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Biography of the speakers



Pascale Franck

Pascale is the vice-president of the European Family Justice Center Alliance (EFJCA) and founder of the Family Justice Center Antwerp, she works for the Flemish government as expert in the field of genderbased violence, domestic violence and child abuse. Pascale is member of Grevio, the group of independent experts monitoring the Istanbul Convention at the Council of Europe. Pascale Franck is criminologist and experienced project manager and team leader, with a demonstrated history of developing and coordinating multi-agency approaches and cross-professional cooperation in the field of gender-based violence, domestic violence and child abuse. In this approach she focuses on methodology bringing empowerment of survivors of violence (adults/children). Trauma-informed care and client-centered approach are the lead in this development. During her 33-year career Pascale developed a FJC, a shelter, perpetrator programs and projects for children witnessing and/or experiencing family violence. Pascale is the co-author of several books, including the book "One Safe Place for Hope and Empowerment, development of the multidisciplinary approach of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual abuse in European Family Justice Centers".

Bert is a former police inspector with 20+ years of experience in child friendly interviewing and in criminal investigations on sexual crimes, trafficking, child pornography, child abuse and other related crimes. Besides an active involvement in national projects focusing on the development of an integral approach of domestic violence, sexual violence and child abuse in the Netherlands, he led several multi-year international projects focusing on developing and implementing a multi-agency approach on gender-based violence and child abuse. As project leader Bert led the by the EU funded project 'Family Justice Centers in Europe' and was responsible for the development and implementation of Family Justice Centers (FJC) in five European countries. Bert is the co-author of the book "One Safe Place for Hope and Empowerment, development of the multidisciplinary approach of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual abuse in European Family Justice Centers". Currently Bert is the President of the European Family Justice Center Alliance (EFJCA). He also operated as a case manager at the Sexual Referral Center (CSG) in the region of Zwolle, the Netherlands. He has 30+ years of professional experience in policing, policymaking and project management with a focus on domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking and child abuse.



Bert Groen



Giusy Barbara

Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Milan and Director of the SVSeD (Service for Sexual and Domestic Violence), a public centre against gender violence at the Fondazione IRCCS Ca' Granda Policlinico Hospital, Milan.

Her main scientific interests are related to studying gender-based violence, including health, social and psychological aspects. She is also involved in several research projects related to the treatment of gynaecological conditions that affect women's wellbeing. These include endometriosis and its associated pain, infertility and sexual function.

She teaches at a number of university medical courses on the role of the medical sector in the prevention of and response to gender-based violence, and is a reference person on gender policies for her university department. Her research activities are documented in several papers published in peer-reviewed scientific journals. She is an ad hoc reviewer for several international journals.

Lamberto Bertolé was born in Milan in 1974.

After graduating and obtaining a doctorate in philosophy, he worked as a researcher and teacher in several high schools in our city. In addition to teaching, he has worked in the field of social cooperation and is the author of several publications.

After two terms as an area councillor, he was elected to the City Council for the first time in 2011, where he became chairman of the Housing Committee and, in 2013, leader of the PD group. At the beginning of his second term, he was elected President of the City Council.

In 2021, Mayor Sala nominated him as Councillor for Welfare and Health.



Lamberto Bertolé



Diana De Marchi

I graduated in Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures at the State University of Milan and, after several years of working as an interpreter and translator for companies, I worked for ten years as a researcher at Cisem, "Centro di Innovazione e Sperimentazione Educativa" in Milan, in the field of gender and education. I have published articles in specialised journals and several books on education on sexuality, citizenship, care, orientation as training for personal growth, integration and the principle of equal opportunities in the educational process, teacher training and textbooks. I have participated in PoLiTe, a project promoted by the Ministry for Equal Opportunities and the Italian Publishers' Association to promote the introduction of a gender perspective in school textbooks. In 2016, I was elected as a city councillor and chair of the Equal Opportunities and Civil Rights Committee.

I am a member of the following committees:

- Metropolitan City Institutional Affairs and Decentralisation
- Equal opportunities
- Employment policy, economic development, productive activities, trade, human resources
- Mobility, Transport, Environmental Policy, Civil Protection, Animal and Green Policy
- Social and health policy
- Voluntary work
- Authorised referendums, popular initiative, open data
- Education, University and Research

Born in Voghera on 1 April 1984, she holds a degree in Biological and Biomedical Sciences from the University of Pavia. She was a Member of Italian Parliament from 2018 to 2022. In the last legislature she was appointed by President Attilio Fontana as Councilor for the Family, Social Solidarity, Disability and Equal Opportunities of the Lombardia Region. In the 12th legislature she was appointed by President Attilio Fontana as Regional Councilor for Family, Social Solidarity, Disability and Equal Opportunities. Specifically, her political activities have focused on the following issues:

- Policy on the family, minors and the elderly
- Parenthood
- The family factor
- Promoting the birth rate
- Equal opportunities
- Social welfare
- Protection of minors and combating cyberbullying
- Work-life balance
- Social inclusion policies
- Social vulnerability and disability
- Associations and volunteering
- Implementation of national policies on the third sector



Elena Lucchini



Matteo Stocco

Matteo Stocco was born in Milan in 1968. He graduated in Biology from the University of Milan in 2002 and specialised in Organisation, Management and Decision Making in Health Care at the University of Pavia. He attended courses in Management in the Private Sector, Marketing Communication and Leadership in Health Care at Bocconi University and at Carlo Cattaneo LIUC University in Castellanza. After working as an Account Manager for the San Raffaele Diagnostic and Research Laboratory Company, he gained ten years of experience as the Head of Organisation and Development of the Freelance Area at the Niguarda Ca' Granda Hospital, where he was also involved in the redesign of the Reception and Operational Management System during the total renovation of the hospital. His tenure as Director of Marketing and User Reception ended in 2013, when he was appointed first Extraordinary Commissioner at the ASL of the Province of Monza and Brianza, and then General Manager. In this role, he also managed the ASST Azienda Socio Sanitaria Territoriale di Monza and, from 2019 to December 2023, the ASST Santi Paolo e Carlo. From 1 January 2024, he will head the Policlinico di Milano, the first national public institute for scientific productivity and a highly specialised general hospital with over 4,000 employees, which is currently being redeveloped with the construction of a new 900-bed monoblock. He has carried out various strategic consulting assignments in the healthcare sector and was CEO of NEC S.p.A. Niguarda Engineering Consulting (2011-2013), a company dedicated to the design and management of healthcare facilities and IT networks and management systems. He is a Knight of the Order of the Italian Republic.

After graduating cum laude in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Milan in 1985, she specialised in General Surgery in 1990 and in Hygiene and Preventive Medicine in 1999. After several years of intense clinical activity, which led her to positions of responsibility, since 1991 she has acquired solid professional experience in the management and organisation of health care in hospital companies, in particular enriching her expertise in the design and modernisation of large hospitals (from 1991 to 2008 at the A.O. of Lecco, from 2008 to 2010 at the A.O. Sant'Anna of Como and from 2011 to 2015 at the A.O. Papa Giovanni XXIII of Bergamo). Since January 2016, she has been Medical Director of the Policlinico di Milano, the first public institute in the country for scientific productivity and a highly specialised general hospital that is currently undergoing a complete redevelopment. She has been a member of several regional committees and commissions. Since 2011, she has also been an adjunct professor for the public health course at the University of Milan-Bicocca and the University of Bergamo, and a lecturer for management training courses at Eupolis. He is co-author of numerous scientific texts and publications. Concrete, pragmatic, charismatic and determined, she inspires and involves with creativity and innovation, qualities that she has used with concrete results in the creation of the new hospitals in Lecco, Como and Bergamo.



Laura Chiappa



Mary-Claire Landry

Mary Claire Landry, a pioneer in the domestic violence and sexual assault movements in Louisiana. Mary Claire Landry is a licensed clinical social worker with a Masters of Social Work from Tulane University and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of New Orleans. She has served in many roles throughout her career. Her leadership from 2003 to 2012 in New Orleans was pivotal, especially during Hurricane Katrina when the state's first shelter for survivors was destroyed. Mary Claire turned adversity into opportunity, redesigning services and establishing the New Orleans Family Justice Center. Her dedication led to significant reductions in incidents of violence. Marie Claire works for the International Alliance for Hope. In this role she is involved in the further roll-out of forensic and medical examination of gender-based violence survivors.

Ghada Hatem-Gantzer is a gynecologist-obstetrician. Born in Lebanon, she moved to Paris in 1977 to become a medical doctor. After serving in several maternities in Paris, she joined the Delafontaine Hospital in Saint-Denis in 2010 as Head of the Gynecology-Obstetrics Department. Convinced that violence against women has an impact on their health, in July 2016 she founded the Maison des Femmes de Saint-Denis, the first care structure dedicated to the holistic management of violence. In 2021 she created the Re#start collective, which brings together ten existing womens' houses, and 10 emerging ones, whose objective is to share good practices and to support new structures, including the financial aspect. Several foundations and private patrons have chosen to invest in this initiative alongside the collective. She is currently president of "l'association les Maisons des femmes" which works to spread the model throughout the french national territory, supports a



Ghada Hatem

shelter and implements a prevention and training mission.



Alessandra Kustermann

Born in Rome 1953. Gynaecologist.

In 1996 she opened the first public anti-violence centre in Italy 'Soccorso Violenza Sessuale e Domestica', from 2009 until her retirement in 2022 she was Head of the Obstetrical-Gynaecological Emergency Room, SVSeD and Family Consultants in the Mangiagalli Clinic of the IRCCS Ca' Granda Ospedale Maggiore Policlinico Foundation in Milan. She is currently president of the anti-violence centre: SVS Donna Aiuta Donna social cooperative society that is part of the anti-violence network of the Municipality of Milan and the Lombardy Region. She has received numerous awards including: 2010 Gold Medal of the Municipality of Milan and 2021 Officer of the Order "Al Merito della Repubblica Italiana". She is currently realising the project Cascina Ri-Nascita with Casa delle Donne Maltrattate di Milano and Campacavallo.

Associate Professor in Constitutional law [since 2019]
PHD in constitutional law (2008)
Member of the board and Giunta of the International PhD program LEES, Law, ethics and economics for sustainability [since 2019]
Lawyer (2008)
Lecturer at the University of Milan, in:
• Constitutional law [since 2019]
• Gender Justice (language: English) at the University of Milan [since 2014 to 2022]
Scientific Director of the Post-Graduated Course Prevention and Fight of Gender Violence [since 2024; since 2016 to 2023, Position held: Teaching Coordinator]
Member of the Inter-university Research Centre "Cultures of gender" - Centro interuniversitario Culture di genere [since 2020]
Member of editorial boards of Law-journals and reviewer
Member of the Commission for Legality, Transparency and Efficiency of the Municipality of Milan [since 2023]
Past positions:
Assistant of the Constitutional Justice Nicolò Zanon (Italian Constitutional Court) in 2022
Appointed by the Minister of Equal Opportunity as member of the Group of experts on the topic of gender balance, with the task to study a reform for transparent and balance appointments and election and to assess the impact of new regulation in the field of equal opportunity [since 2021 to 2022]
Research interests:
Women's rights and non-discrimination principle; violence against women; forms of government, rule of law, rehabilitative function of punishment, constitutional justice, artificial reproduction, end of life and human rights.
Author of over 70 scientific papers published in journals and two books.



Irene Pellizzone



Marie-Claude Hofner

Member of Experts group of Council of Europe on “Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence” (GREVIO) in name of Switzerland since 2019

Previous functions

Associated physician, University Hospital Centre Lausanne (CHUV) and University Medico Legal Center Geneva-Lausanne (CURML)

Head of research of CURML Violence Medical Unit
Senior Research Fellow, University Medico Legal Center Geneva-Lausanne (IML)

Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Biology and Medicine, University of Lausanne (UNIL)

Violence and Injuries Prevention (VIP) focal points Switzerland for WHO Europe Member States.

Expert for the Federal Service of prevention of violence against women, Federal Office of Equality between Women and Men

Peer reviewer for the “British Medical Journal” & “Violence and Victims”

Direction of programs in domestic violence field

"C'est assez MAT" integrated interdisciplinary program of screening and care of women victims of domestic violence at the Maternity Hospital (2006-2010). Partners: Department of Gynecology, Obstetrics and Medical Genetics, CHUV.

"C'est assez" Integrated interdisciplinary program of screening and care of adult victims of violence (2000-2015). Partners: ED-CHUV- Equality office (VD)

“Child Abuse and neglected”: Systematic survey (1998 - 2001). Partners: Dpt. of Youth Protection, Dpt. of Public Health of the Canton of Vaud, Federal Office of Social Insurances.

Head of HIV/Aids Education Unit - Federal Office of Public Health, Bern.

Senior research fellow Prevention Unit - University Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, Lausanne

Fabio Roia was born in Milan on 29 May 1960.

He commenced his tenure in the magistracy on 30/04/1986, assuming roles within the criminal sector at the Court of Monza, the Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Milan in the capacity of deputy prosecutor, and at the Court of Milan in the Prevention Measure Section, where he served as President. He currently holds the position of President of the Ordinary Court of Milan.

He was also a member of the Superior Council of the Judiciary from 2006 to 2010.

He was member of the Gender Equality Advisory Council (GEAC) for the G7 2023 intergovernmental meetings.

He is currently a consultant to the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry on Femicide and all forms of gender-based violence - Senate of the Republic; contributor to the Milan daily ‘Corriere della Sera’, blog ‘La 27^a ora’; member of the Permanent Observatory on the effectiveness of regulations on gender and domestic violence, established by the Ministry of Justice by decree of 4 October 2022.

In the teaching field, he has held university appointments at various training schools on the subject of combating gender violence for the Universities of Trieste, Milano Statale, Milano Bicocca; at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan on the subject of child abuse and child protection legislation; positions as trainer at the Lombardy Region and the Bar Council of Milan on the subject of gender violence and the fight against organised crime, as well as teaching and training



Fabio Roia

operators (private social, public, police, health) involved in all processes of analysis and treatment of domestic violence and violence against minors through seminar meetings and/or conferences.

He has published extensively on the subject of child protection, as well as strategies for combating abuse and stalking, and crimes against women.

On 12 December 2018, the Municipality of Milan awarded him the Civica Benemerenzia Medaglia d'oro (commonly known as the 'Ambrogino') in recognition of his judicial, educational and social contributions to combating violence against women and minors.



Ines Keygnaert

Ines Keygnaert is Professor in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Co-Director of the International Centre for Reproductive Health at Department of Public Health and Primary Care of the Ghent University in Belgium. She is also the Team Leader of the "Gender & Violence" Team, coordinating the research line on violence prevention & response, sexual and reproductive health rights' violations, and on gender and sexual health promotion in hard to reach, vulnerable and minority groups.

On behalf of the Belgian government, Prof Keygnaert Ines developed, piloted and evaluated the first Belgian Sexual Assault Care Centres. She also coordinated the first representative Belgian prevalence study on sexual violence in all ages and genders. She was also appointed expert in the Belgian federal parliamentary research commission on sexual violence in church and beyond. Currently, as appointed by the federal minister of Public Health, Ines coordinates "Operation Alert" a comprehensive capacity building program on sexual violence, domestic violence and FGM for all healthcare workers and support staff in all Belgian hospitals.

Ines is involved in a myriad of (inter)national research projects on holistic care for victims of violence, on sexual and gender-based violence prevention and response, on migrant health and acceptability of care in vulnerable groups. She developed clinical guidelines, violence prevention tools and training programs for many different settings and regularly provides consultancies for UN organisations and several governments.

In 2020 she was granted the "Lucien De Coninck"-award for her outstanding research with high humanistic value and societal engagement and in 2021 the Marie Popelin award for her research on sexual violence contributing to women's rights and equality. In addition to her work at Ghent University, she is also coordinating expert on violence in the Ghent University Hospital and coordinating guest professor in forensic nursing at the VIVES university college.

She holds a degree in Psychology from the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan. She completed her specialization in Psychotherapy at CISSPAT in Padua in 2005 and is a certified EMDR therapist. She has also pursued advanced studies in psychodiagnostics and forensic psychopathology. Since 2015, Alessandra Granata has been a dedicated psychotherapist at SVSeD, the specialized service for sexual and domestic violence at the Policlinico of Milan. Her work primarily focuses on providing therapeutic support to individuals affected by trauma and violence. To enhance her expertise in adolescent psychology and the complex dynamics of violence, she has undertaken additional training at the CILA (Collège International de l'Adolescence) in Paris and at the CRPPC (Centre de Recherche en Psychopathologie et Psychologie Clinique) in Lyon.



Alessandra Granata



Catherine White

Medical Director of the Institute for Addressing Strangulation
Sexual Offence Medicine Lead, Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine
Forensic Physician, Saint Mary's SARC, Manchester
Guest lecturer, Judicial College
Professor White has been the Medical Director of the Institute for Addressing Strangulation since it was established in October 2022. Prior to that she was the Clinical Director of the Saint Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Manchester, UK for 19 years, having started as one of the forensic physicians in 1995 specialising in the examination of women, men, and children where there has been an allegation of rape or sexual assault. She continues to undertake clinical forensic medical examinations. She has provided expert evidence on behalf of both the prosecution and the defence. She has been a UN Consultant on Sexual Violence and has been involved in a UNODC Project involving the establishment of sexual assault services in Palestine, 2012 –2018 and as of 2016 was also involved with a similar UN project in Egypt. Professor White has written and published widely on the topic of clinical forensic medicine, sexual violence & non-fatal strangulation. Professor White has been heavily involved in raising awareness of the dangers of non-fatal strangulation. Her research in this area was used as evidence for a successful call to change the law regarding strangulation in England and Wales. Professor White was awarded the David Jenkins Chair in May 2023 by the FFLM, and appointed Honorary Professor in Criminology, University of Manchester in March 2024. Professor White was awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the Queen's 2014 New Year's Honours List for services to Vulnerable People.

Since 2007 she has been working as a psychotherapist for SVSeD (Service for Sexual and Domestic Violence), a public centre against gender violence at the Fondazione IRCCS Ca' Granda Policlinico Hospital, Milan. Since 2017 she's been coordinating the SVSeD psycho-social team. She a lecturer at Università Cattolica Milan where she teaches support interventions in domestic and sexual violence. She's a certified psychotherapist with advanced training as an EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) practitioner.



Laila Micci



Anna Rita Verardo

Psychologist and Psychotherapist, graduated from La Sapienza University in Rome. She has always been interested in the consequences of traumatic experiences on personality development and has studied attachment theory, motivational systems and emotion regulation. EMDR has been part of her clinical work since 2001. She is a certified EMDR Europe Senior Trainer for adults, children and adolescents, a member of the European Committee for the Application of EMDR to Children and Adolescents, and has worked on several research projects in collaboration with the University of Tor Vergata and La Sapienza University of Rome. She is the author of numerous publications, including "Traumatic attachment: the return to safety", Ed Fioriti, 2016, and three illustrated volumes for adults and children on the best language to use when a family member commits suicide. Co-author of the theoretical-clinical manual of integration between motivational systems and EMDR 'Repairing childhood trauma' Ed. Fioriti, 2020 and in 2021 publication of the game book "Me and You" on motivational systems. Ed. Fioriti

Rita Manuela Chiappa is Program Director of Soroptimist International of Italy 2024-2025. She has been a teacher in secondary school for almost 35 years. As a Programme Director of the Italian Union together with the President, she develops projects to be implemented by the single Soroptimist clubs in Italy. She is continuously in touch with the Clubs to stimulate them to initiate and complete projects in line with the objectives of Soroptimist (education, women's empowerment, fighting against gender-based violence, health and food security, sustainability). Coming from a family of strong women, she believes women are a force that can change the world, and has raised her daughter (and now her grand-daughter) to do exactly that.



Rita Manuela Chiappa



Morris Tidball Binz

Morris Tidball-Binz (Viña del Mar, Chile, 1957) is a medical doctor specialized in forensic science, human rights and humanitarian action. He contributed to the development and worldwide use of forensic science to investigate and document extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, enforced disappearances, torture and detention conditions, as well as to humanitarian action in armed conflicts and natural catastrophes. Over the past 35 years, he has conducted fact-finding, technical assessments and capacity building missions to over 70 countries in all regions. He is currently an Adjunct Clinical Professor in Forensic Medicine, School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University, Australia and a Visiting Professor of the Department of Forensic Medicine, Ethics and Medical Law, Faculty of Medicine, University of Coimbra, Portugal and of the Department of Biomedical Health Sciences, University of Milano, Italy. From 1990 until 2003, he directed regional and global human rights programs for Amnesty International (UK); the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (Costa Rica); Penal Reform International (UK) and the International Service for Human Rights (Switzerland). From 2004 to 2020, he worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), where he helped to establish and served as the first director of the Forensic Services and Unit.

He participated in international standard setting, including the Istanbul Protocol and the revision of the Minnesota Protocol, for the documentation of torture and of potentially unlawful deaths, respectively, as well the ICRC Guide on the Investigation of Deaths in Custody. He has published extensively, organized courses and lectured in areas of expertise, including in universities and scientific associations worldwide. He is a member of a number of scientific entities and publications, serving on boards of directors and editorial boards.

Throughout his career, he has worked closely with victims of human rights violations and their relatives. He has also advised governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental entities, including human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, the Organization of American States and the African Union, and served as expert witness and technical advisor for international, regional and domestic courts and commissions of enquiry.

Dr. Cristina Cattaneo is Full Professor of Forensic Medicine at the University of Milan, where she also teaches Anthropology, and is Director of LABANOF, Laboratory of Forensic Anthropology and Odontology and of MUSA (University Museum of Anthropological, Medical and Forensic Sciences for Human Rights). She is a consultant and expert witness for several Courts in Italy and Europe for medico-legal and forensic anthropological issues and involved with the Office of the Extraordinary Commissioner for Missing Persons in the identification of migrants who died at sea. She deals with victims of sexual and domestic violence, the medico-legal assessment of asylum seekers who are victims of torture and unaccompanied foreign minors. She is Co-Editor in Chief of the journal Forensic Science International. She was the recipient of the Adelaide Medal, a scientific award of the International Academy of Forensic Sciences, and the Clyde Snow Award of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences for her work and research in forensic and humanitarian sciences. In 2017, she was awarded the title of Commendatore of the Italian Republic. She participates



Cristina Cattaneo

in television and radio broadcasts for the scientific dissemination of forensic medicine, forensic anthropology and the importance of identification.



Danilo De Angelis

Danilo De Angelis, DDS, is a forensic odontologist and PhD holder in Legal Medicine, currently serving as an Associate Professor of Forensic Medicine at the University of Milan. He teaches legal medicine across various medical and dental programs. His research primarily focuses on forensic odontology, forensic anthropology, personal identification and age estimation. Dr. De Angelis also serves as an assistant editor for Forensic Science International and participates in numerous national and international forensic research initiatives. Since 1999, he has provided expert consultation for courts, public prosecutors and various associations, specializing in personal identification, age estimation and 3D imaging.

