



## Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

### Witness Biographies

### Armed Conflict, Starvation, and International Humanitarian Law

#### Panel I



**Jocelyn Brown Hall** is the Director of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Liaison Office for North America based in Washington, DC. Prior to this role she served as the Deputy Regional Representative for the FAO Regional Office for Africa, where she oversaw 47 FAO country offices and guided strategy and communications around food security, agriculture, climate change, agrifood trade, animal and plant health, among other topics. She has also served as the FAO Representative for Ghana, where she worked with ministries of agriculture, fisheries, social protection and trade on advancing issues such as healthy school meals, rehabilitating lands contaminated by illegal mining, sustainable aquaculture and fish smoking, and digitalization of agriculture data. Before joining FAO, Ms. Brown Hall was Deputy Administrator in the Foreign Agricultural Service, where she led the USDA's USD \$2 billion food and technical assistance programs in low- and middle-income countries. She oversaw the world's largest international school meals program, serving over 4 million school children globally, and numerous fellowship programs that served tens and thousands of agriculturalists. She also served as the lead expert on USDA's technical relationship with international organizations such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture, and various international research centers.

#### Panel II



**Tom Dannenbaum** is an assistant professor of international law at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. Prior to joining Fletcher in 2017, he was lecturer in human rights at University College London and visiting lecturer in law and Robina Foundation visiting human rights fellow at Yale Law School. Professor Dannenbaum writes on international law, focusing primarily on the laws of war, the law on the use of force, international criminal law, shared responsibility, and international judging. He has also written on peace negotiations, terrorist strategy, reparations, and the philosophical basis for punishing atrocity crimes perpetrated via the state. His work has been

published in a range of leading journals, including the Yale Law Journal, the European Journal of International Law, International & Comparative Law Quarterly, International Law Studies, the Harvard International Law Journal, the Chicago Journal of International Law, and Security Studies. His book, *The Crime of Aggression, Humanity, and the Soldier*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2018. His article, “Why Have We Criminalized Aggressive War?”, was awarded the Lieber Prize by the American Society of International Law (ASIL) in 2017, and his article “Siege Starvation: A War Crime of Societal Torture” was awarded the Legal Theory Prize by ASIL in 2022. His work on accountability for peacekeeper abuses has been cited by the International Law Commission and the Hague Court of Appeals in the Netherlands. He holds a BA from Stanford, a JD from Yale, and a PhD from Princeton.



**Catriona Murdoch** is an international criminal and human rights lawyer, with a foremost expertise in the crime of starvation, associated starvation violations and right to food abuses. She has a granular knowledge of the cycle of conflict and hunger across Yemen, Syria, South Sudan, and Tigray. Called to the Bar of England and Wales and attached to 1 Crown Office Row Chambers in the UK, she is ranked as a Leading Junior in both the Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners. Ms. Murdoch joined GRC in 2016, where she leads GRC’s Starvation Portfolio, during which time she has spoken at, amongst others, the UK Houses of Parliament, the UN, and the International Court of Justice in the Hague. Ms. Murdoch supports various GRC projects, notably the DPRK Accountability Project, the COVID-19 Response and the Basic Investigative Standards Initiative. Ms. Murdoch also pioneered the first-to-market Starvation Training Manual and leads training to a range of beneficiaries utilizing the Manual and GRC’s toolkits. Ms. Murdoch has practiced in international criminal law (including at the UN IRMCT, ICC and ICTR courts and tribunals) for over 13 years, advising on crimes arising out of the Rwandan Genocide, the Iraq war, the current conflicts in Yemen and the war in the former Yugoslavia. Ms. Murdoch was also instructed on the Baha Mousa Public Inquiry representing the first British soldier to be convicted of a war crime.