

# Advancing **INTEGRAL DISARMAMENT** in times of **PANDEMIC**

**23 MARCH 2021, 15:00 CET**

## ABOUT Us



On 20 March 2020, Pope Francis asked the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (DPIHD) to create a Commission, in collaboration with other Dicasteries of the Roman Curia and other organizations, to express the Church's solicitude and care for the whole human family facing the COVID-19 pandemic, including analysis, reflection on the new socio-economic-cultural future, and the proposal of relevant approaches. Accordingly, DPIHD has established a Vatican COVID-19 Commission to take up the Pope's concern through the activities of five Working Groups, which are: acting now for the future; looking to the future with creativity; communicating hope; seeking common dialogue and reflections; supporting to care.



The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development was established by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, with the Apostolic Letter of August 17 2016, in a new Motu Proprio, *Humanam Progressionem*. Since 1st of January 2017, the Dicastery has been created merging the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, and the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers. The Dicastery includes the Commission for Charity, the Commission for Ecology and the Commission for Health Care Workers, each operating according to its norms.

## ABOUT Us



SCRAP comes from the initiative of students, alumni and staff at the Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy (CISD) at SOAS University of London.

Actively supported by a committee of academics and NGO officials with governmental experience, SCRAP has been funded by the Marmot Trust, Polden Puckham and Joseph Rowntree.

SCRAP has working relationships with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), the Institute for Policy Studies and the International Peace Bureau amongst others.

The SCRAP proposal is a holistic approach to global disarmament that proposes adopting an international legally binding agreement for general and complete disarmament.

It draws on best practices of past agreements to expand the idea of what is possible in disarmament. There are several interconnected projects under SCRAP that tie into essential disarmament efforts. These include the Feminist Disarmament project, the Freeze Weapons project, the Global Weapons Tracking service, alongside constant advocacy and cooperation with states and civil society organizations to bolster disarmament efforts and offer practical solutions to facilitate trust building and progressing towards cooperation between states.

## PARTNERS



## PROGRAMME

On 23rd March 2021, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (DPIHD), in collaboration with the Strategic Concept for the Removal of Arms and Proliferation (SCRAP) will host a webinar on “Advancing integral disarmament in times of pandemic.” The event will offer the international community and religious leaders concrete options to follow the path of integral disarmament and support the United Nations Secretary-General’s call for a global cease-fire, and in response to the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*.

### **15:00-15:50: Panel I: Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Moderators: Dr. Alessio Pecorario (DPIHD) and Ms. Melinda Davis (DPIHD)*

- 15:00-15:10 Welcome from Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the DPIHD
- 15:10-15:30 Introductory video messages
- 15:10-15:15 Video montage: Pope Francis’s apostolic journey to Iraq and his engagement for integral disarmament
- 15:15-15:20 Message from UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs H.E. Izumi Nakamitsu
- 15:20-15:30 Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See: Advancing integral disarmament in times of pandemic
- 15:30-15:40 Opening remarks from Prof. Dan Plesch, SOAS University of London on SCRAP and the Freeze Weapons Campaign

### **15:50-15:55: Break**

### **15:55-16:45: Panel II: Strengthening International Norms for Integral Security**

*Moderators: Dr. Alessio Pecorario (DPIHD) and Ms. Elena Batani (Sciences Po Bordeaux)*

- 15:55-16:00 Dr. Pierce Corden, adviser, Holy See Mission to the UN in New York: the SCRAP project, a realistic approach to disarmament
- 16:00-16:05 Dr. Olamide Samuel, SOAS University of London: the Freeze Weapons Campaign
- 16:05-16:10 Ms. Susi Snyder, Pax Netherlands and ICAN International Steering Group: Synergies between disarmament movements to promote divestment from nuclear and conventional weapons
- 16:10-16:15 Fr. Germain Rajoelison, SECAM: “Silencing The Guns”, creating conducive conditions for African development
- 16:10-16:15 Ms. Greet Vanaerschot, Pax Christi: Peace-building educational processes
- 16:15-16:20 Mons. Ivan Jurkovič, Permanent Observer, Holy See Mission to the UN in Geneva: Closing remarks
- 16:20-16:45 Q&A

### **16:45-16:50: Break**

### **16:50-18:15: Panel III: Advancing Ecumenical and Interreligious Cooperation for Integral Development**

*Moderators: Dr. Alessio Pecorario (DPIHD) and Ms. Eloisa Romani (SCRAP)*

- 16:50-17:00: Cardinal Kurt Koch and Cardinal Miguel Ayuso Guixot: Opening remarks
- 17:00-17:05: Cardinal Silvano Tomasi, Special Delegate to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta: The action of the order of Malta for peace and interreligious dialogue
- 17:05-17:30 Video-messages from Representatives of Christian Traditions: Blessed are the Peacemakers, Jesus’ teaching on “political love” (FT 180)
- 17:30-18:00: Video-messages from Representatives of other religions: The role of religions and of interreligious dialogue in shaping a new paradigm of security
- 18:00-18:10 Closing Remarks by Mons. Duffé, Secretary of the DPIHD
- 18:00-18:15 Final prayer for peace by Cardinal Turkson, Prefect of the DPIHD



# SPEAKERS



**CARDINAL PETER KODWO APPIAH TURKSON**  
**Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting**  
**Integral Human Development**

Cardinal Peter K. A. Turkson was born in Nsuta-Wassaw (Ghana) on October 11, 1948.

From 1962 to 1969, he attended St. Theresa's Seminary, in Amisano; from 1969 to 1971, he attended St. Peter's Regional Seminary, in Pedu. He then obtained his Master in Divinity at St. Anthony-on-Hudson, Conv. Franciscan Seminary, New York, where he stayed from 1971 to 1975.

On July 20 1975, he was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cape Coast.

On October 6 1992, Pope John Paul II appointed him Archbishop of Cape Coast and later elevated him to Cardinal at the Consistory on October 21 2003.

He was President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Ghana from 1997 to 2004; member of the Council of the University of Ghana, Legon, (2001-2006); Treasurer of the Symposium of the Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar, SECAM (2007-2009). He was Vice-President of the Association of the Episcopal Conferences of Anglophone West Africa (AECAWA). In October 2009, he was the General Speaker at the II Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops, at the end of which Pope Benedict XVI appointed him President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

On September 24 2013, Pope Francis confirmed him as head of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and, in 2016, appointed him as the first Prefect of the new Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.



## **CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN**

### **Secretary of State of the Holy See**

Born in Schiavon, Italy on 17 January 1955, His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Parolin was ordained in his home diocese of Vicenza on 27 April 1980. After some years of pastoral ministry, he began his legal studies, which he completed in 1986 with a degree in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University.

After his studies at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, he entered into the diplomatic service of the Holy See in 1986 and was sent to the Apostolic Nunciatures in Nigeria and Mexico. After this, he served for seventeen years under the Section for Relations with States of the Secretariat of State, after which he became Under-Secretary (2002-2009).

In August 2009, he was named titular Archbishop of Acquapendente and Apostolic Nuncio to Venezuela, and in August of 2013, he was named Secretary of State of His Holiness Pope Francis, who raised him to the College of Cardinals in the consistory of 22 February 2014.



**CARDINAL KURT KOCH**  
**President of the Pontifical Council for  
Promoting Christian Unity**

Cardinal Kurt Koch is President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and Bishop Emeritus of Basel. In 1989, he became Professor of Dogmatic Theology and Liturgy at the University of Lucerne, eventually becoming Rector of the Faculty of Theology in 1995. On 6 December 1995, he was appointed Bishop of Basel and was consecrated on 6 January 1996 in Rome.

From 1998 to 2006, he was Vice-President of the Swiss Bishops' Conference, and President from 2007 to 2009. On 1 July 2010, he was appointed President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity with the title of Archbishop. He was created and proclaimed Cardinal by Benedict XVI in the consistory of 20 November 2010, of the Deaconry of Nostra Signora del Sacro Cuore (Our Lady of the Sacred Heart).

Cardinal Koch is a member of the Congregations: for the Doctrine of the Faith; for the Oriental Churches, for the Causes of Saints; for Bishops; for Catholic Education; Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.



**CARDINAL MIGUEL ÁNGEL AYUSO GUIXOT, M.C.C.J.**  
**President of the Pontifical Council**  
**for Interreligious Dialogue**

Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, was born in Seville, Spain, on 17 June 1952. After joining the Comboni Missionaries Catholic Institute, he was ordained a priest in 1980. From 1982 to 2002, he served as a missionary in Egypt and Sudan. In 1982, he obtained a licentiate in Arabic and Islamic Studies from the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies (PISAI), and from 1983, he taught Islamology and Interreligious Dialogue while in Khartoum, in Cairo and thereafter at the PISAI in Rome.

From 2005 to 2012, he was Director of the same PISAI, until His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as the Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID) on 30 June 2012.

On 19 March 2016, he received the episcopal consecration by His Holiness Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. On 25 May 2019, he was nominated as President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue by Pope Francis.

On October 5, 2019, Cardinal Ayuso Guixot was appointed Cardinal Deacon in the consistory and received the red biretta and the deaconry of Saint San Girolamo della Carità in via Giulia (Rome).



**CARDINAL SILVANO MARIA TOMASI**  
**Special Delegate to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta**

Silvano Maria Tomasi C.S. has served as the Special Delegate to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta since 1 November 2020. He was the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva from 2003 to 2016. He previously worked in the Roman Curia, became an archbishop in 1996, and represented the Holy See as an apostolic nuncio in Africa from 1996 to 2003.



**IZUMI NAKAMITSU**  
**Under-Secretary-General and High Representative  
for Disarmament Affairs**

Ms Izumi Nakamitsu assumed her position as Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs on 1 May 2017. Prior to taking on this post, Ms. Nakamitsu served as Assistant Administrator of the Crisis Response Unit at the UN Development Programme since 2014.

She has many years of experience within and outside the UN system, most recently as Special Adviser Ad Interim on Follow-up to the Summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants between 2016 and 2017. She was previously Director of the Asia and the Middle East Division of the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations between 2012 and 2014, and Director of the Department's Division of Policy, Evaluation and Training, from 2008 to 2012.

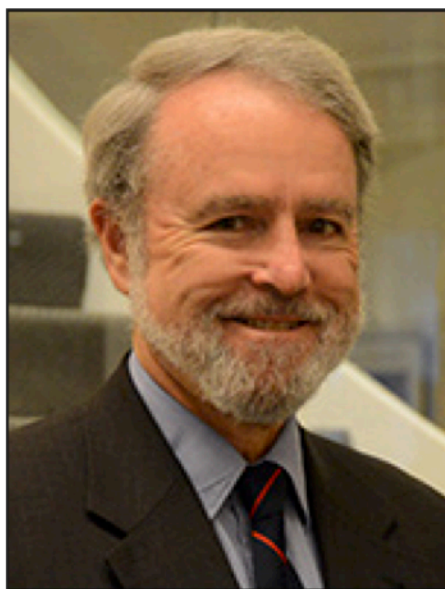
Born in 1963, Ms. Nakamitsu holds a Master of Science degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and a Bachelor of Law degree from Waseda University in Tokyo.



**PROFESSOR DAN PLESCH**  
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Professor Dan Plesch is Director of the Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy, SOAS. He leads the Strategic Concept for Removal of Arms and Proliferation Project. He was founding director of the British American Security Information Council in Washington DC from 1986-2000 and Senior Fellow at the Royal United Services Institute. He was part of international coalitions for the nuclear test ban, small arms control and arms trade measures.



**DR. PIERCE S. CORDEN**  
**Adviser, Holy See Mission to the United Nations**

Dr. Corden is a 1963 graduate of Georgetown University, with a PhD in Physics in 1971 from the University of Pennsylvania. He worked for the US government until retiring in 2002, supporting the negotiation and implementing of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, the convention prohibiting environmental warfare, and the Chemical Weapons Convention. In 1993, he was Deputy Executive Chairman of the UN Special Commission for Iraqi biological, chemical, missile and nuclear disarmament. Since 2013, he has been a disarmament advisor to the Holy See Mission to the UN.



**DR. OLAMIDE SAMUEL**  
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Olamide Samuel is the Coordinator of SCRAP Weapons, overseeing the management of projects, research, campaigns, liaison, operations, and directing strategic outreach. The SCRAP project proposes General and Complete Disarmament as the goal of Disarmament and Non-Proliferation efforts, and works with International Organizations, Governments and Civil Society to advance this agenda.

He is also a Senior Teaching Fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) University of London, where he teaches International Security, General Diplomatic Studies and Diplomatic Practice at the MA level, and engages in MA Theses Supervision.

Olamide earned a PhD in National Security Strategy from the Centre for Security and Intelligence Studies at the University of Buckingham (2019). He also earned an MA in Security, Intelligence and Diplomacy from the same institution (2014). He earned his B.ILD degree in International Law and Diplomacy from Babcock University, Nigeria (2013).

He is the convener of the Global #FreezeWeapons Campaign and the President of the SOAS Pugwash Society, a member of the Scientific Committee at the Center for International Strategic Analyses (KEDISA).

His research interests include: Strategic Culture, emerging technology and strategic stability, nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, National Security Strategy, and Multilateral Disarmament Diplomacy. He has held lectures and engaged in high-level panel discussions in various diplomatic and academic arenas.



## **SUSI SNYDER**

Susi Snyder is an expert on nuclear weapons, with over two decades experience working at the intersect between nuclear weapons and human rights. She coordinates the global Don't Bank on the Bomb research project and associated campaign. Susi sits the International Steering Group of the 2017 Nobel Prize winning [International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons](#), and is a Foreign Policy Interrupted/ Bard College Fellow 2020 and a [2016 Nuclear Free Future Award Laureate](#). She has been featured in [360 Magazine](#), [Quartz](#), the [Intercept](#), [Huffington Post](#), [U.S. News and World Report](#), and on [Democracy Now](#) (among others).



**FR. GERMAIN RAJOELISON**  
**Priest of the Diocese of Ambatondrazaka (Madagascar)**

Holder of a Doctorate in Moral Theology (Academia alfonsiana, Rome), he is also a specialist in History of Religions (DEA at Paris IV - Sorbonne) and in Social Sciences (3rd cycle training in Socio-Anthropology of Development. Paris Sorbonne- Cited). He was a member of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace between 1996 and 2002.



**GREET VANAERSCHOT**  
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Greet Vanaerschot is Secretary General of Pax Christi International, the largest Catholic peace network in the world and Nobel Peace Prize nominee in 2016.



**ARCHBISHOP IVAN JURKOVIČ**  
**Permanent Observer of the Holy See to  
the United Nations in Geneva**

Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič is a Conventual Chaplain ad honorem of the Grand Cross of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta. For merits rendered to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate) Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič was awarded the Order of Grand Prince St. Vladimir, Equal-to-the-Apostles, II degree.

In 1993-1996, Msgr. Ivan Jurkovič lectured on Canon Law at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Theological College in Moscow where he also published: Marriage Law, Moscow 1993, in Russian; Canon Law on the People of God, Moscow 1993, in Russian; Latin-Russian Dictionary of Terms and Expressions of the Code of the Canon Law (in co-authorship with A. Koval), Moscow 1995; God in its Midst, Kyiv 2011 in Ukrainian; A Quarter of Century, Moscow 2016, in Russian.

Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič is fluent in Italian, Russian, Spanish, English, German and French.



**MONSIGNOR BRUNO MARIE DUFFÉ**  
**Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting  
Integral Human Development**

Msgr. Bruno Marie Duffé was born in Lyon (France) on August 21, 1951. In June of 1981, he was ordained priest in the Archdiocese of Lyon and exercised his ministry as Parish Vicar and Parish Priest.

He earned his Doctorate in Political Philosophy and Social Ethics (1996).

From 1982, he was a Professor of Moral Theology and the Social Doctrine of the Church of the Department of Theology at the Catholic University of Lyon and the Jesuit Center of Baume-Les-Aix; from 2005, he was a Professor of Social and Health Ethics at the Léon Bérard, Regional Cancer Centre of Lyon.

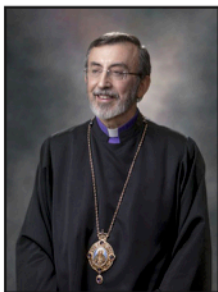
Co-founder and Director of the Institute for Human Rights of the Catholic University of Lyon (1985-2004), who actively contributed to the creation of the UNESCO Chair on minority rights, he was the Regional Spiritual Counsellor of Christian Businessmen and Directors (EDC), National Chaplain of the Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD Terre Solidaire), Member of the Justice and Peace Council of France and Director of the Certificat Universitaire of Pastoral Health Care, at the Catholic University of Lyon, for the formation of hospital chaplains and those responsible for pastoral health care.

He is the author of publications on the theme of human rights, and he participated, as an expert in this field, in many international missions with the mandate of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and for Refugees (UNHCR), in collaboration with various NGOs, including: Caritas, Terre des Hommes, Doctors without Borders.

From June 2017, he is serving as Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.



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Archbishop Khajag Barsamian is the Pontifical Legate of the Western Europe and Representative of the Armenian Church to the Holy See. Formerly, for 28 years he was the Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern). He has been a central figure in arranging frequent meetings between the supreme leaders of the Catholic and Armenian churches. He has been also leader in religious, ecumenical and interfaith organizations.



## **ARCHBISHOP STEPHEN COTTRELL**

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell is the 98th Archbishop of York. He has previously served as the Bishop of Chelmsford, Bishop of Reading, Canon Pastor at Peterborough Cathedral and Diocesan Missioner for the Diocese of Wakefield. He served in parishes in South London and Chichester. He is a member of the Church of England's Committee for Minority Ethnic Concerns, and Chair of Church Army, an Anglican society for evangelism and social outreach. He is a member of the House of Lords. He is a well-known writer and speaker on evangelism, spirituality and catechesis. His latest book, *Dear England*, is published in March and addresses issues about how the Christian faith can shape the life of our nation.



## **REV. DR. JONG CHUN PARK**

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## **HAYDER AL-KHOEI**



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Al-Khoei holds masters degrees in International Studies and Diplomacy from SOAS University of London and Islamic Studies from the Islamic College. He holds a BA (Hons) in Politics and International Relations from Kingston University, London. He writes widely on Iraqi and Middle Eastern affairs and has been published by Foreign Affairs, CNN, The Guardian, and Reuters.



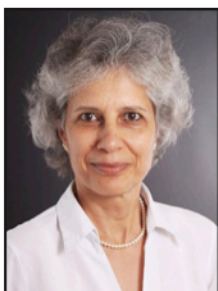
## **ELA GANDHI**

Ela Gandhi is a social worker and political activist in South Africa. She was a founder member of the Natal Organization of Women. She retired after serving two terms in the South African Parliament representing the ANC. She is honorary Chairperson of Gandhi Development Trust and Phoenix Settlement Trust, and is a co President of Religions for Peace International.



## **K.S. AHLUWALIA**

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## **GITA DHARAMPAL**

Gita Dharampal, retired prof. of South Asian History at Heidelberg University; since Nov. 2018 Research Dean at the Gandhi Research Foundation, Jalgaon, Maharashtra; her publications focus on pre-modern interactions between Europe & India, Indian Ocean cultural history, Indian medical history; the social, cultural & political history of the colonial period, in general, with a special emphasis on Gandhi's movement of political & cultural resurgence.



## **DR. NEERJA A GUPTA**

Dr Neerja A Gupta is at present Vice Chancellor of Sanchi University of Buddhist -Indic Studies, Sanchi, M.P., India. She's a renowned author, academic researcher, International Academic Chair of GOPIO international NewYork and a multilingual speaker.



## **RAJEEV JAYANT SHAH**

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## **ROSHANI SHENAZZ**

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She is accredited by the International Practitioners of Holistic Medicine, U.K. who Empowers, Enables and Inspires Lives to tap into your own Awesomeness for living an abundant WHOLEistic™ LIFE with the foundations of love, peace, oneness and honouring of all Life and Creation.

She pursued her Spiritual calling after a prolonged life-death illness and being partially immobilised waist downwards in 2005-2006 and stepped out of her dream career at its peak, after 23 years of being in the Indian Films and Media Industry.

Since 2010, she follows the God-Gifted path of enthusing souls to discover their own divinity within, and that of others, through her individual and collaborative efforts to make this World a Happy Planet.

She is the Director for the Unity in Diversity India Chapter of the Global Dialogue Foundation, Australia; A member of the Sexual Harassment at Workplace Committee of the CGHS Mumbai, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare - Govt of India, and Advisory of the Sanghakaya Foundation besides many other designations of honour and several Prestigious Awards to her credit.



## **REV. DR. YOSHINORI SHINOHARA**

As Secretary General of Religions for Peace Japan (RfP), he coordinates Disarmament, Climate Change, Refugee issues and Human rights by multi religious dialogue and cooperation. From 2011 to 2015 he engaged in relief and rehabilitate activities for victims affected by Japan East Great Earthquake as Head of the Field Office of RfP in Sendai. He has experience of studying the Rissho Kosei-Kai Grakurin Seminary and working in the Rissho Kosei-Kai Peace Fund. In 2021 Ph.D. in Human Security Studies in the University of Tokyo, in 2014 MA in Public Policy in the Tohoku University, 1998 MA in Peace Studies in University of Bradford in the UK.



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**DR. ALESSIO PECORARIO**  
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Alessio is also the 2020-21 Alumni of the International U.S. Department of State's Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) for the Vatican. Previously, he was a legal adviser of: the Financial Intelligence Authority (Holy See-Vatican City State); the European Centre for Law and Justice (Strasbourg) and the European Commission for Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe (Strasbourg). He was also an intern at the Permanent Representation of Italy to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (Wien).

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## **ELENA BATANI**

Elena Batani is one of the young coordinators of the Peace and Business village of the Economy of Francesco. She served as Junior Coordinator of the Security Task Force of the Vatican COVID-19 Commission from March 2020 to January 2021, before returning to her studies and starting the last semester of her master's program. She is currently studying Non-Proliferation and Terrorism Studies at Sciences Po Bordeaux (France) and the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (USA), as well as Latin America and Global Studies at the University of Turin (Italy).



## **ELOISA ROMANI**

Eloisa Romani is a PhD student in Diplomatic Studies at SOAS University of London's Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy. She is a member of the Strategic Concept for Removal of Arms and Proliferation Project at SOAS, which she represents in the Vatican as part of the collaboration programme with the Vatican Security Task Force on disarmament and interreligious dialogue. She worked for the Vatican Dicastery for Communications on projects related to the Vatican Media presence.