

# Basel Intergenerational Forum 2025

## Bios of Speakers

- **Rosmarie Wydler-Wälti.** *Co-President of KlimaSeniorinnen Schweiz (Swiss Senior Women of Climate Protection).*  
Rosmarie Wydler-Wälti is a Swiss environmentalist from Basel. In April 2024, as co-president of the Swiss organization Klimaseniorinnen (Senior Women for Climate Protection) she succeeded in winning a case in the European Court of Human Rights, arguing that Switzerland had failed to meet emission reduction targets in the face of increasing heatwaves. As a result, although the Swiss parliament later rejected the ruling, she was included on the BBC's 2024 list of 100 most inspiring and influential women.
- **Daouia Chalali.** *UN University, Program Lead on the UN Declaration of Future Generations*  
Daouia Chalali is a Foresight Practitioner and Project Lead dedicated to advancing the representation of future generations within global governance frameworks. Since 2023, she has coordinated a project to promote long-term governance in the context of the Summit of the Future, specifically through the Declaration on Future Generations. Her work focuses on tools and strategies to implement long-term governance and build multistakeholder coalitions. Her previous experience includes serving as a delegate in the Health Department of the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations and as a Foresight Project Lead in private companies.
- **Sophie Wadsworth.** *People Operations Partner at Robin AI. Representative of the Moriori Peace Covenant, a winning policy of the 2024 World Future Policy Award;*  
Sophie Wadsworth is Moriori, the indigenous nation of Rekohu (Chatham Islands), which are located about 800 kilometers east of New Zealand, and lie under NZ administration. Sophie currently works as People Operations Partner at Robin AI in the UK, having previously worked for Green Cross Health in Auckland, NZ. In November 2024, she represented the Hokotehi Moriori Trust and Kōpinga Marae from Rekohu to receive a World Future Policy Award. The Award was granted to Moriori for the 600-year-old Moriori Peace Covenant (Nunuku's Law).
- **Hannah Erikson.** *InterPeace Program Officer for Intergenerational Dialogue and the UN/CSO Dialogue on Building and Sustaining Peace.*  
Hannah Eriksen has served as Graduate Student Researcher for the World Food Programme, and International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT) for the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance. She currently serves as InterPeace Program Officer for Intergenerational Dialogue and the UN/CSO Dialogue on Building and Sustaining Peace.
- **Marie-Claire Graf.** *Co-Founder, Youth Negotiators Academy. Board of Directors, Climate Action Network. Councilor, World Future Council.*  
Marie-Claire is a youth advocate, change-maker and public speaker for a just transition towards sustainable development and ambitious climate action. She has initiated and led several associations and movements around climate action, sustainable development, youth and women empowerment, food systems transformation and education. She has served as the UN Food Systems Summit Vice-Chair on youth and chair of the Youth Constituency YOUNGO of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Through her work, she has received several awards and prizes such as the United Nations Youth Climate Champion of Switzerland. She is a Board Member of the Basel Peace Office.

- **Ayleen Roy.** *PhD Student, Kings College London. Program Officer, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament*

Ayleen Roy is currently a PhD Student, Kings College (London), having previously studied at Sciences Po (Paris) and In addition to being a Program Officer for Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, Ayleen serves as a Member of the UN Commission on the Status of Women NGO Young Generations Working Group, an Advisory Advocate of the Vienna NGO Committee on the Status of Women and a member of the *Transnational Working Group on values, faith-based perspectives and global governance (Interfaith TWG)*. One of the responsibilities Ayleen has held for the Interfaith TWG was the presentation of the interfaith appeal Pursuing Peace, Security and Nuclear Disarmament through our Common Humanity, to the States Parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Prep Com in July 2024.
- **Prof Andi Nidecker MD,** *President, Basel Peace Office*

Prof Dr Andreas Nidecker is a retired specialist for diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine. He is a Board Member and the former President of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War/Physicians for Social Responsibility, Switzerland. He has served as the President of the Basel Peace Office since its establishment in 2013.
- **Marzhan Nurzhan.** *PhD candidate at the University of Basel. Deputy Director, Basel Peace Office*

Marzhan Nurzhan, originally from Kazakhstan, is currently studying for her PhD in Basel, focusing on the roles of civil society actors in nuclear negotiations in multi-track diplomacy. She also serves as Deputy Director of Basel Peace Office and a Program Officer for Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, having represented these organizations in various international forums including the Inter-Parliamentary Union, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Parliamentary Assembly of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Conferences of States Parties to the Non-Proliferation Treaty. She is a co-founder of Youth Fusion, the global youth network for the abolition of nuclear weapons, and has served as a regional representative for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization Youth Group.
- **Lukas Ott.** *Head of the Basel Cantonal and City Development*

Lukas Ott, lic. phil., studied sociology, art history and botany at the University of Basel. As owner and head of an agency for political research and communication from 1997 until 2017, he published on numerous topics in social and cultural history and worked as an independent consultant. From 2000 until 2017, he was City Councillor and, later on, part-time Communal President and Head of the Department of Finance of the City of Liestal. From 2006 until 2012, he served as a judge for the Chamber of Criminal Proceedings of the Canton of Basel- Landschaft. In December 2017, he assumed his position as Head of the Office of Cantonal and Urban Development Basel-Stadt with the specialised units of Research & Strategy, Housing Development, Community Development and Diversity & Integration.
- **Bill Kidd MSP.** *Convenor, Cross Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament in the Scottish Parliament. Co-President, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament.*

Bill Kidd is a Scottish National Party (SNP) politician, and Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP) for the Glasgow Anniesland constituency since 2011. He is currently the convenor of the Cross Party Group on Nuclear Disarmament and deputy convenor of the Cross Party Group on Human Trafficking. He previously served as chief whip from 2012 to 2018 and as senior deputy whip from 2007 to 2012. Kidd also serves as co-president of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND). He has represented PNND at the United Nations and in Conferences of States Parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. In 2016, Bill was named, in

his capacity as co-president, in a nomination of PNND for the Nobel Peace Prize. He was singled out for his dedicated work campaigning against nuclear weapons

- **Ghurni Bhattacharya.** *Representative, Youth Present.*

Ghurni Bhattacharya, hailing from Kolkata, India, is currently pursuing a Double Master of Arts in Sociology from the Faculty of Sociology at Bielefeld University in Germany and from the Department of Sociology and Economic Law at Alma Mater Studiorum University of Bologna, Italy under the Erasmus+ scholarship. She is a Co-Founder and Admin of an initiative called “SocioScopia,” which is a free platform to share social science-related academic and job opportunities with global social enthusiasts and practitioners despite their socio-economic backgrounds. She is associated with the Policy Team of the Human Rights Working Group in Youngo and advocates for human rights, especially migrants and indigenous rights. She is selected as a Local Pathways Fellow for the 2024 cohort under the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. She is a Youth Present Representative from India at the World Future Council.