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Space, time, language and narratives for restorative connections

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### Dominic Barter - Brazil

#### International consultant on Nonviolent Communication and Restorative Practices

Dominic Barter plays with dialogue and partnership, focusing primarily in the fields of education, justice, culture and social change. In the mid-90s he collaborated in the development of Restorative Circles, a community-based and -owned practice for dynamic engagement with conflict that grew from conversations with residents in gang-controlled shantytown favelas in Rio de Janeiro. He adapted the practice for the Brazilian Ministry of Justice's award-winning national projects in Restorative Justice and supports its application in a further 25 countries. In recent years he has supervised the mediation program for the Police Pacification Units in Rio, served as invited professor at the Standing Group for Consensual Methods of Conflict Resolution, at the High Court of Rio, with a focus on school mediation and bullying, and focused on the development of restorative community. Currently Dominic directs the Dialogue Restoration project for the State Education Department of Rio de Janeiro and partners with the Centre for the Study of Public Security and Citizenship at Candido Mendes University.



### Albert Dzur - USA

#### Distinguished Research Professor - Bowling Green State University



Albert W. Dzur studies citizen participation and power-sharing in criminal justice, health care, public administration, and education. His work on democratic professionalism focuses on innovators who welcome citizen agency in these domains, the barriers they face, and the resources available to link small-scale efforts to broad democratic renewal. Dzur's research has been recognized by the McCourtney Institute of Democracy at Penn State University, which awarded it the 2017 Brown Democracy Medal for contributions to democratic theory, by the Ohio House of Representatives, which issued a special

research commendation in 2018, and by the BGSU Board of Trustees, which designated him a Distinguished Research Professor in 2019. He has been a visiting scholar at the University of Canberra, the University of Edinburgh, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, the Kettering Foundation, the University of Oslo, and the University of Tromsø. He writes regularly for the Boston Review and the National Civic Review, where he is a contributing editor. He is on the editorial board of the Howard Journal of Crime and Justice and on the editorial team of the International Journal of Restorative Justice.

## Wendy Drewery – New Zealand

### Co-Director of the PB4L-RP programme – University of Waikato

Wendy Drewery is the Co-Director of a five year project at the University of Waikato, funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Education, to introduce restorative practices to a broad range of secondary schools in New Zealand under the Positive Behaviour for Learning Restorative Practices workstream (PB4L RP). Previously, she was Senior Lecturer and Assistant Dean Graduate Studies in the School of Education, where she taught in the developmental and counselling programs. She has spent a good part of her academic life working on integrating critical and constructionist ideas with respectful practice in professional and intercultural settings. In her research, she used



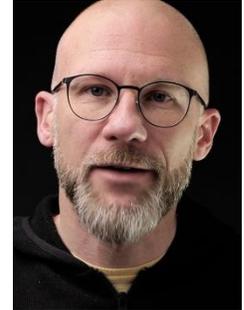
a philosophical psychology disciplinary framework to study the conceptual underpinnings of restorative justice practice. She also supported the continuing development of the intersectoral potentials for restorative justice practice, in education, law, social work, and social development generally. Within this work she is particularly interested in the relational outcomes of intentional conversations and the productive use of language and forms of conversation to create meaning, specifically in how ways of speaking produce and maintain democratic relationships and preserve the agency of persons.

## Giovanni Grandi – Italy

### Associate Professor – University of Padua

Giovanni Grandi is associate professor of moral philosophy at the Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Education and Applied Psychology of the University of Padua. He teaches theoretical and historical foundations of philosophical anthropology and analysis of conflict, forms of justice and restorative practices in the bachelor courses on innovation and social service at the same University. He was president of the Jacques Maritain Study Center (Portogruaro) and the Jacques Maritain Institute (Trieste). He is a member of the scientific council of the Jacques Maritain International Institute, of the scientific council of the SOUQ - Study Center on Urban Suffering in Milan, and of the board of directors of CIRFIM - Interdepartmental Research Center of Medieval

Philosophy of the University of Padua. He is one of the founders of the initiative "Parole O\_Stili" for the promotion of non-violent online communication styles. He is the author of numerous scientific studies and popular essays in anthropology and moral philosophy. On YouTube it is possible to follow his reflections based on his academic studies. Since 1996 Giovanni takes part in the national alpine and speleological rescue corps in the region Friuli-Venezia Giulia.



## Nataša Kandić – Serbia

### Human rights activist - Humanitarian Law Center

Nataša Kandić is a human rights activist. Since the start of the Yugoslav wars in the early 1990s, she has documented and protested against war crimes committed between 1991 and 1999, including torture, rape, and murder. She is the founder and ex-executive director of the Humanitarian Law Center (HLC) in Belgrade, an organisation campaigning for human rights and reconciliation in the former Yugoslavia, focusing on the Serbian role in conflict. Since its foundation in 1992, the HLC has been praised for its systematic and impartial investigations of human rights abuses; the HLC's research was integral to the war crimes prosecutions of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), particularly the "smoking gun" video linking Serbian military forces to the Srebrenica massacres. Nataša has won numerous regional, national and international awards for her human rights work, among others the Human Rights Watch Award (1993), the Martin Ennals Award for Human Rights Defenders (1999) and the European Heroes Award (2003).

