

# MEET OUR TRAINERS

## 1<sup>st</sup> Interactive Session: Dr Amrita Kapur (DCAF)

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As a gender thematic expert with the Gender and Security Division of DCAF in Geneva, Dr Amrita Kapur heads a gender-sensitive judicial reform project partnering with judges and prosecutors and various bespoke training curricula with international organizations: she is also the technical lead on projects Track II peacebuilding processes (Yemen, Libya, Korean peninsula); institutional gender self-assessments (Ukraine, Honduras, Colombia); and gender-sensitive internal investigations (Lebanon, Honduras). Prior to this, Amrita was an SGBV Analyst on the UN International Independent Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar, and consulted UN Women, UNODC and Control Arms while completing her Phd Thesis (UNSW, Australia) in international criminal law and conflict-related sexual violence with field research in Colombia and Guinea. She spent several years with the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) as a Senior Associate for the Gender Justice Program in New York. Her experience spans Colombia, East Timor, the FRY, Guinea, Kenya, Mozambique, Myanmar, Tanzania and Uganda; and includes practising international and domestic criminal law. Amrita holds an LLM in International Law from NYU, as well as a Bachelor of Laws and Honours degree in Psychology from UNSW, Australia.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Interactive Session: Dr Henri Myrntinen (Gender Associations, GAIC)

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Dr Henri Myrntinen is a Lead Associate with Gender Associations, a Berlin-based consulting company, and has over 15 years of experience of researching and working on issues of gender, peace and security, including diverse SOGIE (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression) issues. As such, he has worked for numerous NGOs and research institutions on gender-based violence prevention, critically engaging masculinities, engaging SOGIE perspectives into peace and security work, as well as the gender dimensions of small arms and light weapons, armed conflict and formal and informal security sector actors. The majority of his work focuses on Southeast Asia and Central Asia, but also on Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and Central and Eastern Europe. Henri holds a Ph.D. in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Interactive Session: Julia Scharinger, MA (ASPR)

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Julia Scharinger manages the International Civilian Peacebuilding Training Programme at the ASPR with a focus on inclusivity, intersectionality and gender-sensitive peacebuilding and conflict transformation. Julia is particularly interested in accompanying individuals, communities, organisations and projects invested in dealing with the past, gender- and social justice as well as local peacebuilding-processes. Prior to joining the ASPR Julia worked with different national and international organisations, primarily in Timor-Leste and Nepal. She holds a degree in Political Science and in Development Studies from the University in Vienna, as well as from the Melbourne University and the Dulwich Centre as a Narrative Therapist and Community Worker. Julia also teaches at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna and the UN University for Peace in Costa Rica (UPEACE).