



**Panel Discussion: “The Death Penalty: European Union and International Perspectives”  
By European Consuls General in Miami, FIU College of Law Experts, British NGO Reprieve**

**Friday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 | 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Florida International University – Modesto A. Maidique Campus  
11200 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Miami, FL 33199 – FIU College of Law – Courtroom 1000**

**Panel Discussion Participants: Biographical Notes**

**GUEST SPEAKER**



**Philippa Greer**

*Reprieve’s Legal Fellow and Coordinator for the United States*

“Reprieve is a British legal action charity that works to promote the rule of law around the world and to secure each person’s right to a fair trial, from death row to Guantanamo Bay. Philippa is Reprieve’s Legal Fellow and Coordinator for the United States; her work involves assisting capital defense teams and European governments to enhance legal and consular assistance to foreign nationals facing the death penalty. Philippa also directs Reprieve’s legal strategy involving death penalty cases in the United States, exploring strategic opportunities for litigation under international law as well as critical forms of intervention to engage governments in the worldwide abolition of the death penalty.

Philippa graduated from the University of Edinburgh, School of Law in 2011 with First Class Honours, where she also gained a Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Practice in 2012. She was awarded a Kennedy Memorial Trust Award in 2013 and attained an LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 2014. Through her work on the European Commission Project, Philippa aims to promote the value and impact of consular assistance in capital cases and to contribute to the raising of minimum standards in capital trials. Her broader goal is to alter the legal and political landscape for abolition of the death penalty via an integrated approach to human rights advocacy which bridges the gap between law and politics.”

## **ACADEMIC PANELISTS**



### **Professor Megan A. Fairlie**

*Associate Professor of Law  
FIU College of Law*

B.A., State University of New York at Albany  
J.D., Washington and Lee University  
LL.M., National University of Ireland, Galway  
Ph.D. (Law), National University of Ireland, Galway

Megan Fairlie received her B.A. in English summa cum laude from the University at Albany, where she was inducted to Phi Beta Kappa and was a four year member of the women's varsity swim team. She then earned her J.D. from Washington and Lee University, cum laude. Professor Fairlie's most recent academic achievements stem from her affiliation with the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland, Galway, where she earned the degree of Ph.D. in International Human Rights Law in June 2007. She also holds an LL.M. in International Peace Support Operations from the same institution, graduating first in her LL.M. concentration, with first class honours, and receiving an award for having earned the highest average among all LL.M. graduates. Professor Fairlie's main research interests lie in the field of international and comparative criminal procedure. In 2005, while pursuing her doctorate, she lectured in law at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland, where she was a part of the Transitional Justice Institute. She has also taught a number of times on the Irish Centre for Human Rights' Summer School on the International Criminal Court and was a Visiting Professor at Albany Law School (2010-2011). From 2007-2009, Dr. Fairlie was part of an expert group, organized by the Amsterdam Centre for International Law and The Hague Institute for the Internalization of Law, whose focus was on the progressive development of the law of international criminal procedure towards a coherent body of law. In 2011, Professor Fairlie returned to serve as Discussant at the group's concluding conference. Since 2009, Professor Fairlie has sat on the board of Self Help Africa-USA, a non-profit organization committed to empowering communities in rural Africa. Professor Fairlie has published in a variety of peer-reviewed and student edited journals in The United States and abroad. She has also authored a number of book chapters, most frequently as a contributor to a series on the case-law of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. Licensed to practice law in New York and North Carolina, Dr. Fairlie is a former prosecutor and has served as counsel in both houses of the New York State Legislature. She teaches criminal law, criminal procedure, international criminal law, professional responsibility and seminars on international criminal procedure and the International Criminal Court.

Some of Professor's Fairlie's publications can be accessed through her SSRN page:  
<http://ssrn.com/author=1084864>



**Professor Stephen K. Harper**  
*Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor*  
*FIU College of Law*

B.A., Haverford College  
J.D., Northeastern University School of Law

Stephen K. Harper teaches a course on the death penalty and is the supervising attorney in the death penalty clinic.

For 29 years he worked at the Miami-Dade Public Defender Office, the last 17 as Co-coordinator of the Capital Litigation Unit. He was primarily responsible for the gathering and presentation of mitigation evidence in capital cases. From 1989 –1995, he served as the Chief of the Juvenile Division. In 2002, he took a two year leave of absence to coordinate the Juvenile Death Penalty Initiative, a project ending with his oversight of the drafting and filing of amicus briefs in *Roper v Simmons*.

Harper has lectured nationally and internationally on both juvenile and death penalty issues. He worked on the American Bar Association’s American Bar Association’s Guidelines Advisory Committee and participated in the revision of *ABA Guidelines for the Appointment and Performance of Counsel in Death Penalty Cases*. He has consulted with and advised the military defense team in case involving a child soldier in Guantanamo under the Military Commissions Act — *USA v Omar Ahmed Khadr* and has consulted in the death penalty cases of *Abdul Kabir v Quarterman* and *Brewer Quarterman*.

In 1998, he received the American Bar Association’s Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award for “outstanding dedication and advocacy on behalf of delinquent youth.” In 2005, he received the Southern Center for Human Rights’ Frederick Douglass Award for “his demonstrated brilliance and tenacity in defense of human rights in the criminal justice system and in 2011 the *James “Jim” Evans Slater Award* for “your outstanding representation of indigent persons charged with capital crimes, and your relentless pursuit of justice” presented by the Florida Public Defender Association.



**Professor Noah Weisbord**  
*Associate Professor of Law*  
*FIU College of Law*

B.Sc., B.S.W., LL.B., B.C.L., M.S.W. (McGill)  
LL.M Program (Harvard)  
S.J.D. (Harvard)

Noah Weisbord holds undergraduate degrees in science and social work and law degrees in common and civil law from McGill University, graduating with great distinction in each program. He also holds masters degrees in social work and law (McGill University, Harvard Law School), and a doctorate of juridical science from Harvard Law School. Prior to joining FIU, Noah Weisbord was a visiting assistant professor at Duke Law School. His primary research interest is in the field of international criminal justice. Professor Weisbord is a leading expert on the crime of aggression, individual criminal responsibility for illegal wars.

Professor Weisbord was law clerk to Chief Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo at the ICC in The Hague. Prior to working at the ICC, he traveled to Rwanda to study gacaca–community-based genocide trials inspired by an indigenous justice tradition.

Publications: <https://law.fiu.edu/faculty/directory/noah-weisbord/>

## **EUROPEAN CONSULS GENERAL PANELISTS**



**Hon. Adolfo Barattolo**  
*Consul General of Italy in Miami*

Graduated in Economics in 1979 at the University of “La Sapienza” of Rome.

May 2007 – October 2011

Consul General of Italy in Lausanne, Switzerland

Swiss Cantons of Vaud, Fribourg, Neuchatel, Vallais, with a resident Italian Community of almost 100.000 Citizens.

September 2003 – February 2006

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of Section III of the Direction General for the Cultural Promotion and Cooperation. In charge of the Multilateral Sector (culture and science) within the United Nations and other International Organizations.

September 1999 – August 2003

First Counsellor in Madrid. Focal point on the Spanish foreign policy, Cultural Counsellor, focal point on Spanish policies on European Union and NATO matters.

January 1996 – August 1999

Consul at the Consulate General of Italy in New York.

June 1993 – December 1995

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vice-Head of the Emergency and Humanitarian Aid Unit of the Development Cooperation.

September 1990 – June 1993

First Secretary at the Embassy of Italy in Bangkok, reference person on the foreign policy of Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, in charge of the Consular Section, Cultural Attaché.

October – December 1990

Member of the Italian Delegation at the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York, on the occasion of the Italian rotating Presidency of the European Council.

February 1988 – September 1990

Consul in Bastia for the district of Corsica.

June 1985 – February 1988

Second Trade Secretary and Deputy at the Embassy of Italy in Lusaka, competent for the districts of Zambia, Malawi and Botswana, in charge of the Consular Section.

April 1983 – June 1985

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy in charge of the Programme “Fight against the Hunger in the World” of the Development Cooperation.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

“Le operazioni umanitarie e di mantenimento della pace” (“Humanitarian and Peace-keeping Operations”), published in 1996 on the three-monthly review AFFARI ESTERI (“FOREIGN AFFAIRS”).

“Per l’erogazione di servizi consolari al passo con le aspettative della nostra collettività all’estero, e per la promozione internazionale dell’Italia. Un contributo di riflessione” (Consular Affaires Institutional Report), published on “Affari Sociali Internazionali”, issued in 2008.



**Hon. Cristina Barrios**  
*Consul General of Spain in Miami*

Cristina Barrios Almazor is Consul General of Spain in Miami. She has been Ambassador at Large for the Reconstruction of Haiti, in Spain's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. Her extensive diplomatic career includes appointment, in 1998, as Ambassador of Spain to Sweden and Latvia, and in 2002, as Ambassador of Spain to Mexico. She was later designated Ambassador at Large for Climate Change, attached to the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. Prior to her ambassadorial assignments she served in many positions, including director for Foreign Diplomatic and Consular Personnel, and for International Organizations Personnel, at the Protocol, Chancery and Orders Office. In 1982 she became Deputy Consul General of Spain in Dusseldorf. In 1986 she was made first Deputy Chief of Protocol at the Protocol, Chancer and Orders office, and in 1990 became Senior Chief of Protocol.



**Hon. Jürgen Borsch**  
*Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Miami*

Consul General Jürgen Borsch has had extensive international experiences representing the Federal Republic of Germany in key overseas position in Warsaw, Damascus, Washington D.C., and Hong Kong. Prior to his assignment in Miami, he was Director of the Crisis Response Center for the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. Since 2013, he has served as the Consul General of Germany for Florida, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands.



**Hon. Philippe Létrilliart**  
*Consul General of France in Miami*

Philippe Létrilliart assumed office of Consul General of France in Miami on September 3, 2013. He was previously Head of the Department in charge of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2010-2013).

Being assigned multiple times in Latin America, he began his professional stay abroad as a "coopérant" in Guatemala (1989-1990), before joining the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He subsequently held the position of

First secretary at the Embassy of France in Havana (1996-2000).

Recently, he served as the senior Advisor to the Embassy of France in La Paz (2006-2010).

During his career, Philippe Létrilliart notably served at the Protocol (1993-1996) and handled multilateral affairs as Deputy Representative of France to the economic and social UN Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok (2000-2003).

As part of the Center for Research and International Studies, he was also a Senior lecturer at Sciences Po (2003-2006).

Philippe Létrilliart graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po) and holds a Master of Contemporary History



**Hon. Nathalie Olijslager**

*Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Miami*

Nathalie Olijslager-Jaarsma started her career with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Department for European and Economic Cooperation after receiving her master's degree international economic relations from Leiden University (The Netherlands) and a one-year stint at Beloit College (Wisconsin) as a Fulbright Scholar.

She then headed to Pretoria, South Africa, as deputy head of Economic Affairs, where she was also involved in the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg. In 2003, her assignment took her to the Dutch Embassy in Budapest, Hungary, as the head of Economic Affairs.

From 2007-2010, Nathalie was employed at the Ministry of Economic Affairs as a senior policy advisor in the Department for International Business. She worked as an account manager for such multinational companies as Unilever, Heineken and AkzoNobel.

Before her appointment as Consul General of the Netherlands in Miami, she was head of Business Environment and Market Development at the Department for Sustainable Economic Development with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague.



**Hon. David Prodger**

*British Consul General in Miami*

David Prodger took up his appointment as British Consul General in Miami in August 2014.

David has served in a number of roles, both in the UK and overseas, within the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) since joining in 1999. Prior to this he worked in the private sector as a land surveyor, project manager and business development manager.

His previous post was as Deputy Head of Security Policy in FCO London where his prime responsibility was leading UK European security policy. This included: overseeing UK policy towards NATO including in preparation for the 2014 UK-hosted NATO Summit in Wales; leading the UK's EU common security and defense policy; overseeing bilateral security policy relations between the UK and other European countries; and relations between the UK and the EU and NATO Allies, as well as other partners; conventional arms control in Europe policy; and UK space policy.

David has also served as Deputy Head of Mission and Consul General at the British Embassy in Brussels, where he also led the political and public diplomacy team. Before that he was Head of the Commercial Team at the British Embassy in Buenos Aires where his main responsibilities were to promote UK exports and work closely with British investors during and after the 2002 economic crisis. He has also held other posts in the FCO covering the Middle East and Latin America.

Prior to joining the FCO, David was a Chartered Surveyor, working with the UK's national mapping agency, Ordnance Survey, on projects to assist international land reform in Central and Eastern Europe, sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean. He has also worked as a computer analyst in market research and in the upstream oil exploration and production business with BP and others across a range of locations from Papua New Guinea, the Persian Gulf, the North Sea and Colombia.