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**Summit of  
the Future**

Our Common Agenda

## **A Summit of the Future Roundtable**

**Tuesday 6 August – 9.30 am to 5.00pm**

**Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Canberra**

15 Blackall St, Barton ACT

And also via ZOOM

### **Program**

<b>Date/ Time</b>	<b>Discussion focus/ Facilitators</b>
9.00am	Registrations
9.20 am	Special welcome : A Chorus of Women”
Session 1 9.30-10.00am	Acknowledgement of Country  Welcome Professor John Langmore, Chair, Initiative for Peacebuilding, University of Melbourne Dr Donnell Davis, President UNAA  Hiroshima Day Observance
Session 2 10.00- 11.15am	<b>Restoring International Peace and Security</b> Facilitator – Professor Matthew Neuhaus, ANU College of Law <b>Special guest:</b> Adrian Morrice (former UN officer involved in six UN peacekeeping operations and political missions in Africa and Asia.)  The Peacebuilding Commission, Women Peace and Security and Reform of the UN Security Council Panel: Simon Richards, Strategic Advisor at the Life & Peace Institute. Ludmila Kwitko, Co-chair Women Peace and Security Coalition, Prof. John Langmore AM, Chair, Initiative for Peacebuilding
11.15-11.45	Morning tea
Session 3 11.45-12.45	<b>Reining in the Monster: Disarmament</b>  Facilitator: Dr Sue Wareham OAM (Medical Association for the Prevention of War)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lethal Automated Weapons Systems</b> Matilda Byrne, Stop Killer Robots Campaign</li> <li>• <b>Nuclear Disarmament</b> Prof Tilman Ruff AO, Chair, ICAN</li> </ul> <p>Discussant: Dr John Carlson, Former Director General of the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office (ASNO)</p>
12.45 to 1.30	Light Lunch
Session 4 1.30-2.30pm	<p><b>Australian Government's preparations for the Summit</b> Facilitator: Martina Zapf, Deputy Director, Development Intelligence Lab</p> <p>Ms Angela Robinson, First Assistant Secretary, Multilateral Policy and Human Rights Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p> <p>Ms Sarah Roberts, Assistant Secretary, Arms Control and Counter Proliferation Branch, DFAT</p> <p>Mr Lloyd Brodrick, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Branch, DFAT</p>
Session 5 2.30 -4.00 pm	<p>Facilitator: Dr Sarah McCosker, Founding partner, Lexbridge Lawyers</p> <p>Special welcome: HE Volker Turk UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (video)</p> <p><b>International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law</b> Prof Erika Feller AO Former Australian diplomat and former Assistant High Commissioner with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). (online from Geneva)</p> <p><b>Key reforms for the Summit</b> <b>Special Guest:</b> Dr Adam Day, Head of the Geneva Office of United Nations University Centre for Policy Research, Geneva. (online from Geneva)</p>
Session 6 4.00pm -5pm	<p>Summing up and close Facilitator: Susan McHattie Director and National Secretary United Nations Association of Australia</p> <p>Beth Eggleston, Co-founder of the Humanitarian Advisory Group.</p>

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## Short profiles of Speakers and Facilitators

### Session 1



#### **Professor John Langmore AM**

John Langmore initiated the Initiative for Peacebuilding concept and currently serves as Chair of the Board. Between 1963 and 1976 he worked in Papua New Guinea as a public servant and academic where he led the preparation of the first national plan. From 1976 to 1984 he was an economic advisor to the Australian Labor Party and proposed the negotiation of the Accord. In 1984 he was elected as the Member for Fraser in the House of Representatives and was re-elected four times. One of his achievements there was chairing the committee which planned the adoption of the first comprehensive committee system for the House of Representatives.

John retired from parliament in 1996 to become Director of the UN Secretariat Division for Social Policy and Development in New York for five years and then Representative of the International Labour Organization to the United Nations for two. Since 2005 he has been a Professorial Fellow in the School of Social and Political Sciences in the University of Melbourne where he has initiated and coordinated graduate subjects on the UN, Social and Political Development and nuclear disarmament. He has written, jointly written, or jointly edited six books including two reports to DFAT on conflict prevention and peacebuilding; and has published over 70 refereed journal articles and chapters in books on economic, social, environmental, and foreign policy issues including international peacebuilding and global governance.



#### **Dr Donnell Davis**

Donnell is currently a Director with Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific and Programme Convenor across 13 countries. She represents Global Policy and Impact across 5 federations and is UN Representative and CHOGM delegate. Donnell has been an active member of UNAA since 2000, including the monthly Status Of Women Network and the National Policy Committee.

After working in Government for 2 decades, she worked with industry, private consultancy, international NGOs, professional bodies and academia. As Associate Professor she uses professional accreditations in Audit, Programme Evaluation, Public Policy, Environmental Management, Coastal Planning and Urban Design – coaching Urban Climate Governance with interdisciplinary innovation and ethical design thinking techniques. She is deeply concerned about our Asia Pacific neighbours and our common futures.

## **Session 2: Restoring International Peace and Security**



### **Professor Matthew Neuhaus**

Matthew Neuhaus was appointed an Honorary Professor (International Law) at the ANU College of Law on his retirement from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 2023.

He was Australian Ambassador to the Netherlands from August 2018 to October 2022. Matthew previously served as Australian Ambassador to Zimbabwe (2011-15) and High Commissioner to Nigeria (1997-2000). He has also held senior positions in DFAT and PMC, covering Africa, the Middle East, the Pacific, United Nations, and international law. He had earlier postings at the United Nations in New York, Port Moresby and Nairobi. Matthew was Director of the Political Affairs Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London 2002-2008.

Matthew has a B.A. (Hons) LLB from the University of Sydney and a Master of Philosophy (International Relations) from the University of Cambridge.



### **Adrian Morrice**

Adrian has been a practitioner and researcher in political transitions, conflict prevention and peacebuilding for several decades. Deploying to UN Force Headquarters, Somalia in 1993 as an Australian Navy staff officer, he later joined the UN in five more peacekeeping operations and political missions (Liberia, Western Sahara, Timor Leste and Sierra Leone). He supported transition elections in Nigeria, Nepal, Mexico, Pakistan, Mongolia and Thailand. Completing a Master of Science from the London School of Economics in 2003, he later joined the UN in New York, working in the

Departments of Peacekeeping and Political Affairs. In the latter's Policy Planning Unit he supported new research and policies on peacebuilding in the immediate aftermath of conflict, security sector reform and reform to UN Special Political Missions. In Myanmar, he was the UN adviser to the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee, and, before returning to Australia in 2023, the UN peace adviser in Nepal for 3 years. There he led political analysis for UN leadership and initiated new research on pandemic governance, aid and politics in the energy sector, climate security and social media hate speech



**Simon Richards** is currently a Strategic Advisor at the Life & Peace Institute. He has over 30 years of experience in the field of peacebuilding, and conflict prevention and management. He has worked in diverse international environments and organizations within Asia, Africa (particularly in the Horn region), and the Pacific. His technical work and research in conflict-affected, post conflict and fragile states has focused on support to; peace processes and peacebuilding, conflict management, and stabilisation. This has involved programme design, implementation and evaluation, as well as provision of technical, policy and strategic advice to stakeholders including multilateral organisations, bilateral donors, national and local governments, civil society organisations, and the corporate sector. He has published numerous reports, papers and articles on the praxis and policy implications of peacebuilding and conflict management (including the prevention of violent extremism).



**Dr Ludmilla Kwitko**

Dr Ludmilla Kwitko (ACT) is Associate Professor (Honorary) at the Gender Institute, College of Asia and the Pacific, at the Australian National University, and Asia-Pacific Regional Representative on the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) International Board. She has extensive experience working as a practitioner, policy analyst and researcher in advancing the women, peace and security agenda with domestic and international partners, including previously as Gender and Community Development Adviser to AusAID; on the first NATO Civil Society Advisory Panel on WPS; and as WPS Coalition civil society representative to the Australian Government's Inter-Departmental Committee on the First National Action Plan on WPS. Ludmilla serves as Co-Chair on the Steering Committee of the Australian Civil Society Coalition on WPS. She has a PhD in Sociology and Masters Degrees in Urban-Regional Planning and Sociology.

### Session 3: Reigning in the Monster: Disarmament



#### **Facilitator: Dr Sue Wareham OAM**

Dr Sue Wareham is President of the Medical Association for Prevention of War (Australia). She has spoken and written widely on matters related to peace and disarmament since the early 1980s. The need for total nuclear disarmament was her initial motivation and this remains a key focus. However she also addresses the human, environmental, climate, economic and many other costs of warfare, and ways Australia could prioritise peace instead.

Sue has been on the board in Australia of ICAN (the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) which was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize, and of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War which was awarded the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize. She is currently also the secretary of Australians for War Powers Reform, whose goal is to bring democracy to the way in which a decision to send the ADF to overseas wars can be made.

Sue worked in general practice in Canberra for over three and a half decades.



#### **Matilda Byrne**

Matilda is the Coordinator of the Australia Stop Killer Robots campaign based at SafeGround, an Australian non-for-profit that seeks to reduce impacts of legacy and emerging weapons. She has participated in the United Nations Group of Governmental Experts on LAWS and the UN75 Global Governance Forum multistakeholder partnership on LAWS.

Currently, Matilda is a PhD candidate at RMIT University's Social Equity Research Centre in Melbourne, examining the Responsibility to Protect and intergovernmental responses to atrocity crimes.

Matilda brings her experiences from civil society disarmament work into university teaching in international security and global governance. She has a Masters in International Relations, specialising in international security, from the University of Melbourne, a Bachelor of Arts (International Studies) and Diploma of Languages from RMIT University.



### **Professor Timan Ruff AO**

Tilman Ruff is an infectious diseases and public health physician, with particular focus on the urgent planetary health imperative to eradicate nuclear weapons. His work also addresses the broader public health dimensions of nuclear technology.

He is Associate Professor in the Nossal Institute for Global Health in the School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne. Dr Ruff has since 2012 been a co-president of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW, Nobel Peace Laureate 1985), and has previously served as Asia-Pacific Vice-President, Boston-based Consultant on Policy and Programs, and Board member. He is a co-founder and was founding international and Australian chair of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), and serves on the Committee of ICAN Australia. ICAN was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize "... for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons". ICAN is the first Australian-born Nobel Peace Laureate. Dr Ruff has been active in the Medical Association for Prevention of War (Australia) since 1982 and is a past national president. He was one of two civil society advisors to the International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, the first civil society representative on Australian nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty delegations, and a civil society delegate to the landmark intergovernmental Conferences on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons in Norway, Mexico and Austria (2013-14). In 2017, he led the IPPNW delegation in New York through the negotiation of the historic United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

In June 2012, Dr Ruff was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia "for service to the promotion of peace as an advocate for the abolition of nuclear weapons, and to public health through the promotion of immunisation programs in the South-East Asia - Pacific region". In 2019, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) "For distinguished service to the global community as an advocate for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, and to medicine."

### **Discussant: John Carlson AM**





John Carlson is a former Director General of the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office (ASNO), 1989-2010. In this capacity John worked closely with Gareth Evans on the Australia-Japan International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament which reported in 2009.

John's current affiliations include the Asia-Pacific Leadership Network on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (APLN), the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP), and the International Luxembourg Forum.

John is a Fellow of the Institute of Nuclear Materials Management (INMM), and a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

#### **Session 4 Australian Government preparations for the Summit**

**Facilitator: Martina Zapf**



Martina Zapf is currently the General Manager at the Development Intelligence Lab and she is a peacebuilder by background. The Lab is a Canberra-based think tank focussed on development cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

Previously, Martina oversaw the Institute for State Effectiveness' work at the intersection of humanitarian assistance, development, and peace. Prior to that, she worked in various roles at Interpeace in Geneva, Switzerland, where she collaborated closely with the UN system, including its peacebuilding architecture. Over the years, Martina worked on a range of peacebuilding processes in Africa and the Middle East. She led Interpeace's work on translating the Sustaining Peace agenda into practice in close partnership with a range of UN agencies.

Martina started her career in conflict-affected contexts, working with the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) in Chad and Afghanistan. She also had a short stint at the UN Democracy Fund.

Martina has a Master's degrees in International Peace and Security (from King's College London), and in Applied Psychology, as well as a Bachelor's in political science and public administration.

**Angela Robinson**





Angela Robinson is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Prior to taking up her position as Deputy High Commissioner in Singapore, she was the DFAT Spokesperson and Assistant Secretary of the Communications and Parliamentary Branch. Ms Robinson has served as Deputy Head of Mission in Dili and Baghdad, and has been posted to Geneva. She has previously worked for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the former Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Ms Robinson is admitted as a lawyer to the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

### **Sarah Roberts**



Sarah Roberts is Assistant Secretary, Arms Control and Counter-Proliferation Branch in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and Chair of the Australia Group which sees states harmonise national export controls to help prevent the proliferation of chemical/biological weapons of mass destruction. Prior to this, she was Deputy Head of College at the National Security College, Australian National University. Sarah has over two decades' experience working for the Australian Government across a wide sweep of foreign policy in bilateral, regional and multilateral roles, in Canberra and overseas. She has had diplomatic postings to Thailand, Fiji, and Brazil. Shorter overseas assignments have included acting as Consul-General in Mumbai, truce monitoring in Bougainville, and in the Australian pavilion at the Universal Expo in Spain. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Arts (Jurisprudence) and a Bachelor of Laws with Honours from the University of Adelaide, and a Masters degree in Foreign Affairs and Trade from Monash University. She speaks Spanish and Portuguese.

### **Lloyd Brodrick**



Lloyd Brodrick has been the Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Branch in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) since April 2024. Immediately prior

to this, from 2019 to 2024, he was Ambassador to Poland, the Czech Republic and Lithuania, resident in Warsaw.

Mr Brodrick has held various other positions with DFAT in Australia and overseas, including Assistant Secretary, Budget Branch; Assistant Secretary, Middle East Branch and Assistant Secretary, FTA Legal Issues and Advocacy Branch. He has previously served overseas as Acting Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy, Baghdad; Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy, The Hague; and Counsellor, Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Geneva.

Mr Brodrick holds an Executive Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Laws from the Australian National University; and a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from Macquarie University

### **Session 5: International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law**



#### **Dr Sarah McCosker**

Dr Sarah McCosker is a founding Partner of Lexbridge, and has worked as an international lawyer across two decades. Her principal fields of expertise are international humanitarian law, international human rights law, negotiation of intergovernmental instruments and the relationships between international law and diplomacy, particularly in the context of international dispute settlement.

Sarah has extensive experience in providing advice on complex and sensitive international law issues, negotiating diverse international instruments—including both treaties and less-than-treaty-status instruments, and supporting major projects for domestic implementation of international obligations. Her work spans across multiple fields, from international human rights law and engagement with the UN human rights system; international humanitarian law and maritime, cyber and space security; to export controls and arms trade issues, as well as anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism.

Among her previous roles, Sarah has worked as an international law adviser for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva, and in the Office of International Law in the Australian Attorney-General's Department. In the Office of International Law, Sarah served as Director of the International Security section, Director of the International Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Section, and Acting Assistant Secretary of the International Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Branch.

Sarah McCosker holds a Doctor of Philosophy, a Master of Philosophy and Bachelor of Civil Laws from the University of Oxford, all specialising in international law. From the University of Queensland, she also holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) and Bachelor of Arts (Hons I).



### **Professor Erika Feller AO FAIA**

Erika's experience includes 14 years serving as an Australian diplomat, working primarily in the areas of international law and human rights. For 26 years she worked with UNHCR, including 13 at the helm of its protection work, seven of these as the Assistant High Commissioner, carrying the UN rank of Assistant Secretary-General.

She has subsequently been a member of a three-person panel appointed by the Secretary-General to advise on deconfliction issues in Syria. From 2014 to 2017 Erika held the appointment of Vice Chancellor's Fellow at the University of Melbourne, located in the Melbourne School of Government.

She is currently Professorial Fellow and Chair of the Advisory Board of the Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness at the University of Melbourne and is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Initiative for Peacebuilding.

Erika has been awarded an Order of Australia for her services to human rights, refugees and international law, and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs.



### **Dr Adam Day**

Dr Adam Day is Head of the Geneva Office of United Nations University Centre for Policy Research. He oversees programming on peacebuilding, human rights, peacekeeping, climate-security, sanctions, and global governance, while also acting as co-lead on UNU-CPR's support to the High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism.

Prior to joining UNU in 2017, Dr Day served for a decade in the UN, including as Senior Political Adviser to MONUSCO (the Democratic Republic of the Congo), in the UN Special Coordinator's Office for Lebanon, in the front offices of both UNMIS (Khartoum) and UNAMID (Darfur), and was a political officer in both the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in New York. Adam also has substantial civil society experience, including with Human Rights Watch's Justice Program and for the Open Society Justice Initiative in Cambodia.

Dr Day was an international litigator in New York, where he also worked pro bono for the Center for Constitutional Rights on behalf of Guantanamo detainees in their suits against former US officials for torture. He also supported the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague.

Dr Day holds a Juris Doctor from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law, a Master's in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, a Master's in Comparative Literature from Brown University, and a Doctorate from King's College London's War Studies Department. He has published widely in the fields of State-building, peacebuilding, peacekeeping, mediation, conflict resolution, human rights, rule of law, transitional justice, climate-security, the UN Security Council, and global governance.

### **Session 6 Sum Up**



### **Susan McHattie**

Susan joined the UNAA in 2020 and is passionate about the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the power of what people can achieve by working together. Susan works as an advisor and facilitator assisting clients in public, private, research and for purpose organisations to set goals and roadmaps, review governance and create partnerships, innovation and change. Susan's prior governance experience includes elected roles in industry associations including the NSW Institute of Public Administration and the community cooperative, Reverse Garbage Truck. She has run programs and teams delivering policy, operations and whole of government change in NSW Government agencies including Justice, Education, Customer Service, Planning and the Premiers Department. Prior to NSW Government, Susan led the Inner Metropolitan Regional Organisation of Councils and Community Arts Marrickville. Susan holds an Executive Masters in Public Administration from the University of Sydney and a BA (Communications) from UTS.



### **Beth Eggleston**

Beth, a co-founder of the Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG) and co-director alongside her trusted co-conspirator Jess Lees, has braved the acronym filled world of large international NGOs, small local NGOs and the United Nations. Now, she revels in the dynamic energy of a nimble team, relishing the ability to make quick decisions and tackle humanitarian challenges head-on as they surface. In an unforeseen turn of events, Beth found herself immersed in the world of humanitarian civil-military coordination working in Afghanistan and Liberia. This journey extended to working on humanitarian reform in the wake of the Humanitarian Response Review in 2005.

It was her passion for humanitarian civil-military coordination that saw Beth awarded a Fulbright Scholar in 2019 allowing her to spend three months at the US Naval War College with the Humanitarian Response Program team. Beth has co-authored a range of publications including protection of humanitarian personnel, peace and development in Iraq, the role of women in countering violent extremism, and was involved in drafting the Australian Guidelines for the Protection of Civilians. Beth has a Master of Development Studies and is a graduate of the Humanitarian Leadership Program. In 2011 Beth was awarded the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal by the Australian government and is currently Australia's representative on the NATO Civil Society Advisory Panel on Women, Peace and Security.