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PENELOPE ANDREWS

Professor of Law
Director, Racial Justice Project
New York Law School

Penelope Andrews is a Professor of Law at New York Law School (NYLS) where she teaches constitutional law, comparative law, torts, and legal ethics. She also serves as Director of NYLS's Racial Justice Project and Host of the South Africa Reading Group.

Professor Andrews has held tenured faculty positions at La Trobe University in Australia, the City University of New York (CUNY) and Valparaiso University. She has also held visiting appointments at law schools across the U.S.A, Canada, and internationally.

Professor Andrews has held senior positions in law, including as the Dean at the University of Cape Town Faculty of Law, President and Dean, Albany Law School, New York, and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, CUNY Law School. In 2021 she completed a two-year term as President of the Law and Society Association. She has also served as an Acting Judge of the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria and as an arbitrator in hearings on racial discrimination in South Africa.

Professor Andrews is an editor of the International Journal of Law in Context, the Human Rights and the Global Economy E-Journal, and the African Law E-Journal. She has also published several books and articles that focus on comparative constitutional law, gender and racial equality, human rights, the judiciary, and legal education. She is currently at work on a book on #MeToo, entitled Law, Politics and the #MeToo Movement.

Professor Andrews has served on law school committees and the boards of public interest and human rights organizations, including the Africa Section of Human Rights Watch, South Africa Partners, and the National Center for Law and Economic Justice. She currently serves as Chair of the Board of the institute for African Women in Law and as a Board Member of the Kemper Human Rights Education Foundation and Shared Interest. Professor Andrews has received many awards for her global human rights advocacy.



MARKUS IMHOOF

Film Director and Screenwriter

Markus Imhoof was born in Winterthur in 1941. He studied German, art history and history in Zurich and was Leopold Lindtberg's assistant at Schauspielhaus Zürich before attending the film school at Kunstgewerbeschule Zürich.

Since 1968, he has been an independent director and author, primarily dedicating himself to socially critical and political topics, as in his first documentary films *Rondo* (1968), a critique of the Swiss penal system, and *Ormenis 199+99* (1969), about the Swiss cavalry. They were awarded but banned in Switzerland.

In 1980, Markus Imhoof drew attention to the behaviour of the Swiss toward Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany in *Das Boot ist voll*. The film won the Silver Bear at the Berlinale and was nominated for an Oscar.

Die Reise followed in 1986, based on the autobiographical novel by Bernward Vesper on the generational conflict of the student protest movement of 1968 up to the early days of the Red Army Faction (RAF).

Over the last decade, the filmmaker has documented the threatened disappearance of bees in *More than Honey* (2012) and the situation of refugees fleeing across the Mediterranean Sea in *Eldorado* (2018). His films were screened at the festivals of Berlin, Venice, Cannes, Locarno, among others. *More than Honey* won several awards and was the most successful Swiss documentary of all time. *Eldorado* (2018) was honored with the Zurich Film Award and the Bavarian Film Award.

In 2020 Markus Imhoof received the Honorary Award of the Swiss Film Academy and the Swiss Federal Office of Culture for his life's work.

He has been guest lecturer at film schools in Berlin, Milano and Zurich and was a founding member of the Film and Media Art Section of the Akademie der Künste in Berlin in 1984; he is member of the European and German film academies as well as the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) in Los Angeles.



NIKHIL SETH

United Nations Assistant Secretary-General
UNITAR Executive Director

Nikhil Seth joined UNITAR as its Executive Director on Oct 1, 2015. During his term UNITAR has grown significantly in the number of beneficiaries of its services and its work has been aligned to the pillars of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

Before assuming the post of the UNITAR Executive Director, Nikhil Seth was the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) at the United Nations Secretariat in New York. In this role he served as head of the Rio+20 secretariat and of the secretariat for the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, spearheading the preparations for these conferences in Rio, Brazil, and Apia, Samoa. He was also closely engaged in coordinating and advancing their follow-up.

In the United Nations Mr. Seth served as the Director for ECOSOC, Secretary of the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee), Secretary of ECOSOC and with the USG of DESA. He was closely involved with many of the Summits and Conferences of the 1990's – as a delegate from India and as part of the support secretariat.

Mr. Seth will be speaking at today's ceremony on the topic of "Global Citizenship to Realize the Sustainable Development Goals."



AMBASSADOR PIO WENNUBST

Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations Organization in Rome

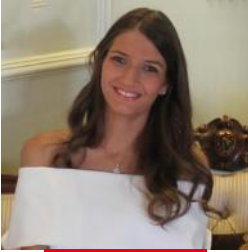
Ambassador Pio Wennubst is an experienced diplomat currently focusing on multilateral organisations and thematic approaches in relation to the 2030 agenda. Agro-economist by formation, he is an institutional development practitioner with extensive fieldwork in areas such as enterprises development, facilitation of negotiating processes, micro and public finance, public health sector reforms, water resources management, migration, climate change, food systems, rural development.

After a period as managing director of a Swiss based chemical company, he joined the public sector as an academic researcher in the Middle East region. Subsequently, he joined FAO in Nepal to help reorganising fresh produce supply to urban centers. He later joined the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), which is part of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, in Bolivia to support the decentralisation process and later on to Madagascar where he reorganized all Swiss development cooperation activities.

After a period as an economist for poverty alleviation and public services finance, in 2004 Pio Wennubst was appointed SDC country director in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where he represented the development community as Chair of the General Budget Support and Health Sector Reform Groups. From 2008 to 2011, he was the deputy permanent representative of the Swiss mission to the Rome-based UN agencies. From 2010, he was also in charge of reforming the SDC's Global Programme Food Security. He later joined the Swiss permanent mission to the UN in New York as head of the economic and social development team where he facilitated several resolutions, including the QCPR 2012 in which the United Nations Development System reform is rooted.

Subsequently, Pio Wennubst managed for almost six years the Global Cooperation Department of SDC and was in charge of the Swiss support to multilateral funds and programs such as UNDP, Green Climate Fund, UNWOMEN, UNICEF, UNCDF, AIIB, IFAD, Global Fund, CGIAR, UNFPA, Global Compact and others. During the same period, he was also in charge of 5 innovative global thematic programs and of the policy analysis unit. He substantially contributed to the launching of the Blue Peace movement.

Currently, Ambassador Pio Wennubst is representing Switzerland to the multilateral agencies based in Rome, more specifically FAO, IFAD, and WFP. As of October 2021, he assumes the role of Rapporteur for the CFS in Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems.



MAJEDA ZIAD DAKKAK

Director of Business Development and Communications
Dakkak Tours International

Majeda has been an avid volunteer and supporter of Franklin as a student and as an alumna. She graduated in 2015 with a double major in Communications, Media Studies, Comparative Literary & Cultural Studies, and a minor in Management.

While at Franklin, Majeda was very involved on campus as an Academic Mentor, coordinated a new leadership program for students, presented at Franklin's Women's Conference, served as President of the Arab club, participated in the Tucker Family Fellows internship program, and more. She received the Presidential Leadership Award and Outstanding Freshman of the Year Award.

As an alumna, Majeda serves the Chair of the Franklin Club of Jordan, planning regional events and connecting alumni in her area to Franklin. She volunteers as an Alumni Admissions Ambassador, speaking to prospective Franklin students, and advises students and young alumni about career-related topics with the Office of Career Strategy's virtual events. She loves Franklin and is always looking for ways that she can give back.

After graduating from Franklin, Majeda worked at the Association of Queen Rania Award for Excellence in Education as a Media and Communications Officer. In 2018, she joined her family's business as the Director of Business Development and Communications at Dakkak Group – Dakkak Tours International. She also holds a master's degree in innovation in education.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, Sir Edward Elgar

WELCOME

Recognition of Golden Falcons and Class of 2020
Graduates

P. Gregory Warden, President

OPENING REMARKS

Kim Hildebrant, Chairman, Chairman, Board of
Trustees

URSULA GENTILE LOWERRE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Majda Dakkak

Presented by Kim Hildebrant, Chairman, Board of
Trustees

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Founders Distinguished Teaching Professorship
Presidential Leadership Award
Academic Excellence Award
Gerta Holman Award

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Posthumous Honorary Degree

Jacques Villaret

Presented by Pascal F. Tone, Board of Trustees

2020 Honorary Degree

Ambassador Pio Wennubst

Presented by P. Gregory Warden, President

2022 Honorary Degrees

Penelope Andrews

Presented by P. Gregory Warden, President

Markus Imhoof
Presented by Johanna Fassl, Professor of Art History

Nikhil Seth
Presented by Branko Sain, Dean of
Innovation and Impact
Co-Director of the Taylor Institute

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Penelope Andrews
Professor of Law and Director, Racial Justice Project

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

A Song for Franklin, Stuart Gillespie

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

P. Gregory Warden, President
Andrew Starcher, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Branko Sain, Dean of Innovation and Impact,
Co-Director of the Taylor Institute
Andrea Terzi, Director, Master in Political Economy of
Money and Development

VALEDICTORIAN'S ADDRESS

Gabriella Teerlynck-Aviles
Introduced by Patrick Della Croce, Professor of
Environmental Sciences

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Emily Boynton, Class of 2009 and Alumni Trustee

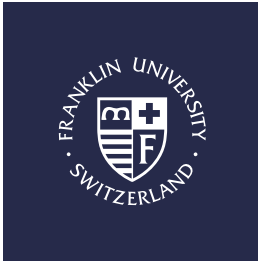
CONCLUDING REMARKS

P. Gregory Warden, President

RECESSIONAL

Rondeau, Jean Joseph Mouret

A reception will follow the ceremony



MASTER OF ARTS AND MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

John Chichester

Phoenix, Arizona - USA
Political Economy of Money and
Development

Chaneran Surchi

Erbil, Kurdistan/Iraq
Political Economy of Money and
Development

Kristen Abberley

Darien, Connecticut - USA
International Management with an
Emphasis in Climate Action

Amalia Awad

Amman, Jordan
International Management with an
Emphasis in Digital Transformation

Carmen Brodnax

Memphis, Tennessee - USA
International Management with an
Emphasis in Climate Action

Giovanni Desiderio

Rome, Italy
International Management with an
Emphasis in Digital Transformation

Rachel Maria Dottino

Orlando, Florida - USA
International Management with an
Emphasis in Climate Action

Ann Jackson Edwards

Branchville, Virginia - USA
International Management with an
Emphasis in Climate Action

Manouchka Paulémont

Reading, Pennsylvania - USA
International Management with an
Emphasis in Digital Transformation

Henri Souville

Paris, France
International Management with an
Emphasis in Climate Action

Carina Souza

Natal, Brazil
International Management with an
Emphasis in Climate Action



BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Fadel Alabdali

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
International Management major with
an Emphasis in Finance
Studio Art minor

Ana Lucia Allegre

Austin, Texas - USA
International Management major with
an Emphasis in Marketing
French minor
cum laude

Ralf Aron

Tallin, Estonia
International Management major with
an Emphasis in Finance
Economics minor

Rahman Babayev

Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
International Management major
Art History and Visual Culture minor

Natascha Braese

Manchester by the Sea,
Massachusetts – USA
Psychology major
Environmental Science minor
Honors Program Graduate
cum laude

Gloria Bruschi

Lugano, Switzerland
International Management major with
an Emphasis in Marketing
magna cum laude

Jonathan Bystrowski

Granby, Connecticut - USA
Social Justice and Sustainability major
Comparative Literary and Cultural
Studies and Management minors

Giulia Castiglioni

Lugano, Switzerland
International Management major
Psychology minor
summa cum laude

Karen Corda

Paris, France
Communication and Media Studies
and Political Science combined major

Morgan Crowther

Marshfield, Massachusetts – USA
International Relations major

Natalia de Leon Tello

Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
Communication and Media Studies
major
Political Science major
French minor
magna cum laude

Giulia Gatti

Lugano, Switzerland
International Management major with
an Emphasis in Marketing

Christina Jisto

Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Visual Communication Arts major
Honors Program Graduate
cum laude

Milica Jovic

Toronto, Canada
History major
International Relations major
French minor
Honors Program Graduate
magna cum laude

Grace Elizabeth Kotnik

Solana Beach, California – USA
Environmental Studies major with an
Emphasis in Science
History and Social Justice minors
Honors Program Graduate
summa cum laude

Josephine Lionello

Saló, Italy
Fashion Studies major
Art History and Visual Culture minor

Shayla Lopez

Houston, Texas – USA
International Management major with
an Emphasis in Marketing
Communication and Media Studies
minor

Danielle Lopez-Cecetaite

St. Petersburg, Florida – USA
International Economics major with an
Emphasis in Political Economy
Art History and Visual Culture minor
magna cum laude

Jade Lum

Honolulu, Hawaii – USA
International Management major with
an Emphasis in Marketing
Studio Art minor
cum laude

Alejandra Malavenda

Miami, Florida – USA
Communication and Media Studies
major
Environmental Studies major
Honors Program Graduate
magna cum laude

Francesca Mazzucchelli

Samarate, Italy
Fashion Studies major
magna cum laude

Liz Menezes Pereira dos Santos

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
International Management major with
an Emphasis in Marketing
Economics minor
magna cum laude

Nikolay Morozov

Moscow, Russia
History major

Aurora Nelson

Temecula, California – USA
Political Science major
History minor

Clara Nerseth

Oslo, Norway/Zürich, Switzerland
Psychology major
Environmental Science minor

Alex Nunez-Sindelar

Prague, Czech Republic
Political Science major
Film Studies minor

Campbell Pair

Atlanta, Georgia – USA
International Relations major
History, Italian Studies and Legal
Studies minors

Blake Pasternack

Orange County, California – USA
Communication and Media Studies
major

Sofia Pessi

Milan, Italy
Psychology major

Marie Rasmason

Mendocino, California – USA
Environmental Studies major with an
Emphasis in Science
Psychology major

Hollis Robinson

Newport Beach, California – USA
Communication and Media Studies
major

Asia Martina Roveda

Milan, Italy
Psychology major

Amir Sakran

Benghazi, Libya
International Management major with
an Emphasis in Marketing

Kai Frances Sales

East Grinstead, United Kingdom
History major
Comparative Literary and Cultural
Studies and Postcolonial Studies
minors

Saleh Shokerat

Irbid, Jordan
International Management major with
an Emphasis in Finance

Letizia Stefani

Treviso, Italy
Communication and Media Studies
major
Art History and Visual Culture,
Marketing and Psychology minors
magna cum laude

Rachel Stephens

Fort Worth, Texas – USA
Political Science major
Applied Mathematics minor

Layla Tabbah

Damascus, Syria
International Relations major
French and Management minors

Gabriella Teerlynck-Aviles

Key Biscayne, Florida – USA
Environmental Studies major with an
Emphasis in Science
Psychology Major
magna cum laude

Peyton Warmack-Chipman

Austin, Texas – USA
International Relations major with an
Emphasis in Political Economy
French minor

Leo Williams

Kingston, Jamaica
Visual Communication Arts major
Film Studies and Psychology minors

Katrin Zender

Seattle, Washington - USA
Environmental Science major

All degree candidates have been confirmed by the faculty as eligible to graduate in December 2021, May or August 2022. In accordance with university policies and procedures, diplomas, honors, and award statuses will be conferred upon final verification that all degree requirements have been met.

ACADEMIC AWARDS



Communication and Media Studies

Natalia de Leon Tello
Letizia Stefani

Environmental Studies

Grace Elizabeth Kotnik
Gabriella Teerlynck-Aviles
Honorable Mention: Alejandra Malavenda



French

Natalia de Leon Tello

History

Milica Jovic
Kai Frances Sales

International Management

Giulia Castiglioni

International Marketing Management

Gloria Bruschi
Liz Menezes Pereira dos Santos

International Relations and Political Science

Natalia de Leon Tello
Honorable Mention: Campbell Pair

Italian

Campbell Pair

Psychology

Yara Al Nafea
Sofia Pessi

Visual Communication Arts

Christina Jisto
Leo Williams

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

**Founders Distinguished Teaching
Professorship**

To be announced

**Outstanding Graduate Student
Leadership Award**

Kristen Abberley

Presidential Leadership Award

Jonathan Bystrowski

Academic Excellence Award

Giulia Castiglioni

Gerta Holman Award

Kai Frances Sales



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Markus Imhoof,
Film Director and Screenwriter

Nikhil Seth,
United Nations Assistant Secretary-
General and Executive Director, United
Nations Institute for Training and
Research (UNITAR)

Ambassador Pio Wennubst ,
Permanent Representative of
Switzerland to the United Nations
Organization in Rome

MUSICIANS

Pablo Albir
Maria Elisa Aricò
Serena Flore
Alessandro Marino
Pau Martinez
Ana Cristina Molina Aponte
Sergio Notarangelo
Gabriele Pilato

Jesús Caro Serna, Director
Conservatorio della Svizzera Italiana,
Lugano

*Special thanks to all who contributed in
the planning and coordination of this year's
Commencement activities.*



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