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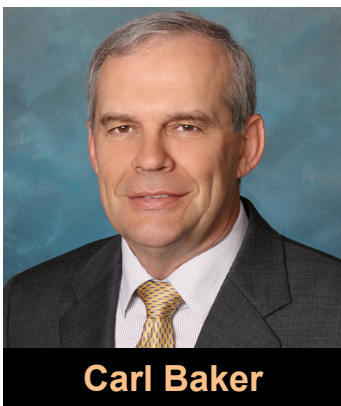
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Pamela Spratlen

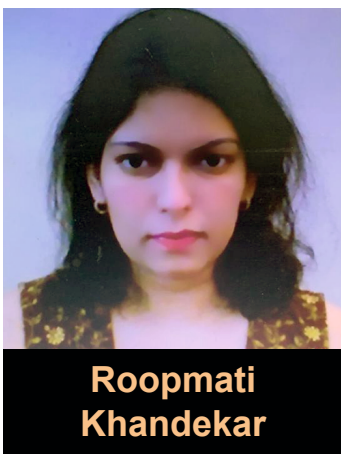
Pamela L. Spratlen is a retired U.S. Ambassador. She was Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan from 2011-2014 and then to Uzbekistan from 2015-2018. She is also a foreign policy leader and professional focused on senior-level policy support, Central Asia policy, economic development, regional security, human rights and cultural exchanges. She worked as the Senior Advisor for the Inspections Division of the Office of the Inspector General. In 2021, she was the Senior Advisor of the Health Incidents Response Task Force (HIRTF).

Panel



Carl Baker

Carl Baker is a senior adviser at Pacific Forum, where he previously served as executive director and co-editor of Comparative Connections. He was an adjunct professor at Hawaii Pacific University for several years. Before that he was a faculty member at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. He traveled extensively throughout Asia and parts of Europe over the past 40 years. He has lived and worked for extended periods in South Korea, Japan, the Philippines and Guam. A graduate of the U.S. Air War College, he has an M.A. in public administration from the University of Oklahoma and a B.A. in anthropology from the University of Iowa.



Roopmati Khandekar

Dr. Roopmati Khandekar is Executive Director of Pune's first thinktank "Global Relations Forum". Working with the Department of Political Affairs of the UN and completing a doctorate in International Politics, she has specialized in international relations. She authors books and research on topics such as international politics, psychological issues and historical events. She collaborated with the EU Delegation to India for their Smart Cities bilateral policy framework research and is part of the EU-India Think Tanks Twinning Initiative. She has done extensive social work on development and welfare, working with NGOs RGVichar Prasarak Mandal, Sarathi and UN voluntary work with "Reaching Hearts for Kids Organization".



Elsa Jarkhedian

Elsa Jarkhedian is a Lebanese citizen from Beirut. She is a graduate of Ca' Foscari, University of Venice, majoring in Languages and International Relations. In October 2021, Elsa achieved her Master's Degree in Investigation, Crime, and International at UNINT, Rome (Università Degli Studi Internazionali, Roma). She pursued those studies to understand the world's ongoing crisis and find adequate solutions. Elsa is currently a Junior Consultant at Project Expedite Justice (PEJ) and presently researching the intersection of conservation and human rights abuses inflicted on indigenous peoples worldwide.



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Gilbert Nuwagira is an Ugandan Economist who works within the forced migration context. His repertoire of work includes engagements on issues of Human Trafficking in Displacement, Documentation of War – Related Harms, Cross-border Economic Activity and Refugee Host Relations. He follows closely the geopolitical influence of China on the East African great lakes region and the role it plays in the stability of the region.



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