

# Bio's speakers and moderators INACH annual conference 2018

## Opening session

**Suzette Bronkhorst** is Secretary-General and co-founder of INACH. She is also the chair of Magenta Foundation. Having worked from an early age as an Editor, a Sound Engineer (the first female one in the Netherlands) and disc-jockey, Suzette co-founded Magenta in 1992 to raise awareness for projects and debates surrounding anti-racism/anti-discrimination and human right issues. As Director of Magenta Projects, Suzette was responsible for the management of I CARE, the Internet Center Anti-Racism. At present, she is second in command at INACH and does the outreach, communication and external relations.

**Philippe Schmidt** is managing partner of the Paris law firm *Schmidt Brunet Litzler*, established more than 20 years ago. He is a graduate of Paris University School of Law, HEC and Columbia University School of Law. He is a member of the Paris Bar and has taught law for many years at the University of Paris. Since 2009, he is chairman of INACH, the International Network Against CyberHate. In the past, he was both Vice President of LICRA (International League Against Racism and Antisemitism) in charge of International Affairs and one of the members of its legal committee. As one of LICRA's lawyers, He has been engaged in many litigations related to Racism and Antisemitism and specialized on the issue of hate on the Internet. As LICRA's lawyer, he worked on cases involving Google and Twitter.

**Selma Muhič Dizdarevič** holds a PhD in public and social policy. She has chaired the Department of Civil Society Studies at the Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Humanities. Her main research interests include immigration, asylum and integration policies in the Czech Republic and the EU, social exclusion, minority rights and gender, as different parts of civil society. She cooperates actively with non-profit organizations both nationally and internationally. She was a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley, California, USA. Her master's degree is in political philosophy, her doctoral degree in sociology. She is currently board member of Czech Helsinki Committee and International Network against Cyber Hate.

**Kim Malfacini** is Associate Manager of Product Policy at Facebook, the team responsible for developing Facebook's Community Standards governing what is and is not allowed on the site. Kim focuses on stakeholder engagement, ensuring Facebook's policies are informed by experts across the globe. Prior to joining Facebook, Kim served as Director of Public Policy for Sunrun Inc., the largest residential solar energy provider in the US, where she advocated for the rights of residential energy producers with state legislators and regulators. She spent two years in Benin with the United States Peace Corps, leading projects in environmental health and young women's empowerment. Kim graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies..

**Dr. David Suurland** obtained his Ph.D with distinction from Leiden University for his comparative research on the ideologies and legal systems of Nazism, Communism and Islamism. His work focuses mainly on the strenuous relationship between democracy, social cohesion and religious radicalism.

## WS 1

**Mark Gardner** has worked full time for Community Security Trust since 1989. Having been Director of Research, since 2005 he is Director of Communications and Deputy Director of Operations. Mark has represented CST and the Jewish community to Government and international bodies on numerous occasions, including the 2016 (Parliamentary) Home Affairs Select Committee into Antisemitism, the 2006 Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism, and various European Union committees and anti-racism research projects. He was awarded a Metropolitan Police commendation for his advisory role on behalf of all London's minority communities during the Nazi nail bombing campaign of 1999. Mark has authored many articles and CST reports on antisemitism, policing, security and terrorism.

**Alex Amend** is the director of research for the Intelligence Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center. As research director, he oversees a team of analysts and programmers who track the activity and capability of hate and antigovernment extremist groups in the United States. He's led research projects on [Confederate monuments](#) and in measuring the [explosion](#) of hate incidents and crimes following the 2016 election. In early 2018, he co-authored the study "[The Alt-Right Is Killing People](#)," that identified 13 fatal attacks by young men whose radicalization and identity carried the distinctive hallmarks of the insurgent movement. Amend is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and has a background in journalism, public policy, and digital communications.

**Rafal Pankowski** is an Associate Professor at Collegium Civitas in Warsaw. He has served as deputy editor of 'Nigdy Wiecej' (Never Again) magazine since 1996. He has published widely on racism, nationalism, xenophobia and other issues including the books 'Neo-Fascism in Western Europe: A study in ideology' (Polish Academy of Sciences, 1998), 'Racism and Popular Culture' (Trio, 2006), and 'The Populist Radical Right in Poland: The Patriots' (Routledge, 2010). He currently works as a lecturer at Collegium Civitas and head of the East Europe Monitoring Centre established by the 'Never Again' Association. Pankowski received his MA in Political Science from Warsaw University (he also studied at Oxford University as an undergraduate) and his PhD and Habilitation in Sociology of Culture from the University of Warsaw, Institute of Applied Social Sciences

**Nava Zarabian** has a graduate degree in Islamic studies and music from the University of Bonn, Germany. Since 2016, she has been working for jugendschutz.net - the German center concerning the protection of minors on the internet - where she looks into the developments of islamist-extremism propaganda online

## WS 2

Since 2007, **Paul Giannasi** has led the United Kingdom Cross-Government Hate Crime Programme which brings all sectors of government together, coordinating efforts to improve the response to hate crime across the criminal justice system. Paul is the UK National Point of Contact to a number of International Organizations on hate crime and has worked to share good practice in many regions of the world. Paul has 30 years experience as a police officer and is a member of the National Police Chief's Council's Hate Crime Group. He manages True Vision ([www.reportit.org.uk](http://www.reportit.org.uk)) on behalf of the police and is the author of the 2014 Police Hate Crime Manual which offers guidance to all UK police officers and partners. He is the co-editor of the 2014 'Routledge International Handbook on Hate Crime' and 'Tackling Disability Discrimination and Disability Hate Crime – A Multidisciplinary Guide' published by Jessica Kingsley in 2015. He is a visiting lecturer at a number of UK Universities. Paul was awarded an OBE in the 2014 New Years Honours list for services to policing, equality and human rights.

**Tamara Carlier** graduated in sports and science, served in the armed forces for two years and joined the Belgian police force in 2008. After 8 years as an inspector and a year teaching at the policy academy, this year she started work at DJSOC – the Department of Serious and Organized Crime - Internet Investigations, also responsible for action on Hate Speech & Hate Crime.

**Jason Walters** is a former islamist and member of the Hofstadgroup. He deradicalized in prison culminating in his denouncement of Islamism. Since his release he has obtained an MA in security management from Leiden University. Walters currently works as an analyst for Blue Water Intelligence.

## WS 3

**Robert Trestan** is the Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League's New England office with responsibility for overseeing the League's program delivery, community relations, and advocacy initiatives across the region. He has consulted and provided expertise on hate crimes to civil society groups in Austria, Israel, Poland and Turkey and is part of an international team that provides hate crime training to police and prosecutors across Europe and currently serves on the Massachusetts Hate Crimes Task Force, advising Governor Baker on ways to combat hate crimes in the Commonwealth.

Before taking the helm of the Boston office, Robert served as ADL's Northeast Civil Rights Counsel for eight years where he led the League's Cyberhate Response Team and played a key leadership role in consulting and collaborating with Internet industry executives in Silicon Valley. Locally, he led a statewide coalition that was responsible for drafting one of the most comprehensive anti-bullying laws in the country.

**David Hirsh** is a Senior Lecturer in Sociology at Goldsmiths, University of London. He wrote his PhD at Warwick University on crimes against humanity and international law, and his first book, 'Law against Genocide: Cosmopolitan trials' was based on his thesis. David's new book is 'Contemporary Left Antisemitism'. It analyses how criticism of Israel can mushroom into antisemitism and it looks at struggles over how antisemitism is defined. It focuses on ways in which those who raise the issue of antisemitism are often accused of doing so in bad faith in an attempt to silence or to smear and it shows how Israel has become a signifier of identity, connected to opposition to imperialism, neo-liberalism and global capitalism. David is now

working on populism more generally, linking his work on left populism with the right populism of Trump and Brexit.

**Willem Wagenaar** is a criminologist and senior researcher at the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. He published reports on the prevalence and backgrounds of anti-Semitism, Racism, Racist Violence and Right Extremism in the Netherlands. This research instigated different educational projects by the Anne Frank House.

## **Plenary discussion**

**Ronald Eissens** (1963) is General director and co-founder (2002) of the International Network Against Cyber Hate (INACH). Working for Magenta Foundation, He has been responsible for national and international anti-racism and Human Rights projects since 1992. Together with his partner Suzette Bronkhorst, he instituted the world's first Complaints Bureau for hate on the Internet (1997), created the first Sailing Internet connection, organized food and medicine transports to the besieged city of Sarajevo, did live reporting on the antisemitism during the infamous UN World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, web-casted the name-reading of all Dutch Jews murdered during the Holocaust (2006) and created awareness campaigns on racism, extremism, antisemitism and Holocaust denial. He has published, lectured and trained extensively on the subject of Cyber Hate, is a regular contributor to the Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism and co-organized the first international conference on online antisemitism (Jerusalem, 2016).

**Ronald Sandee** studied history and Middle Eastern Studies at the Radboud University in Nijmegen and is a former senior counter-terrorism analyst with Dutch Military Intelligence (MIVD) where he also worked on issues regarding the former Soviet Union, Afghanistan and organized crime. His focus was and is on the worldwide al-Qa'ida network. In 2006 he moved to the United States to become the research director for the NEFA Foundation. After working as the chief global jihad analyst for Kronos Advisory and as a private consultant he co-founded Blue Water Intelligence in 2016. Ronald is often asked to give his opinion on terrorism and radicalization by domestic and international media outlets.