. In October 2013, the University of Port Harcourt became a campus of the RLC with the mission to generate tools for tackling problems of environmental pollution and related socio-economic issues caused by the petroleum industry. The RLC campus is co-hosted by the Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF), which is an organisation founded by Right Livelihood Award recipient Nnimmo Bassey.

Coordinator: Dr. Fidelis Allen (not present, represented by Nnimmo Bassey)
Santa Cruz Institute for Social Transformation, University of California Santa Cruz, USA

The University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) is part of one of the top public university systems in the world. UCSC is committed to environmental stewardship and has been recognised as a leader in advancing global sustainability, with a long tradition of activism for social and environmental justice. In May 2018, the campus hosted the regional conference for Right Livelihood Laureates in North America.

Coordinator: David Shaw

Universidad Austral de Chile in Valdivia, Chile

Universidad Austral de Chile is one of the leading scientific research universities in Chile. At the first regional conference of Latin American Laureates in Colombia 2013, the campus was launched as the first RLC campus in Latin America by the 1983 Laureate Manfred Max-Neef. The campus offers scholarships for students of the Human Scale Development Master’s programme and various activities linked to the legacy of Max-Neef.

Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Felix Fuders (not present)

In addition to the Right Livelihood College network, the Right Livelihood Foundation started cooperations with the Global Campus of Human Rights in 2019 and the University of Zurich in 2020.
ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF BHUTAN (RUB)

RUB was founded on June 2, 2003, by a royal decree and is the national university of Bhutan. It was established to consolidate the management of higher education in Bhutan. It is a decentralized university with eight constituent colleges and one affiliated college spread across the kingdom. The government’s priority for equitable development was one of the main principles influencing the development of the university system.


SATHIRAKOSES NAGAPRADIPRA FOUNDATION (SNF)

The Sathirakoses-Nagapradeepa Foundation is a Thai non-governmental organisation (NGO) guided by a spiritual, environmental, and activist vision. The foundation is named after two prominent Thai scholars, Sathirakoses and Nagapradeepa, who created the intellectual link between traditional and modern Thai society. Founded by Sulak Sivaraksa in 1968, it has become the ‘mother’ foundation for several sister organisations that have continued the struggle at the grassroots, national, regional and international levels for freedom, human rights, traditional cultural integrity, social justice and environmental protection.

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THE GLOBAL CAMPUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Global Campus of Human Rights is an EU-funded global network of universities based on cooperation between the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC) - the network’s focal point and umbrella organisation - and seven Regional Programmes which are based in Venice for Europe, in Sarajevo/Bologna for South East Europe, in Yerevan for the Caucasus, in Pretoria for Africa, in Bangkok for Asia-Pacific, in Buenos Aires for Latin America and the Caribbean, and in Beirut for the Arab world.

www.gchumanrights.org
Programme
TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

ARRIVALS OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

Throughout the day / SASA International House and I-House
Arrivals of Right Livelihood Award Laureates, Right Livelihood College Campus Coordinators, youth and guests.

DINNER AND PREPARATORY MEETINGS

Evening / SASA Cuisine

WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

ARRIVALS OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

Throughout the day

BREAKFAST

06.30 – 08.30 / SASA Cuisine
Breakfast for participants who arrived on 18 February.

TRANSPORTATION TO CHULA UNIVERSITY

08.30 / SASA Reception
Meet at SASA reception for transportation to Chulalongkorn University.

ASIA LAUNCH OF UN GLOBAL STUDY ON CHILDREN DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY

09.00 – 13.00 / Mahachulalongkorn 105, Chula University
Organised by Mahidol Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies and Global Campus for Human Rights.

COCKTAIL LUNCH

13.00 – 14:00 / Mahachulalongkorn Lounge
Transportation to SASA International House after lunch.

RIGHT LIVELIHOOD COLLEGE MEETINGS

14.00 – 15.00 (tbc) / Meeting Rooms at SASA Intl House
Right Livelihood College meeting with Global Campus of Human Rights
Facilitated by Till Stellmacher and Alexander Repenning
15.30 – 17.30 (tbc) / Rooms at SASA Intl House
Right Livelihood College meeting with interested Laureates
Facilitated by Victor Karunan and David Shaw

TRANSPORTATION TO SWEDISH AMBASSADORS’ RESIDENCE

18.15 / SASA Reception
Meet at SASA reception for transportation to Swedish Ambassadors’ residence.

WELCOME RECEPTION

19.00 – 21.00 / Swedish Ambassadors’ Residence
Welcome Reception at the Swedish Ambassador to Thailand, Staffan Herrström’s Residence, Satorn Road.

TRANSPORTATION TO SASA INTL HOUSE

21.00 – 21.30 / Swedish Ambassadors’ Residence
Transportation back to SASA International House after the reception.

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY

BREAKFAST

06.30 – 08.30 / SASA Cuisine
Breakfast for participants.

TRANSPORTATION TO CHULA UNIVERSITY

08.30 / SASA Reception
Meet at SASA reception for transportation to Chulalongkorn University.

OPEN SPACE: PART 1

09.00 – 09.30 / Mahachulalongkorn 105, Chula University
Introduction: Why are we here?

09.30 – 12.00 / Mahachulalongkorn 105, Chula University
Open Space: Connecting academia and activism with future generations in mind
Topics include Human Rights; Environment; Culture and Politics; and Education.

LUNCH

12.00 – 13.00 / Mahachulalongkorn 108, Chula University
Green Catering at Chula University for participants.

OPEN SPACE: PART 2

13.00 – 17.30 / Mahachulalongkorn 105, Chula University
Continuation of Open Space: Part 1

DINNER

18.00 / Mahachulalongkorn 108, Chula University
FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY

BREAKFAST
06.30 – 08.30 / SASA Cuisine
Breakfast for participants.

TRANSPORTATION TO CHULA UNIVERSITY
08.30 / SASA Reception
Meet at SASA reception for transportation to Chulalongkorn University.

RECAP OF THURSDAY
09:00 – 09:30 / Mahachulalongkorn 205, Chula University
Present a summary of the discussions at the Open Space sessions.

WORLD CAFÉ
09.30 – 12.00 / Mahachulalongkorn 205, Chula University
Direct exchanges around tables (3 questions in 3 rounds)

LUNCH
12.00 – 13.00 / Mahachulalongkorn 108, Chula University
Green Catering at Chula University for participants.

PUBLIC FORUM
12.30 – 13.30 / Mahachulalongkorn Lounge, Chula University
Registration for Public Forum
Music by Panyotai Waldorf school

13.30 – 13.50 / Mahachulalongkorn 105, Chula University
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Emeritus Prof. Surichai Wung’aeo
Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, Chulalongkorn University
Dr. Monika Griefahn
Vice-Chair of the Right Livelihood Foundation Board
H.E. Staffan Herrström
Sweden’s Ambassador to Thailand
Ajarn Sulak Sivaraksa
Founder of Sathirakoses Nagapradipa Foundation, 1995 Laureate
13.50 – 14.45 / Mahachulalongkorn 105, Chula University
40 Years Inspiring Change: Perspectives for the next decade

Moderator:
Emeritus Prof. Surichai Wung’aeo

Keynote speakers:
Vandana Shiva
1993 Laureate
“Earth Democracy and the Rights of Nature”

Suciwati (Widow of Munir, 2000 Laureate) and Indria Fernida
“Human Rights: a doorway to dialogue?”

Nicanor Perlas
2003 Laureate
“Artificial Intelligence and Freedom in Culture as the natural habitat of societal innovation”

Questions & Answers

14.45 – 15.15 / Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.15 / Mahachulalongkorn 105, Chula University
Urgent Messages to the World: Brief statements by Right Livelihood Award Laureates

Moderator:
Nattha Kamolvadhin
Assistant Director at Thai PBS

Panelists:
Rosana Fernandes
Landless People’s Movement (MST) (1991 Laureate)

Miyuki Kinoshita
Chair of the Seikatsu Club Consumers’ Cooperatives board (1989 Laureate)

Caitlin Stronell
Citizen’s Nuclear Information Center, founded by Jinzaburo Takagi (1997 Laureate)

Colin Gonsalves
2017 Laureate

Questions & Answers

16.15 – 17.00 / Mahachulalongkorn 105, Chula University
Education for Right Livelihood: Connecting activism and academia with future generations in mind

Moderator:
Wallapa van Willenswaard
School for Wellbeing
Panelists:
Neshan Gunesekera
  Representing Judge Weeramantry (2007 Laureate)
  “Training for Trusteeship and the path to ‘Earth Trusteeship’”

Mona Lenzen Abouleish
  SEKEM (2003 Laureate)
  “Eco-system restoration and self-realisation: how to combine the two in education embedded in diverse cultures”

Manfred Nowak
  Secretary-General, Global Campus of Human Rights

Fiore Longo
  Survival International (1989 Laureate)

Raúl Montenegro
  2004 Laureate

Nnimmo Bassey
  2010 Laureate

17.00 / Mahachulalongkorn 105, Chula University
Closure

Nnimmo Bassey
  “Right Livelihood College: The Next Step” (with youth participation)

Lilly Satidtanasarn
  FridaysforFuture (Thailand)

Youth representative

Group photo

DINNER
  Evening / Sasa Cuisine

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY

BREAKFAST
  06.30 – 08.30 / SASA Cuisine
  Breakfast for participants.

TRANSPORTATION TO WONGSANIT ASHRAM
  08.30 – 10.00 / SASA Reception
  Meet at SASA reception for transportation to Wongsanit Ashram.
WONGSANIT ASHRAM

10.00 – 10.30 / Wongsanit Ashram
Tour of the Ashram
Wongsanit Ashram is founded in the 1980s by Sulak Sivaraksa and colleagues. It is a spiritual activist community and alternative learning centre devoted to developing & promoting a sustainable lifestyle; a member of the Global Ecovillages Network (GEN).

10.45 – 12.00 / Round Meeting Room, Wongsanit Ashram
World Café
Follow up on previous days’ discussion on “Education for Right Livelihood.”

12.00 – 13.00 / Dining Room, Wongsanit Ashram
Lunch

13.00 – 14.00 / Meeting Hall, Wongsanit Ashram
World Café
Continuation of the session before lunch, including input to RLC’s session on the 23 February.

14.00 – 15.00 / Meeting Hall, Wongsanit Ashram
Closure
Closing remarks from Laureates
Perspectives from youth participants
Farewell ceremony

TRANSPORTATION TO SASA INTL HOUSE / AIRPORT

15.00 / Wongsanit Ashram
Transportation back to SASA International House/ airport (for early departures).

FAREWELL DINNER

19.00 / SASA Cuisine

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY

BREAKFAST

07.00 – 09.00 / SASA Cuisine
Breakfast for participants.

RLC COORDINATORS MEETING

09.00 – 16.00 / Meeting Rooms at SASA Intl House

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Nnimmo Bassey is a Nigerian architect, environmental activist, author and poet. Bassey started his work on human rights issues in the 1980s as a member of the Board of Directors of Nigeria's Civil Liberties Organisation. In 1993, he co-founded Environmental Rights Action (ERA), also known as Friends of the Earth Nigeria, an advocacy NGO that deals with environmental human rights issues in the country. Bassey was ERA's Executive Director for two decades and is still the chair of its Management Board.

Bassey's primary campaigning focuses on oil and the enormous damage inflicted on Nigerian communities and neighbouring countries where oil is extracted (such as Angola, Cameroon, Chad, the Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and Sudan). He works on supporting a broad movement across sub-Saharan African countries where new finds of oil are being made.

Bassey is also central to the Right Livelihood College campus at The University of Port Harcourt in Nigeria.

Colin Gonsalves was born in 1952 and graduated in 1975 with a degree in engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in Mumbai. However, he quickly switched to practising law to fight human rights abuses. Noticing a complete lack of legal aid for India’s poor, Gonsalves and his colleagues began to visit other states, participating in meetings and taking the first steps to form a network of young lawyers and social activists. In 1989, the Peoples’ Law Centre he had founded was renamed as Human Rights Law Network (HRLN).

Gonsalves and HRLN slowly but surely expanded their work to represent Adivasis, Dalits, slum dwellers, unorganised workers, women and children, and advocate for the advancement of disability rights, LGBT rights and environmental law. Throughout its history, HRLN has focused on using the legal system to produce practical results for the poor and marginalised sections of society, winning over 1,000 cases.
GUNASEKERA, NESHA (SRI LANKA), LEGACY HOLDER OF JUDGE CHRISTOPHER WEERAMANTRY, 2007 LAUREATE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION/LAW

Neshan Gunasekera is an educator, coach, facilitator and lawyer from Sri Lanka. He is committed to bringing communities together for environmental protection, healing and conservation through the use of intergenerational, holistic and experiential learning. Gunasekera was the former Director (2007-2012) of the Weeramantry International Centre for Peace Education and Research set up by the late Judge Christopher G. Weeramantry, a founding member of the World Future Council.

Judge Weeramantry (1926-2017) was a world-renowned legal scholar and a former Vice-President of the International Court of Justice, who played a crucial role in strengthening and expanding the rule of international law. His work demonstrates how international law can be used to address current global challenges such as the continued threat of nuclear weapons, the protection of human rights and the protection of the environment.

LENZEN ABOULEISH, MONA, REPRESENTATIVE OF SEKEM (EGYPT), 2003 LAUREATE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SEKEM was founded with the idea of ensuring sustainable development and giving back to the community. This vision, which led Dr. Ibrahim Abouleish to dig the first well in a vast desert land, still resounds in SEKEM’s approach of conducting business. Like a compass, their vision, mission and values guide them in the everyday work in all SEKEM companies. This vision includes sustainable development towards a future where every human being can fulfill their individual potential, where mankind lives together in social forms reflecting human dignity, and where all economic activity is conducted in accordance with ecological and ethical principles.

Mona Lenzen Abouleish is a board member of the Heliopolis University SEKEM, working in the field of quality development and teaching in the CORE program for students. Lenzen Abouleish is a freelance trainer for eurythmists and lectures on further education in the fields of “eurythm in working life”, eurythm in companies and social institutions. She works with the development and implementation of prevention courses on burnout.

LONGO, FIORE, REPRESENTATIVE OF SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL (FRANCE), 1989 LAUREATE
RIGHTS OF TRIBAL PEOPLE

Over the past 50 years, Survival International has worked with over 100 tribes to amplify their voices on the global stage and ensure their rights to survival and self-determination. Survival International has educated the public about the threats tribal people face and has worked to change the world in favour of those tribes.
Fiore Longo is a Research and Advocacy Officer at Survival International, as well as Coordinator of Survival France. She works on Survival's conservation campaign and has visited many communities threatened with eviction from conservation zones in India and the Republic of the Congo - in the latter, she is currently leading Survival's campaign against the creation of the Messok Dja National Park.

**MONTENEGRO, RAÚL (ARGENTINA), 2004 LAUREATE**

NATURAL RESOURCES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Raúl Montenegro has been working on bridging the gaps between the environment, development, universities, citizens and NGOs. In 1982, he was the principal founder of FUNAM (Fundacion para la Defensa del Ambiente) and has been its President since 1995. At present, he is FUNAM's representative at the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

In addition to his activism to protect natural resources, Montenegro has been a Professor of Evolutionary Biology at the National University of Cordoba since 1985. In that role, he has come up with theoretical concepts to increase the knowledge and understanding of balanced ecosystems, on which topic he has also organised numerous conferences. Montenegro also serves as the leader of the Right Livelihood College campus in Cordoba.

**FERNANDES, ROSANA, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LANDLESS WORKERS’ MOVEMENT, MST (BRAZIL), 1991 LAUREATE**

LAND REFORM

MST works in defence of Brazilian landless families. Brazil has the most inequitable distribution of land ownership in the world, with a high infant mortality rate, millions of street children and situations akin to slavery in the countryside. MST members work under the slogan ‘Occupy, Resist, Produce.’ Under the movement, landless farmers occupy certain lands and start negotiations with the state or federal authorities to be able to formally take ownership of those areas. MST then supports the farmers in forming agricultural cooperatives to ensure effective production that can compete with big estates. Support is essential since such small producers often put themselves at great personal risk, as torture, assassinations, threats and intimidation are commonplace.

Rosana Fernandes is a long-time member of MST’s Political Education Sector and presently also works as the General Coordinator of the Florestan Fernandes National School (ENFF). The school was founded by MST to educate and train its members and working class youths and adults around the world.
PERLAS, NICANOR (THE PHILIPPINES), 2003 LAUREATE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, NUCLEAR POWER, SPIRITUALITY

Nicanor Perlas is an adviser, global activist, writer and speaker on artificial intelligence, globalisation, social threefolding and Sustainable Integrated Area Development (SIAD).

He has advised global civil society networks, social enterprises, UN and Philippine government agencies, including the Office of the President. Perlas headed global and national civil society networks that were responsible for stopping the development of 12 nuclear power plants; banning 32 pesticide formulations; and mainstreaming sustainable development, including organic farming in the Philippines, thereby educating citizens worldwide on their inherent power to create a better world.

Perlas has written over 500 articles, monographs and books, including ‘Shaping Globalization: Civil Society, Cultural Power and Threefolding,’ an international bestseller, which has been translated into nine languages. He is a member of the Philippine Senate Technical Working Group on Artificial Intelligence. Perlas also assists the mayors of seven cities and towns practice participatory governance and direct democracy by empowering altogether more than 300,000 citizens to collectively embark on ensuring sustainable development. For the global impact of his work, he has been given, among others, the Outstanding Filipino Award (TOFIL) and UNEP’S Global 500 Award.

SHIVA, VANDANA (INDIA), 1993 LAUREATE
ECOLOGY, WOMEN’S RIGHTS, GRASSROOTS MOVEMENTS

Vandana Shiva founded an independent institute – the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology in Dehra Dun – dedicated to high quality and independent research to address the most significant ecological and social issues of our times, working in close partnership with local communities and social movements. In 1991, she founded Navdanya, a national movement in India to protect the diversity and integrity of living resources – especially native seed – and to promote organic farming and fair trade practices. For the last two decades, Navdanya has worked with local communities and organisations, serving more than 500,000 farmers.

Shiva has contributed in fundamental ways to changing the practice and paradigms of agriculture and food, including through her many books. Her contributions to gender issues are also nationally and internationally recognised.

SUCIWATI, REPRESENTATIVE OF MUNIR SAID THALIB (INDONESIA), 2000 LAUREATE
HUMAN RIGHTS

Suciwati is an Indonesian human rights activist who continues to fight for justice for her late husband, Munir Said Thalib, who received the Right Livelihood Award in 2000. Munir was tragically murdered in 2004 on board a flight to the Netherlands, where he was set to undertake studies in International Law. Suciwati is the founder of the Indonesian museum Omah Munir, opened in 2013, and the campaign titled “Menolak Lupa” or “Refuse to
Forget”, to make sure that people remember what her husband has done for Indonesia.

Munir Said Thalib first came to public prominence at the end of the Suharto period through his role in the campaign in late 1997 and early 1998 to raise attention to the abduction of two dozen pro-democracy activists under suspicious circumstances. At the height of this campaign, Munir founded the human rights organisation Kontras (Commission for Disappearances and Victims of Violence) with the backing of 12 pro-democracy NGOs.

Kontras focuses on fighting political violence, encouraging respect for due process, ensuring victims’ physical and psychological recovery, and promoting reconciliation and peace.

Oikawa, Ryoko; Yoshino, Yuriko; Kinoshita, Miyuki; and Fukuzumi, Hiromi from the Seikatsu Club Consumers’ Co-operative (Japan), 1989 Laureate

Healthy, Local Food Production and Distribution

The Seikatsu Club Consumers’ Co-operative (SCCC) was founded in 1968 with the vision of creating a community- and people-centred economy that provides a radical alternative to both socialist and capitalist industrialisation. Under the motto “autonomous control of our lives,” the Seikatsu Club works to promote change in several areas including production, distribution, consumption, disposal, the environment, social services and politics.

The Club promotes self-sufficiency in food production and aims to ensure the sustainability of local agriculture, even though these goals run counter to pressures of international trade, which threaten to destroy family farming. The Seikatsu Club also aims to diversify working opportunities for women and has committed itself to exploring the scope for a people-oriented welfare system. Members of the Club have also started various cooperatives running restaurants, bakeries, used goods stores, soap factories, child care centres and programmes caring for elderly people. In 2018, such collectives had about 17,000 workers.

Sivaraksa, Sulak (Thailand), 1995 Laureate

Democracy, Justice, Cultural Integrity

Sulak Sivaraksa returned to Thailand after receiving an education in Great Britain and has since then played a leading role in the mobilisation of Thai civil society, which has repeatedly brought him into conflict with local authorities. Some examples of his lifelong activism include the creation of a string of social welfare and development organisations; the proposal of alternatives to consumerism; and the promotion of democracy, human rights and government accountability. He has also played a leading role in supporting Burmese refugees in Thailand – for example, through the famous Jungle University for fleeing Burmese students. Sivaraksa’s work has inspired people beyond Thailand, and his concept of development has been of great influence worldwide.

“Ajarn” (Thai for Doctor) Sulak has also created several social innovation and development organisations, such as the Spirit in Education Movement (SEM), the International Network
of Engaged Buddhists (INEB), the Institute for transformative learning (with INEB), and the early “Alternatives to Consumerism” network. He also founded the Sathirakoses Nagapradipa Foundation and recent activities such as the Awakening Leadership Training programme, and the School for Wellbeing Studies and Research, which also serves as the Right Livelihood College Campus in South East Asia.

**STRONELL, CAITLIN, REPRESENTATIVE OF CITIZENS’ NUCLEAR INFORMATION CENTER (CNIC) FOUNDED BY JINZABURO TAKAGI (JAPAN), 1997 LAUREATE**

**NUCLEAR POWER**

Caitlin Stronell is an internationally-trained nuclear scientist who is presently working as a researcher with the Japan-based Citizens’ Nuclear Information Center (CNIC). Stronell’s works aim to shed light on the difficulties faced by survivors of Japan’s Fukushima nuclear disaster, who had to evacuate their homes when the nuclear power plant was damaged in an earthquake and related tsunami in 2011. The site is still contaminated.

After working for the nuclear industry, Jinzaburo Takagi (1938-2000) put his energy and knowledge at the service of environmental protection, with special emphasis on the fight against nuclear threat, a topic that he extensively wrote about. His advocacy activity contributed to the scaling down of Japan’s plutonium programme. Takagi also helped other NGOs throughout Asia to get correct scientific information about the risks and environmental implications of nuclear energy.

**CHRISTOFORATOU, ELLEN, UNIVERSITY OF KASSEL (GERMANY), EXPERT**

**EDUCATION**

Right Livelihood College partner Dr. Ellen Christoforatou from the University of Kassel works on teacher training with a focus on education on sustainable development and global citizenship.

Dr. Christoforatou is the author of the book “Education in a Globalized World: Teaching Right Livelihood” exploring how to implement the innovative ideas presented by Right Livelihood Award Laureates in the education of teachers and teaching methods for a future-oriented teacher training.
BIographies of
Speakers at the Public Forum

Surichai Wung’aeo
Chulalongkorn University

Surichai Wung’aep is Professor of Sociology (Emeritus) at the Faculty of Political Science, and Director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at Chulalongkorn University. Professor Surichai earned his B.A. (Hons) in Sociology at Chulalongkorn University, an M.A. in Sociology at the University of Tokyo, and a Ph.D. (ABD) at the University of Tokyo, Japan. He was the Director of the CU Social Research Institute and Deputy Director for Research at the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS). He founded and became Program Director of the CU Master of Arts in International Development Studies (MAIDS).

Ralyn “Lilly” Satidtanasarn
Activist

Since she was 8, Ralyn “Lilly” Satidtanasarn has been meeting with mall executives to demand reductions in single-use plastic waste. Central Group’s decision to stop automatic bagging in its malls is due in part to her petition. Quietly in the background of school climate strikes and the global movement spearheaded by Greta Thunberg, Lilly has been meeting directly with officials to lobby for policy change. A sixth grader at St. Andrews International School, Lilly spends about three to four days a week visiting other schools and meeting both government and corporate officials.

Nattha Komolvadhin
Thai PBS World

Nattha Komolvadhin is Director of the Thai PBS World, English news unit, at the Thai Public Broadcasting Service (Thai PBS). Nattha has pursued her career in journalism for 20 years with a focus on regional affairs. She has hosted a nightly news analysis program on ThaiPBS featuring exclusive interviews with international leaders combined with special, in-depth reports on the economy and politics. In her daily journalistic practice, Nattha has also ensured that her academic background of Gender Studies from the London School of Economics is incorporated in the news coverage.

Nattha has also put special emphasis on using social media and social network in her reports in the wake of fast-changing technological disruption. She also hosts a nightly Facebook Live chat session with a vast variety of people from all walks of life.
BIOGRAPHIES OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS

SERKI WANGMO (BHUTAN)

My name is Serki Wangmo, Assistant Lecturer from College of Natural Resources, Lobesa, Bhutan. My interest is learning through exploring. Every day is an adventure for me for I get to learn many things. I consider every event a lesson for me. This is because I get to learn many things from it. I would like to thank the programme organisers for offering the opportunity to RUB to take part in the Chula Right Livelihood Summer School. I am anticipating learning with new friends in a new place. My greetings to all the organisers, resource persons and the participants of the programme.

CHAN MYAE KYI PHYU (MYANMAR)

I am Chan Myae Kyi Phyu. I am a Project Officer of Interfaith Youth Cooperative Action for Peace (IYCAP), a project of the Nyein Foundation. I have been with this Organization as project staff since 2012, and as a volunteer since 2009. I had the experience of exposure to Asian Conflict Transformation Studies in Cambodia to observe in Peace Practitioners’ Conference. Learning also made me think out loud to fulfill the need of my own place dealing with the insight into my own soul likely to be a better place of Harmony and Peace. Doing Peacebuilding actions through the Interfaith Dialogue, people lack the confidence to participate because of Historical Trauma.

KITTIPON PHOOMSUTTIKUL (THAILAND)

My name is Kittipon Phoonsuttikul and my nickname is ‘sun’. I’m interested in sociology and anthropology because I think learning sociology helps me understand human behaviour and society. I always have questions on many social phenomena. Sometimes, a case study is basic but I have a passion to find out the deeper information in order to seek some new and different aspects that I’ve never known before.
THIEN QUACH (VIETNAM)

I would like to learn more about the difficulties as well as the advantage of social enterprise in the so-called mindful market. I am currently working in The Soil Project – an alternative education project which changes the way education has been utilised towards a more sustainable and happy society. In the project, we emphasize right livelihood, self-directed education, sufficiency economy, sustainable development and entrepreneurship. That's why I believe this course also plays a crucial role in our development on how we can implement the mindful market knowledge and network into our education curriculum and internship/apprenticeship opportunities for our students as well as for many more Vietnamese people.

SHREYA JANI (INDIA)

Shreya Jani is the founder and Managing Trustee of Standing Together to Enable Peace Trust, STEP - a non-profit organisation established in Delhi 2009, with the aim to building a free, just and sustainable society through education, advocacy and action. She works with teachers, communities, youth and children to encourage and empower local leadership.

LE NGUYEN (VIETNAM)

Le Nguyen has been trained to be a businesswoman. However, her heart belongs to Education and Social Activities no matter how many times she has said no to be a real teacher… for now. She truly believes she was born to be an educator: a part-time job, volunteering and participating in education organizations/programmes and also being the organiser of many big events/campaigns for kids give her some base to start her new journey into Education and Social development.

NGUYỄT ĐOÀN (VIETNAM)

After a trip to India to learn about alternative education, Nguyệt quit her job and is currently following a gap year to decolonize herself. She plans to start her own educational project related to ecology, current issues that humans are facing, as well as alternative education. Moreover, she is in the process of applying to visit and work as an intern in alternative education systems all over the world.
PA PA PHYO (MYANMAR)

Pa Pa Phyo is the Executive Director of Kalyana Mitta Development Foundation (KMF) from Myanmar. KMF mainly works with the Youth, Teachers and Sangha in Myanmar for Peace and Green including the Community Resilience project, the Green University project, the Climate Smart Agricultural project, the Ecovillage project and the Education for Peace Project.

KOLAKA BOUANEDAO HEUANG (LAOS)

My name is Kolaka B, I live in Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR, not in the town but rather in the countryside. I graduated from Lao National University in Law and Political Science. I have been working with PADETC since 2004 which serves my goal for social development. I am interested in life learning and social work especially community development and the people to share and learn from them. I like to listen more than to speak.

SOPHEA KUCH (CAMBODIA)

My name is Sopea Kuch. I am 26 years old. I am from Cambodia. I graduated from design. I have successfully participated in training course on Introduction to Organic Farming and Standard by the Cambodian Center for Study and Development in Agriculture (CEDAC). CEDAC envisions a Cambodia society where small farming households enjoy good living conditions and strong mutual cooperation, with the right and power to determine their own destinies, as well as play an important role in supplying healthy food for the whole society. I have been working on organic farming for 2 years in Mondukiri province which is in the south of Cambodia.
BIOGRAPHIES OF RIGHT LIVELIHOOD FOUNDATION TEAM

AU, AMY
DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Amy Au is the Digital Communications Manager based in Stockholm. She specialises in strategy, as well as digital campaigns and activations on various communications channels. Outside of her current role, she is also the Communications Lead at the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network – Youth Initiative (UNSDSN Youth), Storyteller for the UN SDG Action Campaign, and Communications Advisor for Regeneration 2030, a youth-led movement in the Baltic Sea region. Prior to joining the Foundation, she worked as a Digital Communications Manager at Danish sustainability think tank Sustainia in Copenhagen, and a journalist in Hong Kong. Amy holds an MSc. in Social Anthropology from the University of Oxford and furthered her studies in Sustainable Development at Uppsala University.

BEBIAK, EMOKE
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Emoke Bebiak is a Communications Officer based in Geneva. She works on media liaison and content production to highlight the work of Right Livelihood Award Laureates both in Geneva and internationally. Previously, she worked as a correspondent for the German Press Agency (dpa) covering the United Nations in New York and the European Union and NATO in Brussels. She has also reported from Johannesburg and Washington, DC. She holds a Master's degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri and has also completed the European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation at the Global Campus of Human Rights.

GRIEFAHN, MONIKA
VICE-CHAIR OF THE RIGHT LIVELIHOOD FOUNDATION BOARD

Dr. Monika Griefahn is the Vice Chair of the Right Livelihood Foundation Board, member of the Right Livelihood College Steering Council and member of the board of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation Switzerland. Former Member of the German Parliament and former Minister of Environmental Affairs in Lower Saxony, co-founder of Greenpeace Germany.
REPENNING, ALEXANDER
EDUCATION MANAGER

Alexander Repenning is the Education Manager at the Right Livelihood Foundation based in Geneva. In his work, he aims to build bridges between the Laureates, civil society organisations and educational institutions inside and outside the academic world. He supports the network of the Right Livelihood Colleges and coordinates the cooperation with the Global Campus of Human Rights.

Alexander holds a Bachelors degree in social sciences (Humboldt University Berlin) and a Masters Degree in Economics (Cusanus Hochschule, Bernkastel-Kues). He has working experience at the German Parliament in Berlin and several NGOs in the field of education and political participation. He is an alumnus of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation, author of a book about the climate crisis and has written journal articles about postcolonial perspectives on development cooperation.

THANNER, STINA
PROGRAMME OFFICER

Stina Thanner is a Programme Officer at the Right Livelihood Foundation based in Stockholm. Her focus is on event management around the Right Livelihood Award’s 40th Anniversary. Moreover, she works with the development of the Foundation’s support work when it comes to liaisons with Laureates.

Stina has a background in International Relations and Global Studies with a focus on Security and Democracy. She has previously worked with co-planning projects for non-profit organisations including Save the Children/Gothenburg.

OVERGAARD, KAJSA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Kajsa Overgaard oversees and coordinates the Foundation’s work with its Laureates, from the Award Presentation to the life-long support the Foundation offers them. She also manages most contacts with the Swedish authorities around reporting and works closely with the Foundation’s networks within the Swedish Parliament and civil society.

Kajsa studied Cultural Anthropology, Third World Studies, and Tropical Environmental Studies and has previously worked at the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation, the Nordic Africa Institute, Life Link
WALLAPA VAN WILLENSWAARD
CO-FOUNDER, SCHOOL FOR WELLBEING

Wallapa graduated from the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University. After a career in business, she became the pioneering Director of the Spirit in Education Movement (SEM) founded by Sulak Sivaraksa. In 2000, she co-founded Suan Nguen Mee Ma social enterprise: a publishing house, book- and coffee shop. The social enterprise initiated Thai Green Market Network and Towards Organic Asia (TOA) programme. The major activity of TOA is the Mindful Markets movement initiated by Wallapa. It includes the annual Mindful Markets Asia Forum and the two-week-long, highly successful Mindful Markets international social enterprise course for sustainable food systems.

Wallapa is currently the Managing Director of Innovation Network International (INI) – creating space for social innovation. She was a co-founder of the School for Wellbeing Studies and Research and is the Head of the School for Wellbeing Team.

HANS VAN WILLENSWAARD
CO-FOUNDER, SCHOOL FOR WELLBEING

Hans earned his Master’s degree in Not-for-profit Management at the University of Applied Sciences, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. In 1992, he participated in the Rural Development Programme (RDP) at Emerson College, in the United Kingdom. He initiated a Development Studies programme at the Zeeland University of Applied Sciences and started Innovation Network International (INI) in Amsterdam. In 2000, he co-founded with his wife Wallapa a social enterprise with the Thai name Suan Nguen Mee Ma (in English ‘Garden of Fruition’).

Hans was a co-founder of the School for Wellbeing Studies and Research in 2009. A major project of the School for Wellbeing is the Towards Organic Asia (TOA) programme with core partners in the Mekong region and network partners Asia-wide. Hans serves as an Advisor for the programme. He is the author of a thought-provoking book titled The Wellbeing Society: A Radical Middle Path to Global Transformation (2016), and of various articles including No Food Security without Food Sovereignty (2015).
NARUMON PAIBOONSITTIKUN "MON"
PROJECT COORDINATOR, TOWARDS ORGANIC ASIA, SCHOOL FOR WELLBEING

After completing a Master’s degree in 2005 in science (Appropriate Technology for Resources and Environmental Development) at the Faculty of Environmental and Natural Resources Studies of Mahidol University, Thailand, Mon has worked in various positions including project coordinator, administrator, manager, and facilitator. In 2010, she worked for the Right Livelihood Foundation (Thailand). Since 2016, she has been the Project Coordinator of Towards Organic Asia (TOA) under the School for Wellbeing Studies and Research. Her mission is to coordinate partners and relevant stakeholders’ participation in TOA’s vision and mission. She also organises international events and aims to strengthen network collaborations at the regional level.

KANYANAT LERTKHONSAN "KAEM"
COORDINATOR, SCHOOL FOR WELLBEING

Kaem was a student at the Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University. In 2017 and 2018, she joined the Chula Right Livelihood Summer School (CURLS). Kaem concluded the last year of her studies and she was the Assistant Coordinator of CURLS 2019, together with Mon. After Kaem graduated, she became the Coordinator of the School for Wellbeing.

ELISA GENTILT
INTERN, TOWARDS ORGANIC ASIA, SCHOOL FOR WELLBEING

After a French civic service in Indonesia, an internship at CCFD-Terre Solidaire Organization and various work experiences, Elisa is doing an internship with TOA for two months. She is a student in Social Careers and Urban Management, a professional diploma at the Bordeaux Montaigne University, in France.

KITTIKHUN BHUKONGKHA "BIG"
PROJECT MANAGER, NEW SPIRIT, SCHOOL FOR WELLBEING

Kittikhun worked as a coordinator for the Chula Right Livelihood Summer School (CURLS) from 2015 – 2017. He is now part of the team for the New Spirit in Education. The project focuses on the empowerment of people active in the educational professionals who wish to bring about change: humanizing the outdated, rigid and authoritarian education system in Thailand.
This list includes the RLC team members who are not already mentioned in the list of Participating Laureates and the Bangkok Organising Team.

**BENNER, CHRIS**
**RLC SANTA CRUZ**

Dr. Chris Benner is the Dorothy E. Everett Chair in Global Information and Social Entrepreneurship, and a Professor of Environmental Studies and Sociology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He currently directs the Everett Program for Technology and Social Change and the Santa Cruz Institute for Social Transformation, home of the Right Livelihood College at UC Santa Cruz. His research examines the relationships between technological change, regional development, and the structure of economic opportunity, focusing on regional labor markets and the transformation of work and employment. He has authored or co-authored six books (most recently Equity, Growth and Community, 2015, UC Press) and more than 70 journal articles, chapters and research reports. He received his Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning from the UC Berkeley.

**KARUNAN, VICTOR**
**RLC BANGKOK**

Victor Karunan is a consultant, lecturer and researcher. His work relates to supporting institutions in the public and private sector and NGOs in Child Rights, Management and Adolescent Participation and Development, among others. Karunan has worked with UNICEF and as an Advisor for Save the Children-UK. He is a founding member of the Focus on the Global South, a policy research programme of the Chulalongkorn University Social Research Institute in Bangkok.

Karunan holds a M.A. in Sociology from Jawaharlal Nehru University and a Ph.D. in the Social Sciences from the University of Nijmegen. He lectures on Child Rights and Development, Human Rights in Asia, Asian Studies, Development Studies and Public Policy.
SHAW, DAVID  
RLC SANTA CRUZ

David Shaw is Coordinator of the Right Livelihood College at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He teaches courses in agroecology, permaculture, dialogue, facilitation, leadership and human rights. David is passionate about transformative group processes which support collective and wise action. Towards that end, he serves on the board of The World Cafe Community Foundation, a group dedicated to hosting intergenerational conversations that matter. He holds a M.S. in EcoSocial Design from Gaia University and is currently a Ph.D. student in the UC Santa Cruz Environmental Studies Department researching the ways Right Livelihood Award laureates have successfully achieved large scale ecosystem regeneration and social movements.

STELLMACHER, TILL  
RLC BONN

Dr. Till Stellmacher is senior researcher and programme coordinator at the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany. He coordinates the Right Livelihood College Campus in Bonn since 2011 and the Global Secretariat since 2014. He holds a track record working for grassroots NGOs in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, and India. His transdisciplinary research focuses on empowerment and participation of marginalized people in Africa and Asia.
In 2019, the Right Livelihood Foundation started a long-term cooperation with the Global Campus of Human Rights (GCHR). The cooperation has a focus on fostering human rights in general and child rights in particular. It aims to link Laureates, the Right Livelihood College campuses and the universities of the GCHR.

AQUINO, ELISA
FUNDRAISING, PR AND COMMUNICATION MANAGER / HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

Elisa Aquino is responsible of implementing the coordinated communication efforts of Global Campus PR activities; of increasing the visibility of all the actions; and of contacting potential donors, partners, influencers and supporters. She is a lawyer and she holds an LLM in International Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). She also graduated from summer courses on Cinema from London St. Martin’s School of Arts and London Film Academy. She began her career as a young diplomat and she worked in positions in NY, London and Brussels where she acquired experience working with PR and events on international relations issues.

KRISHAN, MANU
GLOBAL STUDY COORDINATOR

Manu Krishan is currently the Coordinator of the Global Study dissemination and follow-up activities at the Global Campus of Human rights. During the Global Study implementation he was the coordinator and assistant to the Independent Expert leading the United Nations Global Study on Children deprived of Liberty based first at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights followed by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human rights in Geneva. Manu Krishan studied philosophy before graduating from the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights at the University of Vienna focusing on the rights of the child as well as programme and project management. Manu is a human rights researcher with proficiency in children’s rights, particularly on ethical considerations when researching with and for children.
LOADER, REINA-MARIE
CHILDREN’S RIGHTS PROJECT MANAGER

Dr Reina-Marie Loader is the Children’s Rights Project Manager at the Global Campus of Human Rights. With a background in independent filmmaking, Dr Loader is particularly interested in working at the intersection between film & human rights practice, education and research – especially where it interlinks with the rights of the child. Her PhD in Film dealt with the ethical representation of war trauma on screen, while her MA in Human Rights focused on how the African principles of Ubuntu can positively influence human rights practice when working with children in conflict with the law. Rights at the University of Vienna focusing on the rights of the child as well as programme and project management. Manu is a human rights researcher with proficiency in children’s rights, particularly on ethical considerations when researching with and for children.

NOWAK, MANFRED
SECRETARY GENERAL

Prof. Dr. Manfred Nowak is responsible for the well-functioning and well-being of activities in the framework of the Global Campus of Human Rights. He has a part-time Professorship of International Human Rights at the University of Vienna and in October 2016 he was appointed as UN Expert to lead the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty. He taught International Law and Human Rights at various universities, such as Utrecht, Lund, Stanford and the Graduate Institute in Geneva and has published more than 600 books and articles in this field. In the past, Manfred Nowak also carried out various expert functions for the UN, the Council of Europe, the EU and other inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations. He served for many years in various functions as UN Expert on Enforced Disappearances (1993 to 2006), as one of eight international judges in the Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo (1996 to 2003), and as UN Special Rapporteur on Torture (2004 to 2010).