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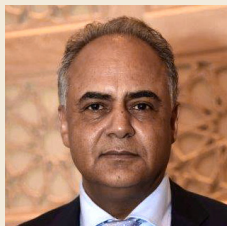
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YAHIA ALIBI, HEAD OF THE ICRC REGIONAL DELEGATION IN NEW DELHI

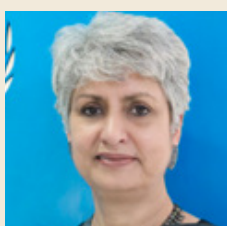
Mr. Yahia Alibi is the Head of Regional Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for India, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives. He enjoys a long working experience with the ICRC covering a variety of posts and missions in diverse contexts both in the field and at the ICRC headquarters in Geneva. Mr. Alibi was the Head of Regional Delegation for GCC countries for the ICRC in Kuwait (2015-2019). Between 2012 and 2015, Mr. Alibi was covering Kenya, Somalia, and Uganda from the headquarters in Geneva as Deputy Head of Operations. He has served in Yemen (2012), Libya (2011-2012), India (2009-2011), Congo (2008-2009), Jordan (2005-2007), Geneva HQ (2003-2005), Sudan (2002-2003), Yemen (1999-2001), Baghdad (1998-1999), and Iraq (1996-1997). From December 2003 to August 2005, Mr. Alibi held the position of Head of the Middle East and North Africa Sector within the communication department at the ICRC headquarters in Geneva.



PROF DABIRU SRIDHAR PATNAIK, PROFESSOR AND REGISTRAR AT O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

Prof Patnaik's research interests are International and Humanitarian Legal Studies, Comparative Law, Philosophy of Law, Globalization and Legal Education. His current research inter alia is focused on Legal Aspects of Humanitarian Affairs, Contemporary Ideas of State Sovereignty and Protection of Human Rights, Cultural Commons, Work of the International Law Commission, Law of Treaties, Human Security Approaches to Post-Conflict Peace Building, Globalism in Action and Legal Education. He has published research articles in national and international journals and is a member of the editorial boards of various journals. He is a peer reviewer for the Oxford University Press India, Indian Journal of International Law, Asian Journal of International Law, Polish Law Review and Journal of International Humanitarian Action. Prof Patnaik currently serves as the Honorary Treasurer of the Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi and Chief Advisor of the ISIL, UNHCR and ICRC Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law and Refugee Law. Currently, he is also discharging functions as Honorary Secretary General (acting) of the ISIL. In addition to this, Professor Patnaik is a founding Member of the International Humanitarian Studies Association hosted by Wageningen University, The Netherlands; and Member of the Constitutionalization and Fragmentation of International Law Group of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland.

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Dr Haque has been the UNICEF Representative in India from July 2017. A medical doctor by profession, she has served as Deputy Director of Emergency Programmes at UNICEF Headquarters in New York where she played a lead role in coordination of emergency programmes and policies for effective UNICEF response for children in humanitarian crisis. Prior to coming to India, Dr. Haque was Deputy Director of UNICEF's Office of Emergency Operations where she played a lead role in the programming and policies for an effective UNICEF response for children in humanitarian crisis. She served as the first UNICEF Representative in South Sudan 2010 to 2013, and from 2007 to mid 2010 she led the UNICEF Ghana office. As Deputy Representative in Sri Lanka 2004-2007, she was responsible for guiding and coordinating the UNICEF programme of support as well as the emergency response to the 2004 Asian tsunami.



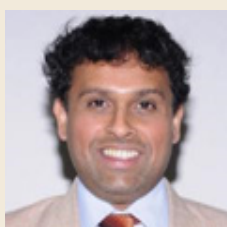
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Prof (Dr) Ambassador Kumar has had an outstanding career in the Indian Foreign Service spanning 36 years. He was India's Ambassador to France based in Paris. Under his watch, the Indo-French strategic partnership was strengthened and consolidated further in spheres such as defense, space, nuclear & solar energy, smart cities and investment. Ambassador Kumar has enormous expertise in the area of international trade – he was India's lead negotiator first at the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and then at the WTO. Ambassador Kumar also has strategic understanding of India's ties with some of her key neighbours such as Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Maldives. Ambassador Kumar's specialization includes diplomatic practice & foreign policy, strategic partnerships with India's neighbours, multilateral negotiations especially trade negotiations, climate change and globalization. He also serves as the Chairman of Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) since June 2018.



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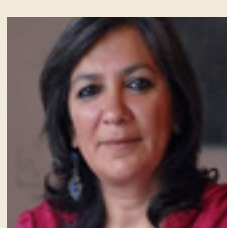
Between 2015 and 2020, Dr Slim was Head of Policy and Humanitarian Diplomacy at the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, where he led humanitarian policymaking and diplomacy on protracted conflict, migration, internal displacement, urban warfare, new weapons and climate and conflict. He also coordinated the ICRC's delegation to the United Nations in New York. Before joining the Blavatnik School, Dr Slim held positions at the University of Oxford and Oxford Brookes University and visiting positions at the University of Oregon and the Graduate Institute in Geneva. He has held operational and policy positions with Save the Children, the United Nations and the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue. His latest books are *Humanitarian Ethics: A Guide to the Morality of Aid in War and Disasters* in 2015, and *Killing Civilians: Method, Madness and Morality in War* in 2007.



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