

## Speaker Biographies

### Moderation by

#### **Ms Susann Nowack**

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Susann Nowack is a BA graduate of International Relations from the School of International Studies at the Technische University Dresden and a MS graduate of Violence, Conflict and Development at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. Ms Nowack worked as consultant for the Office of the Ombudsman for United Nations Funds and Programmes (UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOPS and UN Women) and for UNDP. She is a project committee member of the Peace Brigades International initiative NepalMonitor.org and her research focuses on conflict prevention, natural resources in violent conflicts and mediation.

### Speakers:

#### **Mr Nasser Boladai**

Spokesperson, Congress of Nationalities for a Federal Iran (CNFI), Sweden

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Mr Boladai was born and raised in Western Balochistan, Iran. He holds a Master's degree in Arts, a degree in Linguistics and a degree in Computer and System Science. He is a member of the editorial board of the Baloch and Persian magazine TRAN, which is devoted to political and cultural discourse among Baloch, and other Iranians. He has contributed to numerous articles on national self-determination, people's sovereignty, federalism, and Balochi language and literature specifically in the area of Balochi folklore. Mr. Boladai is the spokesperson for the Balochistan People's Party (BPP), and a member of the CNFI's (Congress of Nationality for a Federal Iran) International Relations Committee.

#### **Ms Wendy Johnson**

Writer and Publisher, Crisis Balochistan, USA

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Wendy Johnson has a Master's degree in Languages and Literature of South Asia from the University of Minnesota and has traveled extensively in Pakistan and India. She co-produced the documentary shorts "Disarming Falcons" and "The Baluch". She manages the website [crisisbalochistan.com](http://crisisbalochistan.com) and a database of extrajudicial abductions and killings in Balochistan called [balochmissing.com](http://balochmissing.com).

#### **Mr Tony Hasnath**

Actor in the movie 'The Line of Freedom', United Kingdom

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Tony Hasnath, raised in an area of England in the 80's where very few Asians migrated to, found himself often, standing out amongst the crowd. Colour of skin, under-representation and lack of council support has been the running commentary of his life, and when graduating from studies, it only seemed fit to explore reasons why much further. Tony has been involved with Political themed theatre for over 5 years now and is determined to creatively express Equality through the acting medium. Theatre in democratic age old Athens was a forum for exploring the most contentious of political issues so why stop now, when little has changed of power struggle from Alpha to Omega?. He acted in numerous theatre plays and TV productions with B.B.C and Channel 5.