

## SPEAKER BIOS



**Judge Bibi Wahida Rahimi** earned a Bachelor of Laws degree from Kabul University. In 2017 she received a J.D. Judicial and Prosecution from the Supreme Court of Afghanistan in Kabul. Between November 2017 and August 2021, Wahida was a judge of the Primary Court, Hearing Violence against Women and Juvenile Delinquencies, in Panjshir, Afghanistan. As a judge in this court, Wahida's work focused on cases involving domestic violence against women and family law.

Wahida is researching the role of women judges in Afghanistan's judicial system; contributing to research projects focused more broadly on women and the law and the experience of women judges; participating in the activities of the CFLS and CALS; and delivering presentations on topics related to Afghanistan's judicial system, the experience of women judges within this system (and in particular in the context of the recent regime change in 2021), and issues relating to women and the law in Afghanistan.



**Dr. Erica See** is Senior Legal Counsel with the Canadian Red Cross Society. Her work including as Director of a new CRC research center on law, managing the Legal Team's Student Program, and providing advice and legal support to the CRC on domestic and international legal frameworks. Erica holds an LL.D and an LLM with Specialization in Women's Studies from the University of Ottawa, where her research focused on adjudication of credibility in gender-related refugee claims. Erica also holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA) and practiced as a lawyer for an elder rights organization before immigrating to Canada in 2006. Erica lives in Ottawa,

Ontario with her husband, her two children, and a menagerie of pets.



**Dr. Sophie Rondeau** is Director and Legal Advisor, IHL education at the Canadian Red Cross. She graduated from Université de Montreal's Law Faculty, holds a Masters' degree in International Law from Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), a Doctorate in Law (summa cum laude) from Université de Genève and Université Laval (granted SSHRC and FRQSC scholarships), and is a member of the Quebec Bar (2003 / articulated at the ICTY). In the last 15 years, she has been a researcher, guest speaker and lecturer in various Canadian universities (UQAM, uSherbrooke, uOttawa, etc.) and she has worked in institutions such as the Canadian Red Cross, the Diakonia IHL Centre, the International Centre for Human Rights and

Democratic Development (Rights & Democracy) and the Jean-Pictet Competition. She is a member of UQAM's Alumni committee, she sits on the Board of Directors of L'itinéraire (Quebec's Street newspaper), and she has recently been coopted on the Board of Canada's Amnesty International Francophone section. She currently lives in Montreal with her husband and 2 sons.