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**Giovanni Mantilla** is Research Professor in International Studies at CIDE in Mexico City. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science in 2013 from the University of Minnesota, and has held Postdoctoral positions at Princeton University's Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, and at Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies. His research focuses on the origins, design, evolution and effects of international law and norms, particularly in the fields of humanitarian law (or the law of armed conflict) and human rights. Among others, Mantilla's research has been published or is forthcoming in *International Organization*, the *European Journal of International Law*, and *Global Governance*. Mantilla is currently working on his first book which theorizes the origins and development of international humanitarian law for internal armed conflict on the basis of extensive multi-country archival research.

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**Fionnuala Ní Aoláin** is concurrently the Regents Professor and Robina Chair in Law, Public Policy and Society at the University of Minnesota Law School and Professor of Law at the Ulster University's Transitional Justice Institute in Belfast, Northern Ireland. In 2017, she was appointed to the mandate of UN Special Rapporteur for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights while Countering Terrorism. Professor Ní Aoláin is the recipient of numerous academic awards including a Fulbright scholarship, the Alon Prize, the Robert Schumann Scholarship, a European Commission award, and the Lawlor fellowship. She has published extensively in the fields of national security, conflict regulation, transitional justice and sex based violence in times of war. Ní Aoláin was a representative of the prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia at domestic war crimes trials in Bosnia (1996-97). In 2003, she was appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Special Expert on promoting gender equality in times of conflict and peace-making. In 2011, she completed a Study on Reparations for Conflict Related Sexual Violence for the OHCHR and UN WOMEN. She has served as an Expert Consultant for the International Criminal Court and the Council of Europe. Her book *Law in Times of Crisis* (CUP 2006) was awarded the American Society of International Law's preeminent prize in 2007 - the Certificate of Merit for creative

scholarship. Her book *On the Frontlines: Gender, War and the Post Conflict Process* was published by Oxford University Press (2011) and *Guantanamo and Beyond: Exceptional Courts and Military Commissions in Comparative Perspective* with Oren Gross was published in 2013 by Cambridge University Press. She has held Visiting positions at Harvard Law School, Columbia Law School, Princeton University, and The Institute of Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University (Jerusalem). She was appointed to the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law in 2010 for a three-year term. She serves on the Boards of the Center for Victims of Torture, the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, IOM and Christian Aid (Ireland). In 2016, she was elected to the American Law Institute.

**Rory O'Connell** joined the Transitional Justice Institute (TJI) and School of Law in 2013 as Professor of Human Rights and Constitutional Law. He was appointed TJI Director in 2014. Rory's research and teaching interests are in the areas of Human Rights and Equality, Constitutional Law and Legal Theory. He is a member of the project team on the ESRC project 'Brexit and Northern Ireland: The Constitutional, Conflict Transformation, Human Rights and Equality Consequences' #BrexitLawNI. Rory is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, and teaches at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. Rory studied at Tarbert Comprehensive School 1983-1988 and then studied law at University College Dublin (UCD), thanks to a scholarship. During his degree, he spent a year as an ERASMUS student at the Université de Rouen. In 1992, he graduated with a Bachelor of Civil Law (European Legal Studies) degree (First Class, Joint First Place) and received a UCD Open Postgraduate scholarship. He proceeded to write an LL.M. by thesis on *The Irish Courts and Equality Before the Law*, graduating in 1994, with First Class honours. He moved to the European University Institute (EUI), Florence to undertake a PhD on the theory of constitutional interpretation and graduated from the EUI in 1997, with Distinction. Rory's first lecturing post was in Comparative Law at Lancaster University Law School. From 2001 to 2013 he was a member of the Human Rights Centre, School of Law at Queen's University of Belfast. Rory is on the Executive of the Committee on the Administration of Justice and is the editor of the [RightsNI Blog](#). He has been actively involved in promoting international mobility in education: he served as one of the members of the UK team of Bologna Experts and was Director of the European Union Funded Intensive Programme (IP) on 'The Borders of Europe' 2009-2011. Rory tweets [@rjjoconnell](#) and has a website at <https://conlawfiles.org/>.

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**Thomas Obel Hansen** works as a lecturer of law with the Transitional Justice Institute (TJI) at Ulster University. He has lectured and published widely on accountability, international law and human rights issues. Thomas obtained his LLM (2007) and PhD in Law (2010) from Aarhus University Law School in Denmark. Prior to joining the TJI, he worked as an assistant professor of international law at the United States International University in Nairobi, Kenya. During his time in Kenya, Thomas also worked as an advisor and consultant for local and international civil society organisations, in particular on assignments relating to transitional justice in the country and the region. Prior and ongoing research projects examine issues relating to transitional justice theory; the politics and legitimacy of international justice; justifications for punishment of international crimes; the role of civil society in accountability processes; the ICC's complementarity regime; and various doctrinal studies of international criminal law. He is currently the principal investigator on a British Academy funded project which examines accountability processes relating to alleged British war crimes in Iraq.

**Tom Hadden** is Honorary Professor at Kent Law School. He was a lecturer in law from 1967 to 1969 in the Faculty of Social Sciences at what was then the University of Kent at Canterbury where he laid the foundation for his first major book *Company Law and Capitalism*. He returned to his native Northern Ireland in 1969 as the Troubles erupted and worked until recently as a part-time lecturer and professor at the School of Law at Queen's University Belfast, while at the same time founding and editing a political magazine, *Fortnight: an Independent Review for Northern Ireland*. He served on the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights in the 1980s and was a Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission from 1999 to 2005. His most recent academic work has been the production of collectively authored research reports: *A Responsibility to Assist: Human Rights Policy and Practice in European Union Conflict Management Operations* (Hart 2009); *The Belfast Guidelines on Amnesty and Accountability* (Transitional Justice Institute 2013), and *Fighting Corporate Abuse: Beyond Predatory Capitalism* (Pluto 2014). He is currently working on what he calls the General Pendulum Theory of Human Rights and a possible new Geneva Convention or Protocol on internationalised internal conflicts.

**Fiona de Londras** is Professor and inaugural Chair in Global Legal Studies at the University of Birmingham Law School since 2015, following time as professor of law at Durham Law School

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