



London and SOAS Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament Conference

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ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

- **Ambassador Jose Enrique Castillo Barrantes**

has been Costa Rica's Ambassador to the UK since 2015. Previously he served as Minister of Foreign Affairs. He was a professor at Universidad de Costa Rica and is author of a number of works on international relations and law.

- **Brian Becker**

is National Coordinator of the Answer Coalition, a United States anti-war and anti-racism organisation. Brian lives in Washington DC and is a commentator on US foreign affairs in the Middle East and Asia.

- **Huda Elmi**

is a member of Momentum National Coordinating Group. She is a Young Labour activist and part of Momentum's Black and Ethnic Minority caucus.

- **Jim Hoare**

was a UK diplomat who established the British Embassy in North Korea. Jim is an Associate Fellow of Chatham House, and an occasional broadcaster and writer on East Asia.

- **Bruce Kent**

is a veteran nuclear disarmament. Bruce was General Secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, 1980-5, and its chair from 1987-90. He remains active in CND and nowadays is a CND Vice President.

- **Murad Qureshi**

is chair of Stop the War Coalition UK. He was a Labour member of the Greater London Assembly, 2004-2016, and chair of its Environment Committee. He has been a regular contributor to *Tribune* magazine.

- **Sami Ramadani**

is a founder member of Iraqi Democrats. Sami was a political refugee from Saddam Hussein's regime. He is a *Guardian* contributor on the Middle East, and formerly a Senior Lecturer in sociology at London Metropolitan University.

- **Molly Scott Cato**

is the Green Party MEP for South West England since 2014. She is an economist and writer on green politics, and the party's speaker on economics and finance. Molly's special interests include renewable energy, peace and nuclear disarmament.

- **Kim Sharif**

is a lawyer and Director of Human Rights for Yemen. Kim is a campaigner against Saudi Arabia's intervention in Yemen.

- **Catherine West**

is the Labour MP for Hornsey and Wood Green since 2015 and a former as a Shadow Foreign Office Minister. Before that she was Leader of Islington Council, Catherine is a campaigner against nuclear weapons, and holds a master's degree in Chinese studies from SOAS.