

MRS. DRS. MARJAN LUCAS

Mrs. Marjan Lucas (Swalmen/The Netherlands, 1957) is member of staff of the IKV Pax Christi - Dutch Peace Organisation (www.ikvpaxchristi.nl), shortly said IPC. IPC is a national NGO involved in many conflict areas (Colombia, Sudan, Balkans, Middle East, Iraq, Caucasus, Kashmir, e.a.) aiming to support local independent activist who work on conflict transformation and democratisation 'from below' through strengthening civil society, advocacy and international lobby.

Since Fall of 2001, Lucas works as Projectmanager focussed on, and involved in, Kashmir. She visited Jammu & Kashmir and India, as well as Azad Kashmir and Pakistan regularly and participated in conferences in Geneva, Washington DC, Brussels, e.a. on the issue.

Untill joining the IPC staff in The Netherlands in 2001, Lucas worked and lived as International Liaison Officer in Bosnia-Herzegovina, specifically involved in the Truth and Justice Campaign of the survivors of the Srebrenica –genocide of 1995, and in post war reconstruction and rehabilitation of Bosnia in general.

Academic/profession/politics:

After graduating as psychologist in 1983 on Nijmegen University (Psychology of Politics, Culture and Religion), she was lecturing on Faculty for Women Studies (Feminism and anti-racism in Modern Western Ideology).

Since 1989 she worked with Somali community from the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti). From 1994 untill 1999 she was Regional Coordinator for Dutch Refugee Association, in charge of supporting political refugees and immigrants (trauma therapy and asylum jurisdiction).

Parallel to this, she was until 1995, active in local politics (Municipal Councillor in Nijmegen, city of 150.000 inhabitants) and national politics (National President of GroenLinks/Green Socialists). Her roots are the activism in European anti-apartheid- and womens' lib movement of the eighties.

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