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# THE CLIMATE-CONFLICT NEXUS AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

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## SPEAKERS

Richard Matthew (PhD Princeton) is a Professor of Urban Planning and Public Policy at the University of California at Irvine and Director of the Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation. He is also a Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Sustainable Development; a member of the United Nations Expert Group on Environment, Conflict and Peacebuilding; a member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Commission on Environment, Economic and Social Policy and co-chair of its Task Force on Conservation, Migration and Conflict; and Vice-President of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association. He was recently appointed Research Director of Climate Change and Security for the University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation. His research covers three areas: developing high resolution flood risk models; examining links among environmental change, violent conflict, public health and migration; and developing solutions to human trafficking. Over the past twenty-five years, he has done extensive fieldwork in conflict and disaster zones in Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Eswatini, Malawi, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, Paraguay, Rwanda, and Sierra Leone. He has served on UN humanitarian and peacebuilding missions in DRCongo, Rwanda and Sierra Leone.

Senator. Rosa Galvez, is one of Canada's leading experts in pollution control and its effect on human health. She has a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from McGill University and has been a professor at Université Laval à Québec since 1994, heading the Civil and Water Engineering Department from 2010 to 2016. She specializes in water and soil decontamination, waste management and residues, and environmental impact and risk assessment. Throughout her career, she has been requested by private, governmental and community organisations to offer expert advice. She has also advised a number of international organisations including on Canada-US and Quebec-Vermont agreements regarding the protection of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River. She also conducted an important study on the catastrophic oil spill at Lac-Mégantic. Senator Galvez is a member of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec, the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering and Engineers Without Borders. Her research has led her around the world to countries such as France, Italy, Belgium, Japan and China. Senator Galvez was appointed to the Senate on December 6, 2016, representing Québec (Bedford). She lives in Quebec with her partner, Luke, and has three children, Virginie, Lydia and Francisco.

Karen S. Gomez Dumpit is a Former Commissioner of the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) (June 2015- May 2022). She has served the Philippine Government for 32 years with over 28 years in human rights advocacy. Karen has worked towards the passage and implementation of laws including the Juvenile Justice Welfare Act, Law Prohibiting the imposition of the Death Penalty, International Humanitarian Law Bill, Anti-Torture Act, Human Security Act, and Recognition & Reparation of Martial Law Victims, Laws addressing Gender-based violence including the Safe Spaces Act, among others. She continues her human rights work with civil society organizations such as the Coalition against the Death Penalty, the Philippine Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism, and the Human Rights People Empowerment Center. She currently serves as a Senior Professional Lecturer at the Political Science Department of De La Salle University. Karen finished her AB Communication Arts degree at DLSU and earned Master in Public Management from the Development Academy of the Philippines and Master of Science in Human Rights at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Dr. Marisa O. Ensor is an environmental security specialist with a background in the human dimensions of Environmental Change (including Climate Change), Disasters, Conflict, and Displacement. Combining science and rights-based approaches, her work examines intersectional gender, youth, and Indigenous perspectives on human-nature interactions. Dr. Ensor is currently based at Georgetown University where she teaches courses on Conflict Analysis and Transformation, Peacebuilding, and Research Methodologies. She is also the current Chair of the Gender Interest Working Group of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association. As an international consultant and applied researcher, Dr. Ensor has lived and worked in over 25 conflict-affected and environmentally fragile countries of Africa, Asia, Europe, the MENA region, and Latin America. She has consulted with various UN agencies (UN Women, IOM, UNHCR, UNICEF, OHCHR), the Economic and Social Research Council, USAID, and the United States Institute of Peace. She is currently co-leading a multi-disciplinary project on the gender-climate-security nexus in 5 countries across the world, focusing on the identification of context-specific solutions. Her research has resulted in numerous publications including five books, over 50 book chapters and journal articles, and dozens of technical and policy-oriented reports. She holds MA and PhD degrees in Environmental Anthropology from the University of Florida, a Graduate Certificate in Migration and Refugee Studies from the University of Oxford, UK, and an LLM in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex, UK.

## MODERATOR

Professor Patricia Tovar, has a Ph.D. in Anthropology , an MA in Applied Anthropology from CCNY, and a BA from Universidad Nacional de Colombia. She was a Distinguished Fellow at the Advanced Research Collaborative at the CUNY GC (Fall 2014). She has been teaching anthropology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice since 2008, and at the Graduate Center since 2015. Before, she was a faculty member in the Political Science Department at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá. Until 2006 she was the head of the Social Anthropology Section and a researcher in the Colombian Institute of Anthropology and History. She has conducted research on women and armed conflict, human rights, displaced populations, and on the inequalities in gender and science; and published extensively on these topics. She is the author of the books: "The Widows of the Armed Conflict in Colombia" and "Family, Gender and Anthropology in Colombia." Her current research is about women explorers and travelers during the Age of Discovery, and the role of women during the Spanish Conquest. She has conducted fieldwork in Colombia, Ecuador, Portugal, and the United States, and her anthropological work has taken her to many places around the world. Recently she ended her term as elected treasurer of the Latin American Studies Association, LASA.

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