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Speakers' Biographies

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Anna Brach is Head of Human Security. Her work focuses on issues of environmental and health security with special emphasis on the climate change and security nexus. Her research interests include human security, human rights, environmental security, climate change, global public commons and resource management. She is responsible for developing and running the Human Security Cluster activities, including executive courses, workshops, and high-level conferences in Geneva and internationally. She is the Course Director for the European Security Course. Anna holds a Master's degree in Economy from the [Warsaw School of Economics](#), a Master's degree in Political Science from the [Graduate Institute of International Studies](#) in Geneva and a Master's degree in European Studies from the [University of Geneva](#). Prior to joining the GCSP, she worked for the private sector at the PR Department of [Nestlé Poland](#) in Warsaw and at [Academy&Finance](#) in Geneva. Her native language is Polish and she is fluent in English and French.

Dr Rama Mani

Convenor, Enacting Global Transformation, Centre for International Studies, University of Oxford and Associate Fellow GCSP

Dr Rama Mani is a transformative leader, peacebuilder, poet and performance artist whose life, work and art are devoted to human and global transformation. She received the Excellence in Leadership Award of the Global Thinkers Forum in December 2018, and the Peter Becker Peace Prize in 2013 in Germany. Dr Rama Mani is the Founder of Theatre of Transformation Academy, whose purpose is to champion and support the creative power of humanity to shape our shared future. She is the Convenor of the Enacting Global Transformation Collaborative Initiative at the University of Oxford's Centre for International Studies, which seeks to redefine paradigms of power, and shape creative and humane responses to current global crises. Both initiatives are grounded in the Theatre of Transformation artform and methodology, developed by Rama, based on her 30 years of expertise in peacebuilding, leadership and governance, with inputs from diverse scholars and decision makers. All Rama's programmes create circles of solidarity between diverse people and cultures, raise funds for her peace missions, and support the Academy's grassroots partners in crisis countries. Rama is the Co-Founder of Rising Women Rising World, together with Prof. Jean Houston and Dr Scilla Elworthy, a global group of women leaders whose aim is to 'co-create a world that works for all'. Rama is a Councilor of the World Future Council which protects the rights of future generations and awards the Future Policy Awards. She was a Jury member of the 'Alternative Nobel Prize' or Right Livelihood Award. Rama was earlier Executive Director of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Sri Lanka's pre-eminent policy and research centre addressing conflict, peace and human rights. She was the Director of the Global Peace and Security Course for senior diplomats, military officers and international policy makers at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. She served as Oxfam GB's Africa Strategy Manager, addressing conflicts across the continent while based in Addis Ababa and Kampala. She was the Senior External Relations Officer to the Commission on Global Governance, responsible for integrating international, civic and academic inputs to its report, Our Global Neighbourhood (OUP 2005) and for preparing the report's global launch at the UN's 50th anniversary. Rama is regularly invited by the United Nations and numerous international organisations to advise them and offer Theatre of Transformation performances, leadership seminars and keynotes. She has served on the Board of prestigious international foundations including Foundation for the Future, Academic Council on the United Nations,

UNESCO-International Centre for Human Sciences & Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect. Rama authored “Beyond Retribution: Seeking Justice in the Shadows of War” (Polity/Blackwell: 2002/2007) and co-edited “Responsibility to Protect: Cultural Perspectives from the Global South” (Routledge: 2011). Rama has a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Cambridge, UK, an M.A. in International Affairs from Johns Hopkins University, USA, and a B.A. from Bryn Mawr College USA in Politics and French Literature. She is a French national and an Indian Overseas Citizen, having grown up in India.

Dr Njoki Wamai, PhD

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Dr. Njoki Wamai is an Assistant Professor at the International Relations Department. Previously, she was a post-doctoral research associate at the Centre for Governance and Human Rights (CGHR) at the University of Cambridge Politics and International Studies Department where she attained her PhD as a Gates Cambridge Scholar in 2018. While a Gates scholar she was awarded the Bill Gates Senior Prize for outstanding scholars who embody the leadership, academic excellence and social justice goals of the scholarship.