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**CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERSHIP IN
FACILITATING PEACE PROCESSES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**



SPEAKER

DR. EMMA LESLIE

Founder and Executive Director, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPCS), Cambodia

Dr. Emma Leslie who is originally Australian has spent the last 22 years living and working in Cambodia. Emma recently became a Cambodian citizen. Emma has been a consultant, practitioner and trainer on peacebuilding in Africa, Central Asia and Asia Pacific region. She is the Founder-Director of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPCS), located in Battambang province and works together with her husband Dr.

Soth Plai Ngarm in supporting peace processes, promoting peace education and conflict transformation across Asia. For the past eight years, she has served the Philippine Government – Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) dialogue process as a member of the International Contact Group (ICG) which supported the talks process in Kuala Lumpur and engaged as a frequent international observer to the Myanmar peace talks particularly with the Karen National Union (KNU) and the All Burma Students Democratic Front (ABSDF). Emma teaches mediation and dialogue courses at the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Sweden and for the UN Department of Political Affairs. Under her leadership, CPCS is now home to a range of interconnected programmes and initiatives, providing Masters Degree and Ph.D. in Applied Conflict Transformation (ACTS) Programmes, in partnership with Pannasastra University Cambodia including research and publications on various peacebuilding interventions in Asia. She also works internationally in conflict transformation through the South Africa-based Action International and the UK-based organization Responding to Conflict RTC. Emma Leslie was introduced to Cambodia at the age of eight when she learned about the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge regime. Eighteen years later, Emma came to work in this country, to contribute to its reconstruction and peace building. Emma is a co-author of the peace and disarmament curriculum for Cambodian high schools. Currently, Emma is co-writing a curriculum for community level training on mediation and alternative dispute resolution. Emma was one of 1000 women nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005. Emma is a member of Women Mediators across the Commonwealth (WMC), a network hosted by Conciliation Resources which connects women with a broad range of mediation knowledge and experience. She holds an MA in International Development, an honorary Ph.D. in Education and holds an Order of Australia.



CHAIR

REV. DR. C.P. ANTO

Principal, NEISSR and Director, Peace Channel

Rev. Dr. C.P. Anto is the Founder Director of the Peace Channel and Principal of the Northeast Institute of Social Sciences and Research (Dimapur, Nagaland). He has been based in Nagaland for the last 25 years. He has been the Director of Youth Commission, Diocese of Kohima, Nagaland (2006-2013), Secretary to the Commission of Interfaith and Ecumenical, Diocese of Kohima, Nagaland. The Peace Channel founded by

him, is an initiative of the diocese of Kohima in mobilizing the youth for building peace and engaging them as indispensable contributors who would ensure a future devoid of violent conflicts. The movement utilizes a multi-pronged strategy forming youth Peace Clubs, promoting peace education in the educational institutions, encouraging cultural integration through peace festivals and inter-religious meet. He is the recipient of the Rotary National Peace Award 2017 and 7th North East India Peace Award 2019. Dr. C.P. Anto has a Ph.D. in Peace and Conflict Transformation from Nagaland Central University, an MSW specialization in Youth Development from Sacred Heart College Tirupattur, Tamil Nadu. He is a graduate of the Peace and Conflict studies programme of the School for International Training, University of Rhode Island, USA and has attend specialist trainings on Non-violence from the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies University of Rhode Island, USA.



DISCUSSANT

DR. DEBEN BACHASPATIMAYUM SHARMA

Assistant Professor, Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies (PCTS)

Dr. Deben Bachaspatimayum Sharma, Assistant Professor Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies (PCTS): Dr. Deben Bachaspatimayum is an activist, scholar and practitioner of peacebuilding and conflict transformation with several years of experience across various contexts in the Northeastern region. Dr. Deben worked previously as Senior Research Fellow at Volunteers for Village Development (VVD) Ukhrul

(Manipur) from 2014-2017. Dr. Deben also served as Regional Facilitator for Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution programs of the Henry Martyn Institute (HMI), Hyderabad. He is the Convener of the People's Dialogue Initiatives (PDI) a civil society platform for dialogue to address violent conflicts in Manipur, that promotes grassroots democracy and also a Founder Member of Peace Core Team Manipur (PCTM). Dr. Deben Bachaspatimayum has a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the University of North Bengal, an M.Sc. and B.Sc. in Anthropology from Hans Raj College, University of Delhi.

MODERATOR Dr. Samrat Sinha, Associate Professor, Executive Director, Centre for Border Studies-JSIA

 **SAT, 21 NOVEMBER 2020**  **12:30 PM – 2:00 PM IST**

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