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Leah Bassel (UK)
Leah Bassel is a member of Haringey Welcome, a campaign group working for fairness, dignity and respect for migrants and refugees in the London borough of Haringey, UK. She researches the political sociology of migration, intersectionality and citizenship as Professor of Sociology at the University of Roehampton. Her books include The Politics of Listening: Possibilities and Challenges for Democratic Life (Palgrave, 2017), and Minority Women and Austerity: Survival and Resistance in France and Britain co-authored with Akwugo Emejulu (Policy Press 2017). Before pursuing an academic career, she was an emergency outreach worker in Paris where she provided humanitarian assistance to asylum seekers and created a circus camp project for refugee youth.

Luciana Castellina (Italy)
Luciana Castellina is a Journalist, writer and has been a representative of the Italian Communist party and the Party of Unity for Communism. She served as an MP in the Italian Parliament for several legislatures and an MEP on different occasions. She had previously been the vice-president of the Commission on Latin and Central America of the European Parliament and is the honorary president of ARCI and a member of the Permanent Peoples’ Tribunal.

Teresa Almeida Cravo (Portugal)
Teresa Almeida Cravo is an Assistant Professor in International Relations at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra and a Researcher at the Centre for Social Studies. She is currently the co-coordinator of the PhD Programme Democracy in the XXIst Century at the University of Coimbra and a Visiting Fellow at the African Studies Centre of the University of Oxford. She holds a PhD from the Department of Politics and International Studies of The University of Cambridge. In the last years, Teresa has been a Visiting Fellow at the University of Westminster, in the UK, at the University of Monash, in Australia, and a Predoctoral Fellow and later an Associate at the Belfer Centre for Science and International Affairs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Her research interests include peace and conflict, security and development, interventionism, and foreign policy, particularly within the Lusophone context.

Marina Forti (Italy)
Marina Forti is a journalist based in Rome. She worked with the daily newspaper il manifesto from 1983 until 2013, including as Foreign Editor and Editor-in-chief. As a Foreign Correspondent she travelled extensively in South and South East Asia and in Iran. Her environmental column TerraTerra (“Earth to Earth”) was awarded the journalistic prize known as Premiolino. Her book La signora di Narmada (Feltrinelli 2004) was awarded the Elsa Morante Prize for Communication. She also published Il cuore di tenebra dell’India (Bruno Mondadori 2012) on the social conflicts in rural India. Her latest book is Malaterra. Così hanno avvelenato l’Italia (Laterza, September 2018). She contributes regularly to Internazionale.it.

Domenico Gallo (Italy)
Magistrate, he has been serving in the Court of Cassation since 2007, recently taking on the role of President of the Chamber. He was elected Senator in 1994. He has actively participated in the association life and civil society movements active on the theme of peace and the defense of human rights. He has edited numerous publications on issues related to institutional and human rights issues. In 2013 he published “Da sudditi a cittadini il percorso della democrazia” (Ega). He collaborates with the newspapers Il Manifesto and Il fatto quotidiano.

Kira Kosnick (Germany)
Kira Kosnick is a Professor of comparative cultural and social anthropology at the European University Viadrina. Before her current position, she acted as a Professor of Sociology at the Goethe-
University Frankfurt focusing on migration and culture. In recent years, she acted as a junior professor assistant of Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology at the Institute for Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology at the Goethe University. In 2013/2014, she taught as a Hannah-Arendt DAAD Visiting Professor for German and European Studies at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto. Her research focuses on migrant media production in transnational spaces, new forms of urban sociality, European cultural policy, neoliberalism and the transformation of labor society, cultural theories.

Sarah Lincoln (Germany)
Sarah Lincoln is a human rights lawyer at the Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte (GFF) and responsible for the legal assessment and coordination of cases in the area of social rights and migration. Prior to this, she worked for six years as a human rights officer at Brot für die Welt, where she was particularly active against human rights violations committed by (transnational) companies. She has also worked as a research assistant and in voluntary counselling with a focus on migration and asylum law.

Ahmed Said (Germany)
Ahmed Said is an exiled leftist, Surgeon, Poet and Human rights advocate from Egypt and is now based in Germany. He has been politically active since 2001 in his homeland Egypt and since March 2013 also in Germany. Said was arrested in 2015 by Egyptian security forces in Cairo on the background of his activism abroad and sentenced for two years in scorpion 2 prison with the accusation of unregistered protest and threatening the national security. He received amnesty on the 19th of November 2016. Currently, Ahmed is the coordinator of the Egyptian Commission for Rights and Freedoms in Germany, Co-founder and executive manager of NGO “open data bank” in Berlin and coordinator & producer of the MENA prison Forum initiative.

Philippe Texier (France)
President of the Permanent Peoples’ Tribunal. He is an honorary judge at the Cassation Court of France. He was a member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights from 1987 to 2008 and its Chairperson from 2008 to 2009. He was director of the Human Rights Division of ONUSAL (UN Mission in El Salvador) from 1991 to 1992, and an independent expert of the Human Rights Commission in Haiti from 1988 to 1990.
Members of the Permanent Peoples Tribunal:

Gianni Tognoni (Italy)
A medical doctor by profession, Dr. Gianni Tognoni is the Secretary General of the Rome-based Permanent Peoples’ Tribunal since its establishment in 1979. Over the last 35 years, Dr. Tognoni has been deeply involved in the promotion of humans and people's rights, beginning with his participation in the Russell Tribunal II on Latin American Dictatorships (1973-76) and in the preparation of the Universal Declaration of Peoples Rights. In his professional field of medicine, he has collaborated with WHO in the formulation of essential drugs policies, and activated research groups in community epidemiology in most of the countries of central and Latin America, and in Africa. As research director at the Mario Negri Institute in Milan over the last 30 years, Dr. Tognoni has directed research in the fields of cardiology, intensive care, neurology and psychiatry the findings of which have been published in some of the world's leading professional journals.

Simona Fraudatario (Italy)
She has worked with the Permanent Peoples’ Tribunal since 2006 as coordinator of its activities and Sessions held in Latin America, Asia and Europe. She participated in international conferences on human rights in Latin America and Europe. She edited the second edition of François Rigaux’s volume on the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Peoples (La Carta di Algeri, Edizioni Gruppo Abele, 2012) and was co-editor and co-author of the volume Colombia entre violencia y derecho. Implicaciones de una sentencia del Tribunal Permanente de los pueblos (Ediciones DesdeAbajo 2012). She was also co-author of Memorie di repressione resistenza e solidarietà in Brasile e in America Latina (Ediesse 2013). She is currently carrying out a research on the role of peoples’ Tribunal in denouncing injustice and economic inequalities at the University of Roma Tre.