

Panelist Bios
Senate Human Rights Caucus
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Accountability in Sri Lanka

Moderator - Scott Gilmore, Staff Attorney, Center for Justice and Accountability.

As a Staff Attorney with the Center for Justice and Accountability, Scott Gilmore has led investigations on war crimes and human rights violations in countries around the world, from the Middle East and the Horn of Africa to Haiti. In the United States, he has represented survivors of mass atrocities in federal court under the Torture Victim Protection Act. In France and Haiti, he has provided technical assistance to judges and prosecutors and supported the domestic prosecution of international crimes. Mr. Gilmore has published in the Columbia Human Rights Law Review and other journals on international law in cyberspace and the historical development of the law of armed conflict. He holds a J.D. from the George Washington University Law School, is a member of the Order of the Coif, and has a bachelor's degree in literature and Jewish studies from McGill University. He is also a musician and a playwright and director in a joint French-American theater company performing original works on armed conflict and historical memory.

Susan Hayward, Director, Director, Religion and Inclusive Societies, USIP.

Susan Hayward directs the Institute's efforts to advance conflict prevention, resolution and reconciliation projects targeting the religious sector, and she coordinates the Institute's overall programming in Burma/Myanmar. Since joining the Institute in 2007, her field work has focused on Colombia, Iraq, Burma/Myanmar and Sri Lanka. From 2010-2012 she coordinated an initiative exploring the intersection of women, religion, conflict and peacebuilding in partnership with the Berkley Center at Georgetown University and the World Faiths Development Dialogue. She co-edited a forthcoming book on the topic. Her research interests include interfaith engagement in the midst of political violence, political Buddhism and the role of religion in hampering and propelling women's work for peace and justice. She also serves on the international selection committee for the Niwano Peace Prize, which recognizes religious peacebuilders.

Prior to joining the Institute, Hayward worked with the Academy of Educational Development's office in Colombo, Sri Lanka, as a fellow of the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School and with the Conflict Resolution Program at the Carter Center in Atlanta. Hayward also conducted political asylum and refugee work with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Advocates for Human Rights. Hayward studied Buddhism in Nepal and is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She holds a bachelor's degree in comparative religions from Tufts University and master's degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and Harvard Divinity School. She is currently pursuing her doctorate in theology and religious studies at Georgetown University, focusing on Buddhist and Christian theological responses to authoritarianism and conflict in Burma/Myanmar.

Callum Macrae, director of “No Fire Zone: Sri Lanka’s Killing Fields.”

Callum Macrae has been making films for 20 years in the UK and around the world, including Iraq, Japan (in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake), Haiti and several in Africa – covering wars and conflicts in Cote D’Ivoire, Uganda and Mali. His films have ranged from observational documentaries to history documentaries, to current affairs investigations – some polemical, some light-hearted, but usually with a focus on the unheard and disenfranchised. He’s a BAFTA nominee and has won a large number of awards including two Royal Television Society awards, two One World awards, an Indie award, an Amnesty award and the Columbia DuPont Broadcast journalism award.

“No Fire Zone” is a feature length film about the final months of the 26-year-long Sri Lankan civil war told by the people who lived through it. It is a meticulous expose of some of the worst war crimes and crimes against humanity of recent times. This footage documents the day-to-day horror of this war in a way almost never done before: footage recorded by both the victims and perpetrators on mobile phones and small cameras—powerful actuality from the battlefield, from inside the crudely dug civilian bunkers and over-crowded makeshift hospitals, footage which is nothing less than direct evidence of war crimes, summary execution, torture and sexual violence. Macrae partnered with the Pulitzer Center, Human Rights Watch, and Amnesty International, among others, to make the story known to the international community, endangering his own life in the process. No Fire Zone is directed by the Nobel Peace Prize nominee Callum Macrae, a Peabody and Colombia Dupont Broadcast Journalism Award winner and Greirson and BAFTA nominee. It has already won many awards and is a nominee for an International Emmy Award 2014.

Damian Murphy, Senior Professional Staff Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Damian Murphy is the Senior Professional Staff Member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee minority side focused on Europe and South and Central Asia. For four years, he was the Senior Policy Advisor for Foreign Policy, National Security and Homeland Security for Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), former Chairman of the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Near Eastern South and Central Asian Affairs. Previously, Damian managed Freedom House programs in Central and Eastern Europe and conducted its congressional outreach. Prior to that, Damian was the National Field Director for the U.S. Global Leadership Campaign, a coalition of businesses and NGOs that advocate for funding for international affairs. He worked at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) for five years on democratic development projects in the Balkans, East Africa, the Middle East and East Asia. He also worked on parliamentary and judicial development programs in Eastern Europe for the Center for Democracy. Damian has a degree in World Politics from the Catholic University of America and a Master’s degree in international Security Studies from Georgetown. Damian is a Truman National Security Fellow.