

**Maria Luisa Rosal** (Panel Moderator) has been an organizer within the SOA Watch staff collective since 2013. A political refugee in the U.S. since she was a small girl, Maria Luisa and her family fled Guatemala during the height of the armed conflict, after the 1983 disappearance of her father. Maria Luisa earned her BA in Political Science from Virginia Commonwealth University, and earned her Master's in Human Rights and Democratization in Latin America and the Caribbean from the Universidad Nacional de San Martín in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**Camilio Mejia** is a War resister. Camilo was born in 1975 in Managua, Nicaragua and eventually moved with his family to Costa Rica and then to the United States. As a young man, he joined the US military after two semesters of college. When returned to school, after three years of active service, his studies were interrupted by a military assignment to Iraq. In 2003, after five months in active combat, including in the Al Asad detention center where detainees were routinely tortured, he was sent home on leave, from which he never returned, eventually denouncing the Iraq war as "immoral and criminal, a war of aggression, a war of imperial domination." He subsequently became a prisoner of conscience, and was jailed for desertion at Fort Sill military prison in Oklahoma. Mejia lives in Miami and continues to actively speak out against US imperialist wars and meddling in the affairs of other countries, including his native Nicaragua.

**Daira Quiñones** is an Afro-Colombian human rights defender, singer, and peace-builder. After being displaced from her ancestral lands in Tumaco, Colombia, Daira began organizing with other displaced Afro-Colombian, Indigenous and campesinx women in Bogotá, creating spaces of sharing and hope. Amidst escalating violence in post-accords Colombia, Daira works to build women-led movements and organizations that fight for complete reparations (including territory), and truth commissions that honestly examine crimes committed during the conflict, with direct participation of all victims.

**Nellie Jo David** is a Tohono O'odham environmental justice activist and member of the Tohono O'odham Hemajkam Rights Network (TOHRN). Her tribal lands have been crossed by the U.S./Mexico border wall. Nellie holds a Juris Doctorate and a certificate in indigenous law and policy from the University of Arizona, and does advocacy work for Indigenous Human Rights on the borderlands.