

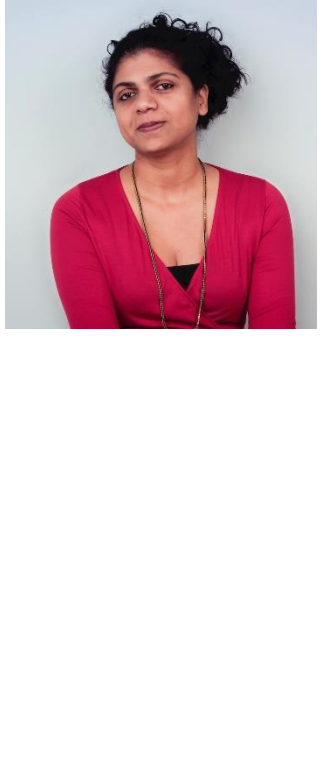






## Speakers and bios for plenary sessions EADI-ISS Conference

Opening Plenary: Global Solidarity and COVID-19

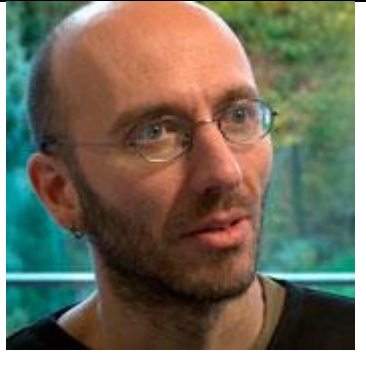



Monday 5 July 14:00-15:30

Henning Melber		<p>Dr Henning Melber has been the president of EADI since 2017.</p> <p>He is a German-Namibian Africanist and political activist, and was Director of the Swedish Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation (2006-2012). He was also part of the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala (Sweden).</p>
Inge Hutter		<p>Dr Inge Hutter has been Rector of the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, Erasmus University Rotterdam since 2015.</p> <p>She is Professor of Participatory and Qualitative Research in Population and Development.</p>
Sreerekha Sathi		<p>Dr Sreerekha Sathi joined the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of the Erasmus University in The Hague, Netherlands as an academic faculty member in Gender and Political Economy in January 2020. Prior to ISS, she taught at the University of Virginia, USA, in its Global Studies Program.</p> <p>Her areas of academic interest span theories of women's work, feminist theories of development, feminist research methodologies and social movements in the global south, specifically South Asia.</p> <p>In the past, she has been involved in the struggles for rights of women, landless communities and slum dwellers and has engaged with issues pertaining to caste, race, sexuality, displacement and indigenous land rights in India.</p> <p>Her first book "State without honour" was published in 2017 with Oxford University Press, India.</p>

Melissa Leach		<p>Dr Melissa Leach is Director of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex (UK).</p> <p>As a social anthropologist she has carried out long-term ethnographic fieldwork in West Africa while engaging with scientific, policy and public discourses and debates around health, epidemics, sustainability and development.</p> <p>She is now contributing to debates on COVID-19 and re-casting development including as co-lead of the Social Science in Humanitarian Action Platform and the Wellcome Trust-funded Pandemic Preparedness Project.</p>
Patricia Mendonça		<p>Dr Patricia Maria E. Mendonça is Associate Professor at the Universidade de São Paulo-USP (Brazil). She has a PhD in Public Administration and Government (Fundação Getúlio Vargas).</p> <p>She is working on several projects at Escola de Artes, Ciências e Humanidades/USP campus seeking to bring academia and community closer together. Her main research interests are Civil Society Organizations and their relations with international cooperation, financing issues and the public sector, and regulatory issues.</p>
Danny Sriskandarajah		<p>Dr Danny Sriskandarajah is CEO of Oxfam Great Britain.</p> <p>Previously he led CIVICUS, the global civil society alliance, was Director General of the Royal Commonwealth Society, Interim Director of the Commonwealth Foundation and held various posts at the Institute for Public Policy Research.</p> <p>He is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Global Public Goods in the Fourth Industrial Revolution.</p> <p>From 2018 to 2019 he was a member of the UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel on Digital Cooperation and from 2015 to 2016 a member of the High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Finance.</p>
Kees Biekart		<p>Dr Kees Biekart is Associate Professor of Political Sociology of the International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, of Erasmus University Rotterdam.</p> <p>He is part of EADI's Executive Committee and a co-organizer of the EADI-ISS Conference. He will chair the Opening Plenary session of the conference.</p>

Second Plenary: Questioning Development – Towards Solidarity, Decoloniality, Conviviality

Wednesday 7 July 9:00-10:15

Aram Ziai		<p>Dr Aram Ziai is Heisenberg-Professor of the German Research Foundation (DFG) for Development Policy and Postcolonial Studies at the University of Kassel (Germany).</p> <p>His research focus lies in the fields of development theory and policy, postcolonial and Post-Development approaches and global economic governance.</p>
Lauren Tynan		<p>Lauren Tynan is trawlulwuy woman from tebrakunna country in northeast Tasmania and grew up on Awabakal Country in NSW (Australia).</p> <p>She is a PhD candidate in the discipline of Geography and Planning, Macquarie University, Sydney.</p> <p>Her research areas encompass development studies, human geography and Indigenous studies. With an interest in decolonizing practices, Lauren's PhD focuses on relationality with Country, largely through Aboriginal cultural burning practices.</p>
Samid Suliman		<p>Dr Samid Suliman is Lecturer Migration and Security in the School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at Griffith University, Australia.</p> <p>He is also a member of the Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research. He was awarded the Australian Political Studies Association's 2015 Thesis Prize for his doctoral dissertation, 'Migration, Development, and Kinetic Politics'.</p>
Yvonne Underhill-Sem		<p>Dr Yvonne Te Ruki-Rangi-O-Tangaroa Underhill-Sem is Associate Professor in Pacific Studies, Te Wānanga o Waipapa, Faculty of Arts. University of Auckland, New Zealand.</p> <p>She is also member of the Pacific Gender Research Portal Reference Group, Department of Pacific Affairs, Australian National University.</p>

Uma Kothari



Dr Uma Kothari is Professor of Migration and Postcolonial Studies at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, UK and Professor of Human Geography, School of Geography, University of Melbourne, Australia.

Her research interests include colonialism and humanitarianism, mobilities and borders and, environmental change and island geographies.

She is the Vice President of the European Association of Development Institutes and is on the advisory board of In Place of War, a support system for community artistic, creative and cultural organisations in places of conflict.

She is currently carrying out research on Seafarers: a cultural geography of maritime mobilities and on environmental change and everyday life on small Island states funded through grants from the ARC and ESRC.

She has recently been awarded a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship for a project on 'Touring Britain in the 1950s: the adventures of postcolonial travellers'.