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Speakers' Profiles

	<p>Mr. Nadim Matta, President and Founding Board Member, Rapid Results Institute</p>	<p>Nadim Matta, Nadim is President and founding Board member of the Rapid Results Institute. He has led teams that introduced the Institute's 100-Day Challenge work in Nicaragua, Eritrea, Kenya, Madagascar, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Sudan, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, and Nigeria.</p> <p>More recently, Nadim's work has focused on veteran, chronic and youth homelessness in the US, and on the integration of social and health care in the UK - using 100-Day Challenges to nudge community stakeholders towards new levels of collaboration, innovation, and execution.</p> <p>Nadim's work has been featured in the New York Times, the Harvard Business Review and the Stanford Social Innovation Review. He was named one of the top100 Global Thinkers in 2012 by Foreign Policy Magazine, and he served as a Yale School of Management Donaldson Fellow in 2012 and 2013.</p> <p>In addition to his role at the Rapid Results Institute, Nadim is a partner at Schaffer Consulting, where he served as Managing Partner between 2009 and 2012.</p> <p>Nadim was born and raised in Lebanon. He earned a Bachelor's of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Master's in Public Health from the American University of Beirut. He worked at the U.S. Agency for International Development in Beirut, where he oversaw the implementation of USAID's relief and rehabilitation program during the Lebanese civil war. He also designed and managed Save the Children Federation's food.</p>
	<p>Prof. John Danner, Visiting Professor, Princeton University Keller Center</p>	<p>John Danner, a visiting professor at the Princeton University Keller Center, John is also Senior Fellow of The Lester Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business, where he teaches the core MBA course on entrepreneurship, as well as other graduate courses on business model innovation and strategies for startups. He also launched UC's campus-wide undergraduate course on entrepreneurship and global poverty. John began his entrepreneurial career as an undergraduate at Harvard, and has since been involved in startups of various types as entrepreneur, advisor and investor. In addition, he has worked as a management consultant, lawyer or senior executive in the private, nonprofit and public sectors in fields from education and healthcare to telecommunications and energy.</p> <p>A frequent speaker at conferences and seminars around the world, John is also senior moderator with The Aspen Institute's executive and global leadership programs. He received his J.D., M.P.H. and M.A.Ed. degrees from UC Berkeley.</p>



Ms. Saadia **Madsbjerg**,
Managing Director,
the Rockefeller Foundation

Saadia Madsbjerg joined the Rockefeller Foundation in 2013. As Managing Director, she leads the Foundation's work on Innovation. Her responsibilities include shaping and scaling innovative finance solutions that change the status quo and raise private sector investment capital for the social sector in promotion of the Foundation's dual goals of building resilience and promoting inclusive economies. Before joining the Rockefeller Foundation, Ms. Madsbjerg was the Senior Vice President for Strategic Planning at the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC). There she led a portfolio of projects focused on transformative opportunities to creating more equitable and resilient growth for New York City. These included game-changing ideas spanning economic diversification, promoting upward income mobility and economic and community development in underutilized neighbourhoods.

Prior to NYCEDC, Saadia was head of the Strategy and Analytics team for Cisco's TelePresence Technology Group, and an Associate Principal at McKinsey & Company. Ms. Madsbjerg holds a Master of Science in Applied Economics and Finance from Copenhagen Business School, and George Washington University and she has her Bachelor of Science degree in International Business from Copenhagen Business School and Boston College.



Mr. Duncan **Jepson**,
Founder,
Liberty Asia

Duncan Jepson founded Liberty Asia, to fight human trafficking in Asia. It is the recipient of a US State Dept J-TIP award to develop and implement a victim case management system created using the Salesforce platform. And have been pioneering an approach using available anti-money laundering infrastructure to disrupt the supply of banking and financial services to the funding of modern slavery.

A Hong Kong based corporate lawyer by profession, he works in investment management focusing on regional M&A, governance, product development and white-collar crime investigation. He was at ING Investment Management Asia Pacific for nine years where he was regional general counsel and head of compliance. He is now head of legal for BNY Mellon Investment Management Asia Pacific.



Dr. Amy **Kircher**,
Director of the Food Protection and
Defense Institute,
College of Veterinary Medicine at the
University of Minnesota

Amy Kircher is the Director of the Food Protection and Defense Institute, a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence and an Assistant Professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota. She leads the Institute's initiatives and coordinates a research consortium of experts dedicated to protecting the food system through research and education. Her current research includes identification and warning of food disruptions and emerging disease through data fusion and analysis; supply chains; and delivery of innovative solutions to the professionals in the field. Additionally, she conducts research efforts on global health and pandemic preparedness leveraging expertise and technology that exists in the Institute. Prior to coming to the University of Minnesota, Dr. Kircher was the Command epidemiologist with the NORAD – US Northern Command (N-NC) Office of the Command Surgeon. At N-NC she lead disease surveillance, epidemiologic modelling, bioterrorism preparedness, and served as a public health expert.

Dr. Kircher has an extensive background in Homeland Security Defense, supporting operations and response during national disasters to include Hurricane Katrina, and H1N1. She was awarded both the DOD Joint Civilian Service Commendation Medal and DOD Joint Civilian Service Achievement Medal for work at the Commands. Dr. Kircher completed her Doctorate in Public Health at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill.



Prof. Jennifer **Widner**,
Politics & International Affairs,
Princeton University

Jennifer Widner is Professor of Politics & International Affairs at Princeton University, and directs Innovations for Successful Societies, a program that supports reform leaders who work on especially challenging problems and improving government performance. Before joining the Princeton faculty in 2004-5, she taught at Harvard and the University of Michigan.

Her current research focuses on the political economy of institutional reform, government accountability, and service delivery. She also remains interested in constitution writing, constitutional design, and fair dealing—topics of earlier research. She is author of *Building the Rule of Law* (W. W. Norton), a study of courts and law in Africa, and she has published articles on a variety of topics in *Democratization*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *The William & Mary Law Review*, *Daedalus*, the *American Journal of International Law*, and other publications. She is completing work on a book about making government work in challenging settings, drawing on experiences in Africa, Asia, and parts of Latin America.

UNSSC Training Team



Dr. Ariane **Sabet**,
Course Coordinator,
UN Leadership/UN Lab for
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Ariane Sabet is Course Coordinator in the UN Leadership Programme/ UN Lab for Organizational Change and Knowledge (UNLOCK) at UNSSC. She is responsible for the design and delivery of the UN Leaders Programme on UN priorities since its inception in 2008; the UN Leadership Exchange for colleagues at the USG and ASG level; and the Leadership, Women and the UN and Women in Humanitarian Leadership programmes, as well as a range of other initiatives.

She is maintaining and expanding academic partnerships and was Co-Director of the Executive Master's in Management of International Organizations.

Ariane served as faculty and course developer for Norwich University's Master of Arts in Diplomacy, focusing mainly on Global Diplomacy and State-Sponsored Terrorism. Previously, she held academic positions in Slovakia, Switzerland and the United States in the areas of International Relations, Political Science and Management.

Ariane holds a MA in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, spending part of her studies at Harvard and Columbia Universities, and a PhD in Political Science from St. Gallen University, Switzerland, where she specialized in Political Ethics.