



## Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

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**Hadar Harris** is the Managing Director, Washington, at PEN America. She is an award-winning international human rights attorney who has worked for more than two decades on a broad range of human rights issues in more than 25 countries. Prior to joining PEN America, Ms. Harris was the executive director of the Student Press Law Center, the nation's only legal assistance organization devoted exclusively to supporting student news media in their struggle to cover important issues free from censorship. She also served as the executive director of the Northern California Innocence Project, which works to exonerate the innocent and to reform the criminal justice system. For 13 years, Ms. Harris was the executive director of the Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law at American University Washington College of Law. She started her career as executive director of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus under the leadership of the late Congressman Tom Lantos. She has served on the Boards of Directors of a variety of organizations including Amnesty International USA, the American Bar Association Center for Human Rights, and B'Tselem USA. She is a graduate of Brown University and the UCLA School of Law.



**Dora Chomiak** is the Chief Executive Officer at Razom for Ukraine. She has been a passionate advocate for the global contributions of Ukraine since her first trip there in 1989. She cooperated with numerous international organizations in Ukraine including Soros, USAID and Internews. She co-founded a media incubator that launched several major non-governmental news organizations in newly independent Ukraine. She led a \$7 million grant from USAID until 1994 with Internews and co-founded Internews-Ukraine. In the United States, she contributed to growing businesses at global companies through strategic marketing and innovation. Ms. Chomiak earned her AB from Princeton University and an MBA from Columbia University.



**Dr. Jade McGlynn** is a Research Fellow at the Department of War Studies and Centre for Grand Strategy, King's College London. She is also a Senior Research Associate at CSIS' Europe Program. She received her PhD (DPhil) from the University of Oxford and her research is focused on the role of identity and memory in Russia's war on Ukraine since 2014. Dr. McGlynn speaks fluent Russian and Ukrainian and has lived in both countries. She has carried out extensive fieldwork in the de-occupied territories of east Ukraine and in Kharkiv since 2022.



**Professor Karima Bennouna** is the Lewis M. Simes Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School where she teaches courses in international law and human rights. She served as the UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights from 2015-2021. Her 2016 report as Special Rapporteur for the UN General Assembly focused on a human rights approach to cultural heritage destruction. She carried out a number of related country missions. Professor Bennouna was also appointed as an expert for the International Criminal Court in 2017 during the reparations phase of the groundbreaking case *The Prosecutor v. Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi*, concerning intentional destruction of cultural heritage sites by extremists in Mali. She is a member of the Board of Editors of the American Journal of International Law, and a former legal advisor for Amnesty International. In April 2024, she won the Prominent Woman in International Law Award from the American Society of International Law's Women in International Law Interest Group.



**Brian I. Daniels, Ph.D.** is the director of research and programs for the Penn Cultural Heritage Center at the University of Pennsylvania Museum. He has designed and implemented programming to assist heritage professionals working to protect museums and archaeological sites in conflict zones in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Georgia, and Ukraine, and advised the Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative. Active in scholarly and professional societies, Dr. Daniels serves as First Vice-President (President-Elect) of the Archaeological Institute of America, Secretary of the International Council of Museums' Disaster Resilient Museums International Committee, a board member of the U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield, and an academic trustee of the New-York Historical Society. He has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, Stanford University, Rutgers University, San Francisco State University, University of Glasgow, American University of Rome, and for ICCROM's First Aid for Culture course. Dr. Daniels received the Society for American Archaeology's Presidential Recognition Award for his efforts to protect Syrian and Iraqi cultural heritage and the Society for the Preservation of American Indian Culture's Lynn Reyer Award for his work with Indigenous communities in California.