



**FIRST ANNUAL
PSYCHOLOGY DAY at the UNITED NATIONS**

**Wednesday, October 10, 2007
2:00 am – 5:00 am**

**Thursday, October 11, 2007
10:00 am – 11:30 am**



Program Outline

FIRST ANNUAL PSYCHOLOGY DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2007
DAG HAMMARSKJOLD AUDITORIUM
UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Opening remarks and introductions by **Florence Denmark, Ph.D.** (Main Representative of the American Psychological Association and the International Council of Psychologists; Chair of Planning Committee)

Greetings from **Norman Anderson, Ph.D.** (APA CEO)

FIRST PANEL: Role of Psychology and Psychologists at the United Nations: Representatives from several Psychology Non Governmental Organizations (NGO)

Moderator: **Florence L. Denmark, Ph.D.**

Speakers:

American Psychological Association
Association for Woman in Psychology
International Association for Applied Psychology
International Council of Psychologists
International Union of Psychological Science
International Psychoanalytic Association
International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
World Federation for Mental Health

Deanna Chitayat, Ph.D.
Maram Hallak, Ph.D.
Judy Kuriansky, Ph.D.
Richard Velayo, Ph.D.
Michel Sabourin, Ph.D.
Isaac Tylim, Ph.D.
Elizabeth Carll, Ph.D.
Susan Opatow, Ph.D.
Ricki Kantrowitz, Ph.D.

3:00pm – 4:00pm

SECOND PANEL: Peace and Conflict Resolution

Moderator: **Peter Walker, Ph.D.** (UN/NGO Representative, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues)

Speakers:

- **Ms. Rachel N. Mayanja** (Assistant Secretary General; Special Advisor on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women)
- **Me. Hélène Gosselin** (UNESCO Representative to the United Nations, Director, UNESCO New York Office)
- **Corann Okorodudu, Ed.D.** (Professor of Psychology, Rowan University; Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; ;UN/NGO Representative, American Psychological Association)
- Paper by **Morton Deutsch, Ph.D.** (E. L. Thorndike Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Education; Director Emeritus of the International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution, Teachers College, Columbia University) [*Read by Harold Cook, Ph.D.* (UN/NGO Representative, American Psychological Association; UN/NGO Representative, International Union of Psychological Science)]

4:00pm – 5:00pm

THIRD PANEL: Human Rights and the World of Work

Moderators: **Mary O’Neill Berry, Ph.D.** and **Walter Reichman, Ph.D.** (UN/NGO Representative, International Association of Applied Psychology)

Speakers:

- **Mr. Djankou Ndjoko** (Representative to the United Nations and Director of the ILO Office for the UN, New York)
- **Ursula Wynhoven** (Head, Policy and Legal & Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact Office)
- **Martin Greller, Ph.D.** (Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, New School for Social Research)

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Reception at Alcala Restaurant, 342 East 46th Street, phone: 212-370-1866

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 11, 2007 10-11:30
DAG HAMMARSKJOLD AUDITORIUM**

Briefing

10:00am – 11:30am

Featured Speaker:

- **Dr. Gerard Jacobs**, American Psychological Association’s Humanitarian Award Winner, will be the featured speaker at the DPI briefing presenting on Psychological Response to Disasters.

October 11 is also the Celebration of World Mental Health Day. The theme for the day is *Mental Health in a Changing World: The Impact of Culture and Diversity*.

**PSYCHOLOGY DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS
OCTOBER 10, 2007**

**FLORENCE DENMARK, Ph.D.*
Planning Committee Chair**



It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Planning Committee, and of the psychologists associated with the United Nations, to welcome you to the First Psychology Day at the UN.

The goals of our presentation today and at the UN Non Governmental Organization (NGO) briefing tomorrow morning are to highlight the efforts of psychologists working with NGOs at the UN, to increase awareness of the ability of psychology to contribute to UN activities, and to emphasize the importance of considering both mental and physical health issues worldwide. Understanding psychological activities such as enhancing multicultural understanding among various nations, facilitating verbal and nonverbal communication, illuminating the role of attitude change and education in mitigating the climate change process, enhancing the effectiveness of organizations, helping individuals and communities cope with the effects of disasters and war, and examining the role of culture and psychological factors in violence against women and children, all may contribute to the United Nations' efforts to bring important social changes and create healthy environments for the peoples of the world.

Our first panel will examine the role of psychologists at the United Nations. A representative from each of the major psychological NGOs will present a brief history of the organization and focus on the contributions of the NGO to the UN.

Our second panel will discuss peace and conflict resolution, issues which are related not only to warring nations, but also to prevention of violence against women and children, sex trafficking, domestic violence, other forms of personal violence, and concerns about health and the psychological impact of starvation, poverty and the lack of educational opportunities in many communities.

Our third panel will discuss human rights and the world of work, how the workplace may be enhanced for individuals, and the importance of full employment for all people.

We hope that you will benefit from this conference. We will be happy to hear your comments about this meeting and suggestions of topics for future psychology conferences at the United Nations.

Thank you for attending.

**Florence L. Denmark, has represented both the American Psychological Association and the International Council of Psychologists at the United Nations since January 2000. Dr. Denmark received her Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. She was the Robert Scott Pace Distinguished Professor and Chair of the psychology department at Pace University for 13 years. Prior to that time, Dr. Denmark was the Thomas Hunter Professor of Psychology at Hunter College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. She is currently the Robert Scott Pace Distinguished Research Professor at Pace University. Dr. Denmark has served as President of the American Psychological Association (APA), the International Council of Psychologists, and other regional and national organizations. At this time, she is a member of the APA's Committee on Aging. An internationally recognized scholar, researcher and policy-maker, with a particular expertise on the ageing of women, she is a Fellow of the APA and has received many national and international awards and five honorary doctorates. Dr. Denmark has authored or edited 15 books and over 100 articles and book chapters. She has presented numerous papers and reports on women's issues as well as ageing at local, regional, national and international meetings. In 2004, Dr. Denmark received the American Psychological Foundation's Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement in the Public Interest. In 2005, she received the Ernest Hilgard Award for Distinguished Sustained Contribution to General Psychology, and in 2007, received the Raymond D. Fowler Award for Outstanding Contributions to American Psychological Association.*

BIOGRAPHIES OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

PANEL 2

Peace and Conflict Resolution

Moderator:

Peter R. Walker, PhD

UN/NGO Representative

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

Panel:

Ms. Rachel N. Mayanja

Assistant Secretary General

Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women

Ms. Rachel Mayanja, the Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women since November 2004, is a long-serving career international civil servant with vast experience in the normative, policy and operational work of the United Nations, including peace-building, peace-keeping and inter-agency collaboration.

Ms. Mayanja's career with the UN started in the Women's Division shortly after the first World Conference in Mexico, in the midst of the sensitization of the world to women's right to equality, development and peace. As Secretary to the drafting committee of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, she was actively involved in the establishment of this landmark legal instrument.

Ms. Mayanja actively participated in peace-building and peacekeeping missions, first with the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) in Namibia, from 1989 to 1990, and later in the United Nations Iraq/Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM), from 1992 to 1994. This first-hand knowledge proved essential in her role as the Secretary-General's Special Adviser, especially in the area of women, peace and security.

Immediately before assuming the position of Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Mayanja served as Director of Human Resources Management Division at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). She was instrumental in the introduction of Human Resources Management reforms at FAO. Ms. Mayanja's leadership and management style, founded in consensus-building and teamwork, were critical to the smooth implementation of human resources management reforms not only in FAO but at the UN system-wide level.

Ms Mayanja, a national of Uganda, obtained a law degree from Makerere University, as well as a Master's Degree in Law from the Harvard University Law School. She has three children.

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Me. Hélène Gosselin

*UNESCO Representative to the United Nations
Director, UNESCO New York Office*



Hélène-Marie Gosselin is a development and communications official with more than 25 years of managerial experience in multilateral development institutions.

As UNESCO's Representative to the United Nations since February 2006, Ms Gosselin focuses on UN System management reforms in the field of development. Ms Gosselin works closely with the newly formed UNESCO National Commission of the United States and brokers partnerships with a wide range of American public and private institutions.

Ms Gosselin previously served from 2001-2006 as UNESCO's regional director responsible for 20 countries of the Caribbean region. She has also worked in Western and Central Africa as a UNICEF Development Officer. In these capacities, she has implemented projects on education, culture, communication and child welfare programmes.

Ms Gosselin served as UNESCO's Director of Public Information at UNESCO Headquarters from 1994-2000. Prior to joining UNESCO, she was Director-General of the Communication Branch at the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), where she managed a multi-million dollar communication and development information programme in support of Canada's external aid programmes. Ms Gosselin was twice appointed Commissioner-General of the United Nations at the World Expositions in Lisbon, Portugal (1998) and Aichi, Japan (2005).

A Canadian national, Hélène-Marie Gosselin studied history, political science and business administration at the Université de Montréal and the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales of Montréal. Prior to joining the United Nations System in 1979, Ms. Gosselin worked as an Adviser to the European Commission Delegation in Ottawa, Canada.

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Corann Okorodudu, Ed.D.

*Professor of Psychology, Rowan University
Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs*



Corann Okorodudu is a Professor of Psychology at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey, where she has also served as Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. At the United Nations, Dr. Okorodudu has served as a non-governmental organization (NGO) representative for the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) since 1992 and has served as SPSSI's Main Representative and Chair of its International Issues Committee. In addition, beginning in 2000 as Main Representative of the American Psychological Association (APA), she helped to develop APA's application for UN accreditation. She has held a number of governance positions in APA, including President of its Division 48, the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence.

Of special relevance to the theme of her remarks on Children and Violence, is her work in the NGO Committee on Children's Rights (in which she has served as Co-Chair) and the NGO Committee on UNICEF. On these committees, she develops policy statements and educational panels, monitors the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and advocates with governments in collaboration with other NGOs, with the goal of bringing psychological perspectives to bear on children's issues on the UN's agenda. Her presentations and advocacy on the behalf of children include: psychological perspectives on the UN Study on Violence Against Children, putting children at the center of rebuilding societies emerging from conflict, and a psychological perspective on the Graca Machel Study on Children in Armed Conflict.

Paper by Morton Deutsch, Ph.D.

E. L. Thorndike Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Education

Director Emeritus of the International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution

Teachers College, Columbia University

Read by Harold Cook, PhD

Morton Deutsch, Ph.D, is E. L. Thorndike Professor emeritus of psychology and education and director emeritus, the International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution at Teachers College, Columbia University. Professor Deutsch earned his doctorate at MIT in 1948, with the Research Center for Group Dynamics. He is a pioneer in the study of intergroup relations, cooperation-competition, conflict resolution, social conformity, and social psychology of justice. His extensive publications include his books: *Interracial Housing*; *Research Methods in Social Relations*; *Preventing World War 111:Some Proposals*; *Theories of Social Psychology*; *The Resolution of Conflict*; *Applying Social Psychology*; *Distributive Justice*; and the *Handbook of Conflict Resolution*.

His numerous national and international honors include the: Kurt Lewin Memorial Award; American Association of the Advancement of Science Social-Psychological Prize; American Psychological Association, Distinguish Scientific Contribution Award; SESP Distinguished Research Scientist Award; Nevitt Sanford Award, Teachers College, Columbia Univ. Medal, Helsinki University Medal for his contributions to education and psychology, respectively. He is a William James fellow of the Association of Psychological Science and received a doctorate of humane letters from City University of New York. He has been president of SSPSI. International Society of Political Psychology, NY State Psychological Association, and several divisions of APA. It is not very well known that after finishing post-doctoral training in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy in 1958, he maintained a limited practice of psychoanalysis and psychotherapy for more than 25 years.

Morton Deutsch represents the International Union of Psychological Science, as an NGO, at the United Nations.

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PANEL 3

Human Rights and the World of Work

Moderator:

Mary O'Neill Berry, Ph.D. and Walter Reichman, Ph.D.

UN/NGO Representatives, International Association of Applied Psychology

Panel:

Mr. Djankou Ndjonko

Representative to the United Nations and Director

ILO Office for the United Nations, New York



Mr. Ndjonkou graduated in Cooperative Management at the University of Marburg in Germany in 1976 and completed post-graduate studies in Agricultural Economics and Higher Education and International Development at the University of Goettingen and Kassel respectively.

Mr. Ndjonkou joined the International Training Center of the International Labour Organization in Turin (Italy) in 1979 as Faculty Member of the Cooperative Management training programmes. In 1981, Mr. Ndjonkou became programme manager of these programmes before being transferred in 1983 to the Cooperative Branch of the ILO Headquarters in Geneva (Switzerland) as Specialist in Cooperative Education and Training.

In 1988, Mr. Ndjonkou was assigned to the ILO Office in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) as Regional Adviser for West Africa. He returned to ILO Headquarters in 1991 as a staff member of the Office of the Director-General. In 1995, Mr. Ndjonkou was given the responsibility to open and manage a new ILO Office in post-apartheid South Africa, a task he completed by the end of 1996, when he was appointed Director of the ILO Office in Beijing (People's Republic of China) with responsibility for Mongolia, Hong Kong SAR (1997) and Macao SAR ((1999).

On September 1, 2004, Mr. Ndjonkou was transferred to the ILO Office for the United Nations in New York as Representative of the ILO to the UN and Office Director.

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Ursula Wynhoven

Head, Policy and Legal & Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact Office



Ursula Wynhoven is the Head, Policy & Legal and Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the United Nations Global Compact Office. Among other things, she is responsible for the Global Compact's work programmes on the human rights and labour principles, government and donor relations, and for the Global Compact's integrity measures.

She began working with the Global Compact Office in 2002 as a consultant to the Global Compact Learning Forum. A lawyer by background, Ursula worked in private practice and government human rights agencies in both Australia and the United States before joining the United Nations. Ursula has also worked for the Secretariat of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development on the Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the OECD's corporate responsibility initiative.

Among other academic qualifications, Ursula has two Masters of Law degrees, from Columbia Law School and Monash University, in which she focused on human rights. She is also admitted to practice law in jurisdictions in Australia, the United States, and England and Wales. She is also an adjunct lecturer in business and human rights at Fordham Law School in New York, and at the School of Law of the University of Reykjavik, Iceland.

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Martin Geller, Ph.D.

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, New School for Social Research



Martin M. Greller (Ph.D., Yale University) is currently associate dean for academic affairs and professor of management at Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy, where he previously served as chair of the human resource management program. Before coming to The New School Dr. Greller was professor of management and director of the MBA program at the University of Wyoming and was on the faculty at Baruch College (CUNY) and New York University. He was director of human resources planning and development for The New York Times Company and a senior consulting psychologist with RHR International. Dr. Greller is licensed as a psychologist in New York and New Jersey.

Dr. Greller's research focuses on two areas. He has examined how older workers may extend their careers and maintain work life vitality, noting that the political, social, and psychological elements of the question do not always align. Decisions with respect to development in late career are made more complex by changes in other roles. He also studies feedback in organizations.

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