

Permanent Peoples' Tribunal

Session on alleged violations of international law and international humanitarian law by the Turkish Republic and its officials in their relations with the Kurdish people and their organisations

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Panel of the judges (alphabetical order)

Teresa Almeida Cravo

Researcher at the Center for Social Studies and Humanitarian Studies, Migrations and Studies for Peace and Assistant Professor of International Relations at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra. She is currently co-coordinator of the PhD in Democracy in the 21st Century and coordinator of the Master in International Relations - Peace, Security and Development Studies. She completed his PhD in the Department of Policy and International Studies at the University of Cambridge. She holds a Master's Degree in Peace Studies from the University of Bradford, Uk, and a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from the Faculty of Economics at the University of Coimbra, as well as a Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights and Democratization at the University of Coimbra. Her research focuses on peace and conflict, security, development, interventionism and foreign policy.

Madjid Benchikh

Professor Emeritus of the University of Cergy-Pontoise (Paris-Val d'Oise) where he also directed the Doctoral School of Law and Humanities.

He was Dean and President of the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Law of Algiers. He coordinated the creation of the Amnesty International section in Algeria of which he was the first president. He was a founding member of the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal. He has taught in several universities in Algeria and in Europe and published several books including "International Public Law" (Casbah Editions 2016, Algiers). He has organized various struggles to denounce violations of democratic freedoms and human rights in Algeria or in other countries.

Luciana Castellina

Journalist and writer, she has been an exponent of the Italian Communist Party and the Unity Party for the communism, for various legislatures deputy of the Italian Parliament and several times member of the European Parliament. Former Vice-president of the EU Commission on Latin and Central America, she is honorary President of the Arci association and member of the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal.

Domenico Gallo

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*.

Denis Halliday

He was the United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq from 1 September 1997 until 1998. He was previously Deputy Resident Representative to Singapore of the United Nations Development Programme. He holds an M.A. in Economics, Geography and Public Administration from Trinity College, Dublin. After a 34-year career at the United Nations, where he had reached Assistant Secretary General level, Halliday resigned in 1998 over UN sanctions that cut off food supplies to Iraq, characterizing them as "genocidal." Laureate of the Gandhi International Peace Award, he is member of the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal.

Norman Paech

He is an Emeritus Professor at Hamburg University, a former member of the German Parliament and an expert in International law. He started his career at the federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation in Bonn. He continued as a researcher at the Research centre of the Federation of German Scientists in Hamburg. In 1975 he became a professor in political science at the University of Hamburg and subsequently taught Public law at the University of Economics and Politics in Hamburg. He was the Chief Editor of the legal-political quarterly Democracy and law and is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of ATTAC, IALANA and IPPNW.

Philippe Texier

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.