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BIOGRAPHIES

SARAH GREEN

Regional Director for the South East of England at the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC)

Sarah Green was Deputy Chair of the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) before taking up her role as a Regional Director for the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC, new structure overseeing ethics in security services replacing the IPCC). Like all operational Commissioners, Mrs. Green was responsible for providing independent oversight of and taking ultimate responsibility for the investigations, casework and the promotion of public confidence in the complaints system.

Prior to joining the IPCC, she was Head of Legal Services at the East of England Development Agency. Before that, Sarah Green was an area solicitor for the eastern region of the Legal Aid Board and then held a number of senior management roles nationally within the Legal Services Commission.

Before moving to the public sector, she worked as a litigator for a large solicitors' firm representing trade union clients, including leading a national team responsible for private criminal prosecutions on behalf of public sector employees assaulted at work.

YIANNIS BOUTSELIS

Senior Investigator and Deputy Coordinator at the Greek Ombudsman

Yiannis Boutselis is a senior investigator at the Greek Ombudsman, Human rights department, and the deputy coordinator of the Ombudsman's forced return monitors team.

He is a member of the EU pool of monitors and pool of trainers. He has dealt with numerous complaints regarding violations of the rights of asylum seekers and migrants, and has been monitoring forced return operations organized by Greece and other EU Member States. He participates regularly as a trainer in sessions for monitors, escorts and escort leaders organized by Frontex or the Greek police.

In the past, he worked as a journalist in the UK and Greece and as a legal officer at the European Commission in Brussels.

MAJA KEVIĆ

Deputy Ombudswoman, Office of the Ombudsman, Croatia

Born on February 12th 1976, Maja Kević graduated in 2000 from the Faculty of Law at the University of Zagreb. In 2008, she finished the Academy for Political Development program.

Mrs. Kević was elected Deputy Ombudswoman in the Croatian Parliament and took office in April 2017.

Protection and promotion of human rights has been in her professional interest since 2005. She was a lecturer

at the Diplomatic Academy and Judicial Academy, on the European and Croatian framework of the fight against human trafficking. As head and member of various working groups, Maja Kević participated to the preparation of legislative and strategic documents in the area of human rights. She was also a coordinator of several EU projects, Secretary of the National committee on suppression of trafficking in human beings and has held numerous lectures and presentations at national and international conferences, seminars and expert meetings.

Prior to being Deputy Ombudswoman, Mrs. Kević was Assistant Director at the Government's Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities.

ADRIANO SILVESTRI

Head of Sector Asylum Migration and Borders, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Adriano Silvestri's areas of expertise with respect to the FRA's work include international human rights and refugee law as well as the EU acquis relating to asylum, borders and immigration.

Before joining the FRA, he was at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), where he worked in the field for several years (Armenia, the Russian Federation and Austria) as well as at the UNHCR headquarters. He worked on a wide range of activities, both legal as well as operational, relating to asylum, the protection of internally displaced persons and statelessness. Mister Silvestri was also involved in the development of UNHCR tools and guidelines, for example on the best interest of the child or on assessing protection gaps for internally displaced

persons. Besides, he worked for the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) in the Altai-Sayan region.

Mister Silvestri studied law in Italy and international law in Geneva.

ANDRÉ FERRAGNE

General Secretary at the *Contrôleur général des lieux de privation de liberté, France*

André Ferragne is the Secretary-General of the *Contrôleur Général des Lieux de Privation de Liberté (CGLPL, Inspector-General of Places of Deprivation of Liberty)*.

The CGLPL is an independent administrative authority tasked with the control of the conditions of take-overs and of the transfer of persons deprived of liberties, with the aim of ensuring the respect of their fundamental rights, without prejudice to the prerogatives conferred by law to judicial or jurisdictional authorities. It exercises control over the implementation of removal orders by the administration, issued against foreigners until their handover to the authorities of the state of destination.

CECILIA RENFORS

Ombud, Parliamentary Ombudsman, Sweden

Cecilia Renfors earned her LLB in 1986. She is Parliamentary Ombudsman since 2013.

Her areas of responsibility are notably the police authority, public prosecutors, Swedish customs, rescue services,

embassies, Migration Agency and cases involving aliens.

Mrs. Renfors is a former Senior Judge of Appeal, Head of Division at the Svea Court of Appeal, director of a division handling, inter alia, civil law matters and challenges to arbitration decisions.

She has been director and head of the Swedish Broadcasting Commission, and has handled international negotiations at the Swedish Ministry of Justice. From 1992 to 2003, she was a legal adviser/deputy director and later under-secretary at the Ministry of Justice's procedural law unit.

Cecilia Renfors has also led several governmental inquiries.

OLENA PETSUN

Adviser to the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

Olena Petsun joined the Council of Europe in 2005.

Since 2011, she works as an Adviser to the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights.

Her current thematic portfolio includes law enforcement authorities and human rights.

She holds a MSc. in International Relations from the London School of Economics.

ELENA ARCE JIMÉNEZ

Head of the Migration and Equal Treatment Department, Defensor del Pueblo, Spain

Elena Arce Jiménez holds a Ph.D. in Law. She is the Head of the Migration and Equal Treatment Department at the Spanish Ombudsman.

She has been working for the Ombudsman since 2007. Besides, Mrs. Arce Jiménez has been the coordinator of the following reports: “Children or Adults?: Age Assessment procedures”; “Trafficking in persons in Spain: Invisible victims”; “Spanish prisoners abroad and The Spanish asylum system: reception conditions and procedures”.

CHRISTIAN AHLUND

Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

Christian Ahlund is a member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) and the Executive Director of International Legal Assistance Consortium (ILAC), an umbrella organisation for a number of international associations of judges, prosecutors and lawyers, with the objective of resurrecting judicial systems in post-conflict countries.

During the latter half of the 1990’s, Mister Ahlund’s main field of activity became the Balkans, particularly Bosnia-Herzegovina. In 1997, he was posted in Sarajevo as Director General for Human Rights for the Organisation of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina, tasked with monitoring

the implementation of the human rights aspects of the Dayton Agreement. In December 1999, he was appointed jointly by the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia-Herzegovina and OSCE to chair a commission of national and international experts with the task of drafting legislation in the fields of defamation and freedom of information. The group’s law proposals were presented in March 2001 and have subsequently been transformed into law by the Bosnian parliament. From 2003 to 2006, Mister Ahlund chaired the Human Rights Committee of the CCBE (the Council of Bars and Law Societies in the European Union). In 2004, he received the International Bar Association’s annual “Rule of Law Award”. Christian Ahlund has published articles in Swedish and international press on human rights and international law.

JACQUES TOUBON

Defender of Rights, France

Jacques Toubon graduated from the Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Lyon and the Ecole Nationale d’Administration (ENA) and started his career in the French overseas Ministry. He then joined the cabinet of Jacques Chirac, whom he follows successively to the Ministries of relations with the Parliament, Agriculture and Interior, as well as in Matignon. Through these functions, he prepared the 1975 law on divorce by joint petition and followed the reform of the government of Valéry Giscard d’Estaing granting the majority to 18 years.

Elected Member of the parliament for Paris, he became mayor of the 13th district of Paris from 1983 to 2001. He

succeeded to Jack Lang at the Ministry of Culture in the Balladur government in 1993. He is appointed Minister of Justice in 1995.

Jacques Toubon was subsequently elected to the European Parliament. He was a member of the Brussels Parliament from 2004 to 2009.

Jacques Toubon chaired the orientation council of the National Center of History of Immigration from 2005 to 2014, which he contributed to create. He was also a member of the High Council for Integration and the High Authority for the Dissemination of Works and Protection of Rights on the Internet (HADOPi).

He has been appointed Defender of Rights on the 18th of July 2014.

CLAUDINE ANGELI-TROCCAZ

Deputy Defender of Rights, Vice President of the college in charge of the conduct of security services, France

After passing the bar exam, Claudine Angeli-Troccaz was admitted to The National School of Magistracy and started her career as a judge responsible for the enforcement of sentences in the Tribunal de Grande Instance (first instance court) of Evreux. After working in the directorate of judicial services in the Ministry of Justice, she was appointed to the General Inspectorate of Judicial Services where she was responsible for disciplinary files or files related to the functioning of jurisdictions.

Assigned in 2009 to the Chamber of Instruction of the Paris Court of Appeal as General Deputy, Claudine Angeli-

Troccaz was since 2012 the Deputy General Advocate, more specifically tasked with terrorism proceedings and cases related to judicial police officers or state officials. Besides, she was responsible for the service of judicial police officers, in charge of habilitation proceedings and of the discipline for the jurisdiction of the Paris Court of Appeal.

Claudine Angeli-Troccaz was appointed Deputy Defender of Rights, in charge of the conduct of security services, on 14 November 2014.

CARMEN COMAS-MATA

Elected member, Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (“SPT”, United Nations)

Carmen Comas-Mata is an elected member of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (SPT) of the United Nations and the Director of International Relations at the Defensor del Pueblo, in Spain.

She has graduated from the Autonomous University of Madrid with a Bachelor of Laws and a Master of Communitarian European Law.

FERNAND GONTIER

Central Director of the Border Police, France

Fernand Gontier graduated from the National School for Police of Lyon.

He was also an auditor for the national session of the National Institute of Higher Studies of Homeland Security and of Justice in 2007 and for the session of the Institute of Higher Studies of National Defense in 2001.

In 2007, he becomes the Deputy Director of Illegal immigration and Territorial Services. Then, in 2001, he is the Deputy Central Director of the Border Police and Chief of Staff of Paris. Thereafter, in 2015, he is appointed Deputy Central Director of the Border Police. Since 2007, he is Central Director of the Border Police.

In 2018, he received the national police gold medal of honor.

MATHIEU BEYS

Legal and policy officer at Myria, Federal Migration Centre, Belgium

Mathieu Beys is a legal expert and historian. He is currently a legal and political adviser for Myria (Federal Migration Centre, Belgium) and assistant in the Faculty of Law of the Université Libre of Brussels. Mister Beys has been working on fundamental rights of foreigners for more than fifteen years, first as a lawyer at the Bar of Brussels, then as a judicial adviser in an NGO member of a large international network and lastly in Myria, independent public Belgian institution, notably in charge of ensuring respect of

fundamental rights of foreigners and of fighting against human trafficking.

He is also an expert on police matters; he published the manual “What rights in the face of the police?” in 2014 and participated to the works of the Study Centre on Police (Brussels).

MAGDALENA SILSKA

Adviser to Fundamental Rights Office, Frontex, EU Agency

Magdalena works currently as an Adviser to the Fundamental Rights Office in Frontex, having started her work in the Agency almost 10 years ago as a Legal Officer in the Legal Affairs Unit.

Before joining Frontex, she worked with several EU and international institutions, including the European Commission and its Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO), the European Parliament (as an Adviser to the MEP), the OECD, the UNESCO and several national authorities (court and prosecutor office).

As a lawyer with a specialization in fundamental rights and migration, she has been engaged for more than fifteen years as a coordinator and manager in a number of international/EU projects and research, including projects of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.

She holds a PhD degree in Law from the Law Department of the European University Institute in Florence and she was also the Visiting Scholar at the Columbia Law School in New York. The subject of her doctoral thesis focused on fundamental rights and the protection of displaced persons.

EURICO SILVA

Inspector, Inspectorate body of the Ministry of Internal Administration, Portugal

Eurico Silva has been an inspector of the IGAI (General Inspectorate of Internal Administration) since 2010, with his third three-year service seconded assignment (comissão de serviço) presently underway.

Prior to that, between 2007 and 2010, he was a legal counsel and attorney for the INAG (Water Institute), the Portuguese National Water Authority.

From 1999 to 2007, Mister Silva served as a senior official of the State Central Administration, as a technical law consultant of IGAI.

Earlier, from 1994 to 1999, he served as a senior official of the Lisbon Town Hall, as a technical law consultant as well.

Member of the Portuguese Bar Association since 1986, this membership has been suspended at his request since 2010.

Besides, Eurico Silva has been handling disciplinary cases, as well as preliminary investigations of offences against regulations, besides audit, inspection and monitoring proceedings.

Furthermore, he was appointed as a member of the working group for the evaluation of public services in the area of the Ministry of Home Affairs under the PRACE (Restructuring Program of the Central State Administration), from 2005 to 2006; he was also appointed to other working groups tasked to draft legislative preliminary projects.

Eurico Silva holds a Law Degree from the University of Lisbon School of Law (public university) and a Post-Graduate diploma on Assessment and Organizational Development in Public Administration from the ISCTE, the Lisbon University Institute (public university).

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