

## Speakers' biographies WSWD 2016 Geneva (in alphabetical order)

**Monika Brühlhart:** was born in 1962 in Zürich, Switzerland. She has Bachelor degree in Social Work from the School for Applied Sciences in Zürich (1985), and a Master's degree in Public Administration from the *Institut de hautes études en administration publique (IDHEAP)*, in Lausanne (2009). Before joining the UN, M. Brühlhart worked with refugees and migrants in Zürich for various NGOs and the "Asylkoordination des Kantons Zürich".

In 1991 M. Brühlhart joined the United Nations Volunteers program and was sent to work with UNHCR in Indonesia with Indochinese refugees. Since then, she has become a staff member of UNHCR and worked in Kenya, Somalia, Burundi, Ruanda, Guinea, Albania and Mauritania. More recently M. Brühlhart held the position of Deputy Representative in Liberia (2008) and Assistant Representative (Program) in DR Congo (2009 – 2011). For the past three years M. Brühlhart has worked in Humanitarian Financing at UNHCR HQ. Since October 2015, she is Chief of the Partnership Section dealing with NGO and UN liaison and organising UNHCR's yearly global consultations with NGOs.

**Milena Chimienti** is Professor of sociology at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland, School of Social Work Geneva. She has conducted 20 research projects in migration, refugee and ethnic studies and written widely on this area. Her latest publications include: How Do International Human Rights Influence National Healthcare Provisions for Irregular Migrants? A Case Study in France and the UK with John Solomos (*Journal of Human Rights*, 2015); 'Super-Diversity' and the Art of Living in Ethnically Concentrated Urban Areas with Ilse Van Liempt (*Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*, 2014); special issue 'Irregular migrants: policy, politics, motives and everyday lives' co-edited with Alice Bloch (*Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 2011); 'Selling sex in order to migrate: the end of the migratory dream?' (*Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 2010); *Prostitution et Migration: La dynamique de l'agir faible*. (Zurich, Seismo, 2009).

**Miloslav Hettes:** ICSW Europe President, University lecturer (Social policy). UNECE Chair working group on ageing; Vice-chair of the UN CSocD; Vice-chair UN CSD; Expert work in BiH – Banja Luka (Social Protection System) and Macedonia (Labour Law); Council of Europe, E.C.; ILO expert (shadow economy - Bosnia, Moldova; pension reform); Senior positions in Slovak social administration; Local Democracy founder in former Czecho-Slovakia. Publications: *Human Rights and Social Protection; Employment and Social Work; Social Cohesion and Security; Ageing of Society; Pension Reform in Central and Eastern Europe – Slovakia*. Migration/Refugee Crisis ICSW Symposium WSWD 2016 Seoul.

**Priska Fleischlin** graduated with a Master of Science in Social Work in Lucerne, Switzerland. Her Bachelor and Master theses focused on the 'Social worker's empowerment in developing aid' and 'Cohesion in transnational transdisciplinary Project-Teams.' Concerning the latter topic, she also analyzed the conversation of virtual meetings. She works as Member of the Management of the Blue Cross, Canton Bern. As a representative of the IFSW to the United Nations, she focuses mainly on ageing as Co-Secretary of the NGO Committee on Ageing. Furthermore, she following the discussion about Human Rights and Business.

**Iago Kachkachishvili**, PhD, Professor of Sociology, Head of the Department of Sociology and Social Work at Tbilisi State University (Georgia). Besides of teaching at the university several courses (contemporary social theories, social space and urban development, etc.), Iago Kachkachishvili leads different projects, both research and educational, on the national and international levels. He has conducted various studies concerning the problems of democracy and politics, education policy, ethnicity, social protection and inclusion, deviation and governance, HIV/AIDS, safe sex and reproductive health, etc. Iago Kachkachishvili is the author and co-author of 6 books and more than 35 scientific

articles, several of them are the part of the international peer reviewed publications and written in English and Russian languages.

**Klaus Kühne** studied Psychology and Sociology. He has been professor of psychology at the University of Applied Sciences in Bern, Switzerland, where he was lecturer for psychology related to social work and social work in the context of international social policy. Since 2010 he is main IFSW-representative at the UN in Geneva. He was responsible for the international affairs and co-operation and has been organising World Social Work Day at the UN in Geneva since 2012.

**Anne Lavanchy** is currently Professor in International Social Work at the University of Applied Sciences, Geneva. She holds a PhD in Anthropology from the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland. Her main research interests are racialization processes, indigeneity, gender, and biopolitics, with a strong focus both on gendered and racialised discrimination processes. She has conducted fieldwork in South Chile, where she has worked with Mapuche communities since 2001, and in Europe (Switzerland and the UK)

**Jean Claude Legrand** Jean-Claude Legrand was a sociology lecturer in France in the 80's. From 1985, he started working on the protection of civilians in situations of emergency and armed conflicts. Since 1993, he is working for UNICEF as a Child Protection Senior Advisor. Since 2008, he supports UNICEF response in Eastern / Central Europe and Central Asia region. He is a key advocate for the right of children to live in a family environment, to get equitable access to justice and for the right of children to be protected from abuse, violence and exploitation. He is currently involved in the coordination of the UNICEF response to refugees and migrants in Europe.

**Joëlle Libois:** Director and Professor at the School of Social Work Geneva, member of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland. PhD in Educational Sciences and a formation in Social work, specialized in work analysis. President of the International Association for education, research and social intervention (AIFRIS) and Vice-President of the Association Surya-Geneva. Recent publications: *La part sensible de l'acte*, - Editions ies 2013; *Animation socioculturelle. Pratique multiples pour un métier complexe* - L'Harmattan 2011; *Travailler en réseau* Editions ies.2010; *Analyse de l'activité en travail social. Actions professionnelles et situations de formations* – Editions ies 2007.

**Jemilah Mahmood** is Under Secretary General for Partnerships at the international Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) since January 2016, before she has been Chief of the World Humanitarian Summit secretariat at the United Nations in New York. She is founder of MERCY Malaysia, which she led from 1999-2009 and her previous appointments include Chief of the Humanitarian Response Branch at UNFPA. She is Senior Fellow at Khazanah Nasional Berhad in Malaysia and at the Humanitarian Futures Program at Kings College London. In 2006 she was one of 16 members appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to the Advisory Group of the Central Emergency Respond Fund.

Dr. Mahmood is Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the National University of Malaysia and has a Master in Obstetrics & Gynaecology. Her medical career included positions at Kuala Lumpur General Hospital and Newcastle University and lecturing at the National University of Malaysia. She has held many Board positions in NGOs and is the recipient of numerous national and international awards for her contribution to civil society and work in support of marginalized communities.

**Vimla Nadkarni** (Ph.D. in Social Work), is President of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW). She was the first Dean of School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. She has worked extensively in the domain of social work education and practice for 42 years. Her writings, research interests and practice are in community health, social work education and HIV/AIDS. Vimla has led research on "HIV Sensitive Social Protection: A Four State Utilization Study" sponsored by UNDP for improving the quality of social protection programmes in India. She was chairperson of the Asian chapter of the Social Work Education International Journal, UK. She hails from a family who, having lost their ancestral lands in the Partition, sheltered refugees and helped settle them in the years after India's independence.

**Nivedita Prasad** Nivedita Prasad (PhD), studied Social pedagogy at the free university in Berlin, did her PhD at the Carl von Ossietzky University in Oldenburg on „Utilizing the issue of violence against migrant women in order to restrict migration responsibility of Social Work as a Human Rights Profession”. She worked for an anti-trafficking organization for 15 years; Since 2010 she is the director of the German Master studyprograme “Social Work as a Human Rights Profession”. In March 2012 she was awarded the “Anne Klein” Prize for her ongoing dedication for Human Rights of Migrant Women. Since 2013 she is a professor at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences, where she is very active in the field of Social Work with Refugees.

**Natia Partskhaladze (PhD)** worked for 15 years at the policy and programming level in the field of child and social protection systems and social service workforce strengthening. She is a founder of the Georgian Association of Social Workers, which supports the development of the profession in Georgia and abroad and is one of the established academic educations in Georgia. Since 2008 she worked for UNICEF Georgia and UNICEF Regional Office for CEE/CIS in Geneva and contributed to reforming child care system in Georgia and strengthening social work profession in the Region. She earned social work, medical and policy degrees from leading universities in the USA, Georgia and Hungary. She is working on PhD research on the Quality of Life of Deinstitutionalized Children.

**Nino Zganec** is from Croatia where he finished social work study and obtained his PhD. Since 1991 he works at the faculty of social work and currently is associate professor and head of the Social Work study at University of Zagreb. Since 2015 he is the president of the European Association of Schools of Social Work and vice president of the International Association of Schools of Social Work. He was assistant minister and state secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare in the government of Republic of Croatia since 2000-2005. He is the president of the Croatian Anti-Poverty Network and member of the Executive Committee of the European Anti-Poverty Network.

**Rolf Widmer** has a degree in economy and social sciences. For 40 years, he has been working in his native Switzerland and abroad in the development of living places for children who are not raised in their own families. He led, for 11 years, the organization of political asylum in the Canton of Zurich where he was particularly involved with unaccompanied minors. As Director of the Swiss Foundation of the International Social Service (ISS) for the past 15 years, he developed alternative services for young people without parental care in eastern Europe to help them become independent. Rolf Widmer is now acting President of the ISS ([www.ssiss.ch](http://www.ssiss.ch)). 40 years ago he founded and continues to lead the TIPITI association ([www.tipiti.ch](http://www.tipiti.ch)) which is a platform that develops individual forms of placement for children without parental care. He is also President of FICE Switzerland since 1986 ([www.fice.ch](http://www.fice.ch)).

**Nicole Windlin:** Nicole Windlin is Head of Tracing Services (Restoring Family Links) at Swiss Red Cross since 2008. In 2013 she joined the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Democratic Republic of Congo for family reunification activities of unaccompanied minors. Nicole is part of the worldwide Restoring Family Links Specialist Pool and was deployed at the Tunisian border during the war in Libya.

After completing a bachelor in Social Work, Nicole finished her post-graded studies in International Project Management with a research project for Terre des hommes in Nicaragua. The research was about qualitative evaluation of psychosocial support projects for children and adolescents. Before entering in the humanitarian sector, she used to work at social welfare services, in community development and coaching of unemployed people.