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HEMISPHERIC  
SECURITY CONFERENCE

MAY 9-10, 2024

LAC GOES GLOBAL  
THE REGION IN THE GLOBAL  
SECURITY CONTEXT

**FIU**

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# EXHIBITORS

**1** - Registration

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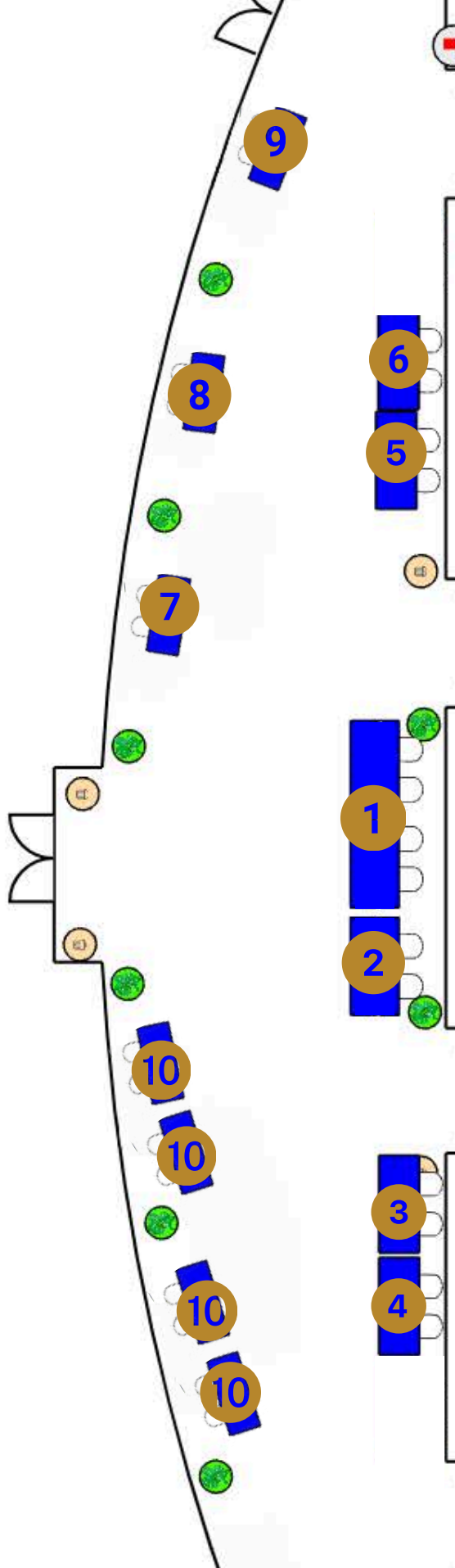
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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**GENERAL LAURA  
RICHARDSON**  
COMMANDER, U.S.  
SOUTHERN COMMAND



**SANTIAGO PEÑA  
PALACIOS**  
PRESIDENT OF PARAGUAY



**GENERAL TIM RAY,  
USAF (RET.)**  
PRESIDENT & CEO,  
BUSINESS EXECUTIVES  
FOR NATIONAL SECURITY



**DANIEL HADAD**  
FOUNDER & CEO,  
INFOBAE



**ADMIRAL CRAIG FALLER**  
FORMER COMMANDER,  
U.S. SOUTHERN  
COMMAND



**RAFAEL GROSSI**  
DIRECTOR GENERAL,  
INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC  
ENERGY AGENCY



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

## THURSDAY, MAY 9

- 8:00 - 9:00**      **LIGHT BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION**
- 9:00 - 9:05**      **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS WITH LELAND LAZARUS, JACK D. GORDON INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY, FIU & MARIO MONTOTO, TAEDA FOUNDATION**
- 9:05 - 9:10**      **WELCOME REMARKS WITH PRESIDENT KENNETH JESSELL, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**
- 9:10 - 10:20**      **FIRESIDE CHAT WITH U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND GENERAL LAURA RICHARDSON AND NSC SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS DANIEL ERIKSON**  
MODERATED BY: BRIAN FONSECA, JACK D. GORDON INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY, FIU
- 10:20 - 10:50**      **VIRTUAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS WITH PRESIDENT SANTIAGO PEÑA OF PARAGUAY**
- 10:50 - 11:20**      **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 11:20 - 11:50**      **FIRESIDE CHAT WITH GENERAL TIM RAY, BUSINESS EXECUTIVES OF NATIONAL SECURITY**  
MODERATED BY: DR. CARLOS DIAZ ROSILLO, ADAM SMITH CENTER FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM
- 11:50 - 12:50**      **ECONOMIC SECURITY AS NATIONAL SECURITY – THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR**  
PANELISTS:  
• NICK SCHUMANN, HSBC  
• MARIA LOURDES TERAN, COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS  
• TONY FRAZIER, LEO LABS  
• ÓSCAR ROCHA, FEMSA  
• DR. PATRICK ANTOINE, CARICOM PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATION  
MODERATED BY: YANINA KOGAN, TAEDA FOUNDATION
- 12:50 - 1:20**      **LUNCH**
- 1:20 - 2:20**      **LUNCHTIME FIRESIDE CHAT: MINISTERS OF DEFENSE (VIRTUAL)**  
PANELISTS:  
• LUIS PETRI OF ARGENTINA  
• OSCAR GONZÁLEZ CAÑETE OF PARAGUAY  
• JOSÉ MÚCIO MONTEIRO FILHO OF BRAZIL  
• GABRIEL GASPAS OF CHILE  
MODERATED BY: JASON MARCZAK, ATLANTIC COUNCIL

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 9

**2:20 - 3:20**

## **THE ROLE OF ALLIES AND PARTNERS IN HELPING BOOST LAC SECURITY**

### **PANELISTS:**

- PAUL NANTULYA, AFRICA CENTER FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES, NDU - VIRTUAL
- MANABU OHARA, JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY
- SYLVIA CESARATTO, CONSULATE GENERAL OF CANADA IN MIAMI
- COMMODORE STEPHEN ANDERSON, U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND - VIRTUAL

MODERATED BY: AARON ROSEN, WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL MIAMI

**3:20 - 3:50**

## **NETWORKING BREAK**

**3:50 - 4:50**

## **THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### **PANELISTS:**

- WILL FREEMAN, COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS
- VANDA FELBAB-BROWN, BROOKINGS INSTITUTION
- MARÍA PAULA ROMO, FORMER MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR
- CÉSAR RESTREPO, SECRETARY OF SECURITY COLOMBIA
- IVELAW GRIFFITH, CARIBBEAN POLICY CONSORTIUM

MODERATED BY: DUILIA TURNER, JACK D. GORDON INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY, FIU

**4:50 - 5:00**

## **DAY 1 WRAP-UP**

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

FRIDAY, MAY 10

- 7:45 - 8:30**      **LIGHT BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION**
- 8:30 - 8:45**      **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS WITH LELAND LAZARUS AND OPENING REMARKS WITH ADMIRAL CRAIG FALLER, FORMER COMMANDER OF U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND**
- 8:45 - 9:15**      **KEYNOTE ADDRESS WITH DANIEL HADAD, CEO AND FOUNDER OF INFOBAE**
- 9:15 - 10:15**      **EMERGING THREATS IN CYBERSPACE**  
PANELISTS:  
• RANDY PESTANA, JACK D. GORDON INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY, FIU  
• DAN RESTREPO, CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS  
• MONICA RUIZ, MICROSOFT  
• HUGO MIGUEL, ARGENTINE SPACE EXPERT  
• ROBERTA BRAGA, DIGITAL DEMOCRACY INSTITUTE OF THE AMERICAS  
MODERATED BY: MONTY MCGEE, EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE
- 10:15 - 10:30**      **FIU DASHBOARDS PRESENTATION**
- 10:30 - 11:00**      **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 11:00 - 12:00**      **THREATS AND OPPORTUNITIES WITH EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES**  
PANELISTS:  
• ALEXANDRE MUYL, CMA CGM  
• DR. MICHAEL MCGEE, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-EL PASO  
• GIBBS MCKINLEY, CENTER FOR NEW AMERICAN SECURITY  
• SÉRGIO ETCHEGOYEN, FORMER CHIEF MINISTER OF THE INSTITUTIONAL SECURITY OF BRAZIL  
• MAJOR GENERAL JOHN WHARTON, JACK D. GORDON INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY, FIU  
MODERATED BY: DONAVON JOHNSON, JACK D. GORDON INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY, FIU
- 12:00 - 12:30**      **LUNCH**
- 12:30 - 1:30**      **LUNCHTIME PANEL: HAITI'S FUTURE**  
PANELISTS:  
• MICHELLE AUSTIN PAMIES, ESQ, AUSTIN PAMIES NORRIS WEEKS POWELL, LLC  
• DR. PROSPERÉ CHARLES, TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY  
• WAZIM MOWLA, ATLANTIC COUNCIL - VIRTUAL  
• LESLIE VOLTAIRE, HAITI PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL - VIRTUAL  
MODERATED BY: JEFFSKY POINCY, PARTNERSGLOBAL

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

FRIDAY, MAY 10

**1:30 - 2:30**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES IMPACTING HEMISPHERIC SECURITY**

### **PANELISTS:**

- DR. CLAUDIA NATENZON, UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES/FLACSO
- ALEXIS BETHANCOURT, FORMER MINISTER OF SECURITY FOR PANAMA
- DR. PAUL ANGELO, WILLIAM J. PERRY CENTER
- AMBASSADOR RIYAD INSANALLY, CARIBBEAN POLICY CONSORTIUM

MODERATED BY: DR. MARIA DONOSO, UNESCO CHAIR ON SUSTAINABLE WATER SECURITY & INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENT, FIU

**2:30 - 3:30**

## **ENERGY AND STRATEGIC MINING**

### **PANELISTS:**

- RAUL JUNGSMANN, BRAZILIAN MINING INSTITUTE - VIRTUAL
- ALI RAHMAN, LITHIUM ENERGI EXPLORATION
- IGNACIO CELORRIO, LITHIUM ARGENTINA
- SCOTT MACDONALD, CARIBBEAN POLICY CONSORTIUM

MODERATED BY: DR. ANTHONY PEREIRA, KIMBERLY GREEN LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CENTER, FIU

**3:30 - 3:45**

## **NETWORKING BREAK**

**3:45 - 4:15**

## **FIRESIDE CHAT WITH ERIK BETHEL, FORMER U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WORLD BANK**

MODERATED BY: GUIDO TORRES, IRREGULAR WARFARE INITIATIVE

**4:15 - 5:15**

## **EXTRA-HEMISPHERIC ACTORS**

### **PANELISTS:**

- MARGARET MYERS, INTER-AMERICAN DIALOGUE - VIRTUAL
- EDDIE TAPIERO, RESEARCH COMMISSION OF THE LOGISTICS BUSINESS COUNCIL - VIRTUAL
- EVAN ELLIS, U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE
- VLADIMIR ROUVINSKI, ICESI - VIRTUAL
- FABIÁN CALLE, TAEDA FOUNDATION

MODERATED BY: JULIE ZENG, FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

**17:15 - 17:30**

## **CONFERENCE WRAP UP WITH DEAN SHLOMI DINAR, STEVEN J. GREEN SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, FIU**



# GUEST SPEAKERS



**Leland Lazarus** is the Associate Director of Research at Florida International University's Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy. He is the technical expert on China-Latin America relations. Prior to this role, he has served as the Special Assistant and Speechwriter to the Commander of U.S. Southern Command, where he advised the Commander on a broad spectrum of subjects, issues, and policy considerations related to China in Latin America and the Caribbean. He also helped develop SOUTHCOM's counter-PRC strategic messaging and provided focused support with operational and strategic research to the Commander. He has also served as a State Department Foreign Service Officer, as Deputy Public Affairs Officer at U.S. Embassy Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean; Consular Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Shenyang, China; Pickering Fellow at U.S. Embassy Beijing; and the China Desk in DC.



**Mario Montoto** is President of the TAEDA Foundation and TAEDA Publishing House. He leads these specialized entities in organizing events and seminars addressing global strategic issues such as natural resources, technology, and sustainable development with technological innovation. Additionally, he is responsible for the DEF Magazine, a monthly publication covering topics of Latin American interest related to regional growth, environment, energy, defense, public security, science, and technology. Throughout his career, he also serves as the President of the Argentine-Israeli Chamber of Commerce. Moreover, Montoto is a shareholder in various companies developing solutions and systems, applying technology to public safety and defense.



**Dr. Kenneth A. Jessell** is the president of Florida International University. He was unanimously approved by the FIU Board of Trustees as president-designate on Oct. 17, 2022, and confirmed by the Florida Board of Governors on Nov. 9, 2022, as the sixth president of FIU. Prior to his appointment as interim president in January of 2022, Dr. Jessell served as Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer at FIU from 2009-2022. At this position, he was responsible for the management and administration of financial, facility and business service operations of the university. Dr. Jessell is also a professor of finance in the College of Business Administration at FIU. Prior to his time at FIU, Dr. Jessell served as the Senior Vice President for Financial Affairs at Florida Atlantic University.



**General Laura J. Richardson** is a native of Northglenn, Colorado and a graduate of Metropolitan State University of Denver, Colorado. She was commissioned into the U.S. Army and trained as an Army Aviator. She holds a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University's Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy. General Richardson previously served as the Commanding General of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army) at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, which is the Army Service Component Command for U.S. Northern Command. Other assignments as a General Officer include Deputy Commanding General of U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Chief of Army Legislative Liaison to the U.S. Congress in Washington D.C.



# GUEST SPEAKERS



**Daniel P. Erikson** is the Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs. He was previously Managing Director at Blue Star Strategies, LLC, where he led the firm's Latin American practice. He was also a Senior Fellow at the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement. He has also served in the White House as Special Advisor to the Vice President, where he focused on Western Hemisphere Affairs and covered foreign affairs and national security issues. In addition to his U.S. government experience, he has held senior positions in the private sector, think tanks, and academia. He has been published widely on a range of topics related to international and Latin American and Caribbean affairs and has testified before the U.S. Congress.



**Brian Fonseca** is the Director of the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy at FIU's Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs. He serves as the Institute's technical expert for national security and foreign policy. His analysis has been featured in local and national media, including ABC, BBC, Bloomberg, Fox News, MSNBC, and the Miami Herald. He also serves as WSVN-Fox 7's on-air political expert. He joined the Gordon Institute in 2015 after serving as director of operations at FIU's Applied Research Center, where he led the center's expansion into national security and cybersecurity research initiatives. Prior, he served as the senior research manager for socio-cultural analysis at U.S. Southern Command. From 1997 to 2004, he served in the United States Marine Corps and facilitated the training of foreign military forces in both hostile theaters and during peacetime operations.



**President Santiago Peña Palacios** was born on November 16, 1978, in the city of Asunción, Capital of the Republic of Paraguay and is the youngest president of the democratic era to occupy the presidential seat. The President has been married for 25 years to Leticia Ocampos, an architect by profession. He became a father at the age of 17 and has two children, Gonzalo and Costanza. After studying Economics at the Nuestra Señora de la Asunción Catholic University, he obtained the title of economist and later traveled to the United States, where he completed a master's degree in Public Administration at Columbia University in New York.



**General Tim Ray, USAF (Ret.)** is a highly decorated, retired United States Air Force Four-Star General officer who most recently served as Commander of Air Force Global Strike Command. Concurrently he served as the Commander of Air Forces Strategic-Air, United States Strategic Command with a focus on strategy and operational excellence. He served as a member of the Air Force's "Corporate Board" team of senior leaders, shaping future force structure, modernization, and budget priorities for the United States Air Force. General Ray is widely recognized for developing, fielding, operating, and sustaining security capabilities as a result of his vast experience and insights across multiple disciplines: technology development and acquisition, joint and combined military operations from the tactical to the strategic, executive leadership, civil-military relationships, and international security.

# GUEST SPEAKERS



**Dr. Carlos Díaz-Rosillo** is the Founding Director of the Adam Smith Center for Economic Freedom. He is an accomplished educator, administrator, political and policy entrepreneur and strategist, public communicator, and former senior government official. His areas of expertise include presidential power, policymaking and policy implementation, and national security policy. He has worked at the highest levels of the United States government, serving as Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Policy and Interagency Coordination at the White House, Senior Deputy Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. He also served as a senior member of the 2016-2017 presidential transition.



**Nick Schumann** enlisted in the US Army Reserve in 2003 and gained a direct commission as an officer in 2007. He currently serves as a Major in the US Army Reserve with more than 19 years of service. As a Reservist, Nick is currently attached to United States Southern Command (Southcom), which is based in Miami, FL. He is also a student at the Command & General Staff College. After a couple deployments to the Middle East while enlisted, and after gaining his commission and going through the Officer Basic Course and functional area school, Nick began looking for roles in the public sector. Luckily, he was able to join the US Treasury's Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, the Treasury's national security division. Nick was hired into this role by a fellow Army veteran he had served with in Kuwait.



**Maria Lourdes Teran** is Vice President of the Americas Society/Council of the Americas and head of the AS/COA Miami office. With over 25 years of experience working with Latin America, she leads business-relevant public policy programs in Miami engaging public- and private-sector leaders, NGOs, foundations, and academics on a range of business and policy issues as well as C-level leadership forums for CEOs and CFOs of major multinationals and multinational companies across the Western Hemisphere. Teran leads corporate membership, strategic partnerships, and alliances for AS/COA Miami, in addition to building the BRAVO Leadership Forums series and the annual Symposium & BRAVO Business Awards and in-country programs in Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, and Peru.



**Tony Frazier** is the CEO of LeoLabs, which focuses on space domain awareness and space situational awareness. Prior, he was the Executive Vice President and General Manager of Public Sector Earth Intelligence at Maxar Technologies. He also serves on the Board of Iridium Communications, a pioneer in the commercial satellite communications as the Audit Committee Chair, and Auria Space a middle tier government services firm backed by Enlightenment Capital that is bringing innovation to space and missile defense.

# GUEST SPEAKERS



**Oscar Eduardo Rocha** is the Director of Social Studies at FEMSA. He also currently chairs the Security and Justice Commission of the Nuevo León Council. He has worked in areas of social communication at the Secretariat of Programming and Budget and at the Presidency of the Republic (88-92), and has served as Minister for Special Affairs at the Embassy of Mexico in Washington DC (95-2000) and was advisor to the Secretary of Finance and Public Credit on national security matters (2000). Between 2001 and 2005 he organized different academic activities, including the Diploma in National Security at ITAM, and was a business consultant. In 2005 he joined the Center for Investigation and National Security, and later became part of the Federal Police, and the Attorney General's Office, where he established and directed the SIEDO's communications intervention center. In 2010 he left public service and took over the Asset Protection Directorate of Walmart de Mexico. He currently chairs the Security and Justice Commission of the Nuevo León Council.



**Patrick Antoine** is the Chief Executive Officer and Technical Director of the CARICOM Private Sector Organization (CPSO) Secretariat, the most recent Associate Institution of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), which serves to mobilize private sector participation in the CARICOM Institutionalality. Prior, he has a plethora of experience in Caribbean affairs, as Lead Technical Advisor, Regional Negotiating Machinery, CARICOM Negotiator Agriculture and Market Access, Ambassador to the World Trade Organization; Ambassador to CARICOM; Ambassador to the OECS; Grenada's Trade and Economic Commissioner to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; Ambassador with responsibility for External Negotiations, and Chief Economic and Policy Advisor to the Government of Grenada. Dr. Antoine was appointed Special Advisor to the Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) between 2018-2020.



**Yanina Kogan** is the Director of the TAEDA Foundation. As the Foundation's Director, she leads training and cooperation programs in strategic areas such as connectivity, climate change, and inclusive development. Her previous experience includes directing the Argentine-Israeli Chamber of Commerce, where she planned and executed networking programs nationally and internationally, and at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, where she coordinated key meetings during Argentina's Pro Tempore Presidency of Mercosur and led communication strategies for prominent events. She holds a Master's degree in International Relations and Negotiations from FLACSO, University of San Andrés, and University of Barcelona, a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Buenos Aires.



**Minister Luis Alfonso Petri** is the Minister of Defense of Argentina under President Javier Milei. Previously, from 2013 to 2021, he was a National Deputy of the Mendoza Province and has served as a member of the National Congress, he was a member of the Legislature of Mendoza from 2006 to 2013.



# GUEST SPEAKERS



**Minister Oscar González Cañete** is the Minister of National Defense of Paraguay. In his military career, he has held the positions of Platoon Commander, Company Commander, Chief of Staff of the Presidential Escort Regiment, Commander of the Security Battalion of the Presidential Escort Regiment, Head of Security of the Residence facilities Presidential "Mburuvichá Roga", Head of Security of the First Lady of the Nation, Director of the Army Language Institute, Head of the Military Cabinet of the Ministry of National Defense, Secretary General of the Ministry of National Defense and Defense Attaché of the Embassy of the Republic of Paraguay in the Plurinational State of Bolivia. He has taught at the Institute of Higher Strategic Studies (IAEE), at the Army Command and General Staff School and at the Officers' Improvement School. In 2015 he was promoted to Army General and in 2016 he retired; When the general elections in 2023 resulted in Santiago Peña as the winner, the president appointed him head of the Ministry of National Defense.



**Minister José Mucio Monteiro Filho** is the Minister of Defense of Brazil. He is a civil engineer graduated from the Polytechnic School of the University of Pernambuco (UPE) in 1971. Prior, he has served in elected terms as mayor of the Pernambuco municipality of Rio Formoso (1982 to 1983) and federal deputy (1991 to 2011). Among his main parliamentary activities, he was national president of the PFL (1992 to 1993); PTB leader in the Chamber of Deputies; and leader of the Government, from March 7, 2007 to November 30, 2007. In his public career, he held many positions of leadership, to include President of Companhia Energética de Pernambuco (Celpe) in 1983; secretary of Transport, Communication and Energy of the State of Pernambuco (1983 to 1986); municipal secretary of Planning, Urbanism and Environment of Recife (1997 to 1998); and head minister of the Secretariat of Institutional Relations of the Presidency of the Republic (2007 to 2009).



**Ambassador Gabriel Gaspar** is the former Undersecretary of Defense of Chile, serving from 2022-2023. Prior, he has served the Chilean government as Ambassador on Chile's Special mission to Bolivia's maritime demand to the Hague; Undersecretary for the Chilean Armed Forces; Ambassador to Cuba, Colombia; and Undersecretary of War of Chile. He is also the author of numerous publications in universities and academic centers in Latin America, Europe and Russia. He has also taught classes in the Army War academies, the Chilean Air Force, National for Political and Strategic Studies (ANEPE) of the Ministry of Defense of Chile, and the Chilean Diplomas and the Institute of Political Science of the University of Chile. He has also served as an international consultant and analyst in national and international media on Latin American political current affairs, security and defense, neighborhood relations and integration issues.



**Jason Marczak** is Vice President and Senior Director of the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center. He joined the Council in 2013 to launch the center and set the strategic direction for its work. Marczak has over twenty years of expertise in regional economics, politics, and development, working with high-level policymakers and private-sector executives to shape public policy. Under his leadership, the Latin America Center delivers constructive, results-oriented solutions to advance hemispheric prosperity and is a regular venue for heads of state, cabinet-level officials, and other public- and private-sector leaders to build consensus on regional priorities and the broader global linkages. He recently co-edited a book on the future of the US-Colombia relationship, led groundbreaking work on the economic gains of reducing wait time at the US-Mexico border, and shaped efforts to map a post-COVID regional recovery.

# GUEST SPEAKERS



**Paul Nantulya** is a Research Associate at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies and the National Defense University, specializing in Governance, mediation, peace processes, peacekeeping, and East Africa. His areas of expertise include Chinese foreign policy, China/Africa relations, African partnerships with Southeast Asian countries, mediation and peace processes, the Great Lakes region, and East and Southern Africa. Prior to joining the Africa Center, he served as a regional technical advisor on South Sudan for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) from 2009 to 2011, where he supported crisis mitigation for the Government of South Sudan including writing policy analyses for the Ministry of Peace and Comprehensive Peace Agreement Implementation.



**Manabu Ohara** is the Director General of the Latin America and the Caribbean Department at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).



**Ms. Sylvia Cesaratto** is a multi-lingual senior executive with the Canadian government with extensive overseas experience in delivering Canada's foreign policy, international business and international development priorities. She has a proven track record in leading multicultural and multi-functional teams to deliver results on behalf of stakeholders (government, business, citizens). She has led teams providing strategic advice to senior decision-makers as well as policy recommendations on advancing bilateral relations with international partners, including enhancing relations with Canada's North American neighbours: Mexico and the United States. She has had 4 prior international assignments, with her first to South Africa following the lifting of economic sanctions. Other overseas assignments have included London, UK; Brussels, Belgium and from 2011 to 2015 as Canada's Ambassador to Panama.



**Commodore Stephen Anderson** is the Deputy Director J5 for Allied Integration in US Southern Command. He joined the Royal Navy in 1998 as an aviator, with the first-stage of his career spent mainly at sea in Frigates and Destroyers. In Command, he was the Executive Officer of HMS DAUNTLESS before commanding the Type 23 Frigate HMS SUTHERLAND on sustained Towed Array Patrols in the North Atlantic during periods of resurgence in underwater activity by Russia. He has served with multiple headquarters at the tactical, operational and strategic level including the UK Maritime Battlestaff, the UK Permanent Joint Headquarters, appointed as an Officer of the most excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Her Majesty the Queen in 2018, in Navy Command HQ as the desk officer for future maritime aviation, and in Ministry of Defence as a maritime lead in Crisis and Commitments.

# GUEST SPEAKERS



**Aaron Rosen** serves as President of the World Affairs Council of Miami and Director, U.S. and Global Sales at Rescue Metal Framing. Prior to returning home to South Florida, Aaron researched international technology policy and Russian affairs with the Alfa Fellowship Program in Moscow. He previously worked as a Washington, D.C.-based specialist in U.S. foreign policy for MUFU Bank, formerly the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, and completed a graduate fellowship with the European Parliament in Brussels. He holds a dual masters concentrated on U.S. foreign policy and international history from George Washington University and the London School of Economics, and holds a bachelors in international relations and comparative politics from the University of Central Florida.



**Will Freeman** is a fellow for Latin America studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). His work focuses on the rule of law, corruption and organized crime in Latin America, as well as U.S.-Latin America relations. His writing has appeared in Foreign Affairs, the New York Times, the Economist, the Journal of Democracy, the Washington Post, and Americas Quarterly, where he writes a monthly column. Prior to joining CFR, he was a Fulbright-Hays Scholar in Colombia, Peru, and Guatemala, where he researched judiciaries' efforts to sanction grand corruption. During his graduate studies, he worked with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Western Hemisphere subcommittee. He holds a PhD and MA in politics from Princeton University and a BA in political science from Tufts University.



**Vanda Felbab-Brown** is a senior fellow in the Strobe Talbott Center for Security, Strategy, and Technology in the Foreign Policy program at Brookings. She is the director of the Initiative on Nonstate Armed Actors. She is also the co-director of the Africa Security Initiative and the Brookings series on opioids: "The Opioid Crisis in America: Domestic and International Dimensions." Previously, she was the co-director of the Brookings project, "Improving Global Drug Policy: Comparative Perspectives Beyond UNGASS 2016," as well as of another Brookings project, "Reconstituting Local Orders." Felbab-Brown is an expert on international and internal conflicts and nontraditional security threats, including insurgency, organized crime, urban violence, and illicit economies.



**María Paula Romo** is former Minister of Government of Ecuador, 2018-2020. She was a member of the Constituent Assembly that crafted Ecuador's current Constitution between 2007 and 2008 and later won a seat at the National Assembly of Ecuador for the period of 2009-2013. She is an Ecuadorian lawyer with master's degree in government and public administration. She has also served as a Dean of Jurisprudence and Social Sciences of the International University of Ecuador.



# GUEST SPEAKERS



**César Restrepo** is the new Secretary of Security of Bogotá. César is a professional in Government and International Relations from the Externado University of Colombia, where he was also a professor of the national defense department. He has a master's degree in Strategic Studies and International Security from the University of Granada in Spain and was a lecturer at the Colombian War College, the Brazilian War College, the Center for Strategic Defense Studies, the Peace Research Institute of Stockholm -SIPRI- and the Brenthurst Foundation of South Africa.



**Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith** is a Fellow with the Caribbean Policy Consortium and Global Americans, and a Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Senior Associate. He originated the concept of Geonarcotics in the early 1990s as a way to study the complex relationship involving drugs, geography, power, and politics, outlining it first in International Journal, Canada's leading international affairs scholarly publication. He has also served as former Dean to the FIU Honors College.



**Duilia "Dui" Turner** is a Leadership and Foreign Affairs Advisor with a special interest in Latin America and the Caribbean. As an international speaker and lecturer, she has collaborated with the United Nations, the Organization of American States, the Wilson Center, and the Special Operations Community. She is also a non-resident senior fellow for the Women in International Security (WIIS) and a contributing author and editor for multiple publications, including "Twenty Years, Twenty Stories: Women, Peace, and Security in the Western Hemisphere" and "Culture Shock: Leadership Lessons from the Military's Diplomatic Corps."



**Admiral Craig Faller** is a retired four star United States Navy Admiral with nearly four decades of global leadership experience. Faller most recently led United States Southern Command where he was responsible for U.S. military operations in Latin America and the Caribbean with the primary objective of forging strong security partnerships. He has served in the Middle East and Indo-Pacific regions both on large staffs and in Command of a United States Navy Carrier Strike Group and two warships. He has extensive Washington, DC experience in the Pentagon and with Congress as the Department of the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs (lead representative to Congress on behalf of the leadership of the Navy). In the Pentagon he served as the senior military assistant to the Secretary of Defense.

# GUEST SPEAKERS



**Daniel Hadad** is CEO and Founder of Infobae, one of LATAM's most successful pure-player media outlets. He is also the founder of Radio 10, Mega, Vale, TKM, Pop and Amadeus, as well as of C5N news channel. Daniel is a lawyer graduated from Universidad Católica in Argentina, where he also graduated as journalist. He holds a Post-degree in Information Science at the University of Navarra in Spain, and was granted a scholarship in the US by the "Fundación Universitaria del Río de la Plata". In 1992, he was received the "Outstanding young men of the year" Award granted by "Camara Junior".



**Randy Pestana** serves as Director of Cybersecurity Policy at the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and the Director of Education and Training at Cybersecurity@FIU. In these roles, he is responsible for managing the institutes cyber-related partnerships to include U.S. Departments of Commerce, Defense, Homeland Security, Labor, State, and Veterans Affairs, the Organization of American States (OAS), and numerous industry partners across the cybersecurity community. His technical specialization is in International Relations with focuses on U.S. foreign policy, security studies, and cybersecurity. Most of his work has been linked to cybersecurity education, training, and workforce development, as well as international security threats facing the United States and its partners and allies.



**Dan Restrepo** is a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress. For nearly six years and through two presidential campaigns, he served as the principal advisor to President Barack Obama on issues related to Latin America, the Caribbean, and Canada, serving as special assistant to the president and senior director for Western Hemisphere affairs at the National Security Council from March 2009 to July 2012 and as an advisor to and surrogate for Obama for America during the 2008 and 2012 campaigns. Previously, he created and directed The Americas Project—focused on Latin America and on the role of Hispanics in the United States, their future, and the implications for public policy.



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**Hugo Miguel** is the Under-Secretary of Planning in the Information and Communication Technologies Secretariat, under the Modernization Government Secretariat. He holds a degree in Systems with a specialization in Telecommunications. He brings a wealth of experience from his tenure as a retired Officer of the Argentine Navy, where he focused on Submarines and honed his expertise in Communications and Electronic Warfare. Additionally, he completed the Management Development Program at IAE (Universidad Austral, Argentina), further enhancing his operational analysis skills. With over two decades of experience, he has successfully managed IT and Telecommunications projects at both national and international levels, spanning across the Public and Private sectors.



**Roberta Braga** is the Founder and Executive Director of the Digital Democracy Institute of the Americas. Previously, she was Director of Counter-Disinformation Strategies at Equis Institute, Deputy Director for Programs and Outreach at the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center, and Manager for Global Content and Campaigns at the law firm Baker McKenzie. She was named as one of 50 "Top Women in Cybersecurity Americas" by Latinas in Cyber and WOMCY in 2023. She was a Penn Kemble Fellow at the National Endowment for Democracy from 2021 to 2022, and a Cyber Fellow with Young Professionals in Foreign Policy in the same year.



**Monty McGee** is the Director of Cyber Partnerships & Engagement with the Edison Electric Institute where he leads a range of activities to strengthen cybersecurity across the electric sector. He is also an adjunct professor at American University where he teaches graduate cybersecurity courses. McGee also works to enhance the cybersecurity of state and local organizations by serving in the Virginia Defense Force's special cyber unit. Previously, as the Associate Director of the Cyber Readiness Institute, McGee advised hundreds of small and medium-sized companies on practical cyber enhancements to secure their operations and third-party relationships. Before CRI, he led Booz Allen Hamilton's expert team supporting the DoD Chief Information Security Officer's cybersecurity engagement with international allies and partners.



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**Dr. Michael McGee** is a Senior Research Associate with the Aerospace Center at University of Texas at El Paso. He is also a adjunct senior policy researcher at the RAND Corporation, where he focuses on civil and military aviation, defense, and security related subjects for the DoD and other government agencies. His research focus is on operational autonomous and counter-autonomous systems. He is retired from the Air Force, where he served as an F-16 pilot, with multiple combat and command tours, as well as 4 years as an instructor pilot in the F-16 division of the Air Force Fighter Weapons School. Within civilian aviation, he had been an FAA CFI, CFII, and MEI, and has served as President for an FAA-certified Part 135 Air Carrier.



**Gibbs McKinley** is a Research Associate for the Executive Team at CNAS. Her work encompasses U.S. national security, the history of U.S. foreign policy, and global threats to democracy. Gibbs previously worked on the Countering Foreign Authoritarian Influence program in the Center for Global Impact at the International Republican Institute. She also has prior experience working on transatlantic relations, both for the Transatlantic Security Program at CNAS and at the Center on the United States and Europe at the Brookings Institution. She previously interned with the U.S. Department of State at Embassy Valletta, Malta.



**Sérgio Westphalen Etchegoyen** is a Brazilian general and former Secretary of Institutional Security, during the presidency of Michel Temer.



**Major General John Wharton** is a Senior Fellow at the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and also serves as Senior Advisor at The Chertoff Group and advises many U.S. Government Departments and Agencies. He is currently a public and private sector advisor to numerous industries, universities, and governments. His focus is on technology acceleration in support of national priorities and homeland security. He remains highly active in national programs, nation building and technologies across all sectors to include infrastructure, energy, transportation, agriculture, healthcare, and telecommunications. Internationally, he advises and develops strategies for countries to position them and assure their economic stability and future. He is widely known in the U.S. Department of State, USAID, and the United Nations for his work in support of humanitarian assistance, sustainable development goals, nation building, peacekeeping, and peacemaking operations.

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**Dr. Donavon Johnson** is an assistant professor of public policy and administration. He is a Fulbright Scholar from the Global South with dynamic research interests. One tranche of his research examines the consequences of administrative burdens bureaucratic encounters and policy making. He connects these literatures to research on, implementation, program evaluation, and social equity to raise questions related to understanding how administrative burdens disrupt Public Administration's role as an enabler of democracy and good governance.



**Michelle Austin Pamies, Esq.** is a founding partner of Austin Pamies Norris Weeks Powell, LLC, as well as a founding member of the Haitian American Foundation for Democracy (HAFFD). She serves as a facilitator for the discussions in the Security Working Group, a collaborative initiative between the Haitian American Foundation For Democracy (HAFFD) and Florida International University (FIU). Her legal practice primarily involves representing municipalities and businesses, handling their transactional and litigation needs, as well as providing legal advice and counsel. Before joining the Firm, Michelle worked for 8 years as Senior Corporate Counsel – Commercial Law in Union Pacific Railroad Company's Law Department.



**Dr. Prosperé Charles** is a professor at Tuskegee University, as well as a research professor of economics and security systems at the University Quisqueya in Haiti. Charles is a public policy and development expert specializing in economic development in marginalized areas, strengthening public institutions, security, and good governance. He is a Member of the National Commission on Science, Technology, and Innovation in Haiti under the Ministry of Education, a former Political and Economic Consultant Advisor for the Governor of Chris Christie in New Jersey, a former US Operation Research Specialist for the US Navy, and a Management Consultant for many Fortune 100 companies such as Merck Pharmaceuticals and Bayer and is the founder and President of 1804 Institute, a Haitian American Think Tank in Washington DC.



**Wazim Mowla** is the Associate Director and fellow of the Caribbean Initiative at the Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center, and a Non-Resident Scholar at the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy at FIU. He leads the development and execution of the initiative's programming, including the Financial Inclusion Task Force, the US-Caribbean Consultative Group, the PACC 2030 Working Group, and the Caribbean Energy Working Group. Since joining the Council, Mowla has co-authored major publications on the strategic importance of sending US COVID-19 vaccines to the Caribbean, strategies to address financial de-risking, and how the United States can advance new policies to support climate and energy resilience. As part of his work on the Caribbean, Mowla was called to provide Congressional testimony to the US House Financial Services Committee on financial de-risking.

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**Leslie Voltaire** is a member of the Haiti Presidential Council, an advisor to the Lavalas political organization and is on the Executive Board of the Montana Accord. He is an architect and urban planner who has been involved in both large-scale and small-scale urban renewal projects. As a lifelong democracy advocate, Mr. Leslie Voltaire has held several high-level government positions since the 1990s: Minister of Education, Minister of Haitians Living Abroad, Special Envoy to the UN, Chief of Staff to President Aristide, Member of Transitional Democracy Councils in 1990 and 2004.



**Jeffsky Poincy** is a Program Manager at PartnersGlobal, an international non-governmental organization with a global footprint. In this role, he collaborates with local implementing partners and the Partners Network across Africa and Eastern Europe on projects related to accountable governance, civil society strengthening, conflict transformation, and peacebuilding. He brings over 7 years of multisectoral experience in economic development, strategic planning, program management, and policy development in Haiti. Born and raised in Haiti, has emerged as a Policy Specialist driven by a commitment to transformative change. His academic journey led him to Duke's Sanford School of Public Policy in the United States, where he earned a master's degree in public policy and international development with a specialized focus on Governance and a graduate certificate in Latin American Studies.



**Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi** of the IAEA assumed office as the Agency's sixth Director General on 3 December 2019. In September 2023 the IAEA's 67th General Conference approved by acclamation his re-appointment to serve a second four-year term of office starting 3 December 2023. Mr Grossi is a diplomat with almost 40 years of experience in the fields of non-proliferation and disarmament. In 2013, he was appointed Ambassador of Argentina to Austria and Argentine Representative to the IAEA and other Vienna-based International Organizations. Before assuming office as the IAEA's Director General, Mr Grossi was president-designate of the 2020 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), and from 2014 to 2016 served as president of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG).



**Dr. Claudia Natenzon** was born in 1952 at La Plata, Argentina. Married, one son. Geographer in 1975 at the Philosophy and Literature School, Buenos Aires University, Argentina. Doctor in Geography at the University of Seville, Spain, in 2000. With professional and research experience since 1977 in public and private institutions -national and international- in the following matters: 1) Catastrophic floods, risk and vulnerability; 2) Natural protected areas like development factor to the local population.



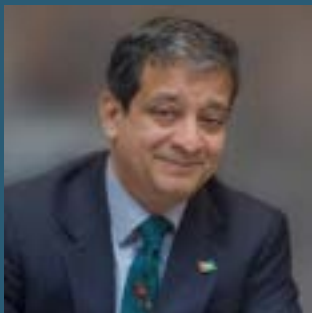
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**Dr. Paul J. Angelo** assumed his position as Director of the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies on June 21, 2022, following his selection by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. His previous work at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) included roles as Fellow for Latin America studies and as an International Affairs Fellow. There he focused on US-Latin American relations, transnational crime, security assistance, and immigration. During his tenure as an International Affairs Fellow, he also represented the US Department of State at the US Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where he managed the ambassador's security and justice portfolio.



**Minister Alexis Betancourt** is former Minister of Public Security of Panama, serving from 2016-2018. Prior, he was Director of the Financial Analysis Unit (UAF), with over two decades of expertise in financial security, and worked with the Ministries of the Presidency and Economy and Finance, among many other government positions. He graduated from the Colegio Militar de la Nación, in Argentina.



**Ambassador Riyad Insanally** is a Fellow at the Caribbean Policy Consortium. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Caribbean Initiative at the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center. He was Guyana's Ambassador to the United States and permanent representative to the Organization of American States (OAS) from September 2016 to June 2021. He was also previously Guyana's nonresident ambassador-designate to Mexico. As a career diplomat for over thirty-one years, he received Guyana's third-highest award, the Cacique's Crown of Honour in 2019 for his long and distinguished service in the field of diplomacy and international relations. He is currently an associate of the University of Guyana Foundation, an inaugural member of the Presidential Precinct's Global Advisory Council in Charlottesville, Virginia, and an honorary associate fellow of the Centre for Caribbean Studies at the University of Warwick, UK.



**Dr. Maria Concepcion Donoso** is presently coordinating the International Programs for the Institute of Environment at Florida International University (FIU). Dr. Donoso's research and professional interests are in integrated water resources management, air-sea-land interaction processes, and in climate change and variability impacts on the natural environment (with main interest in water resources) and society. Dr. Donoso has a BS and an MS in Civil engineering from the People's Friendship University (Moscow, Russia) and an MS in Ocean Engineering from University of Miami (Miami, Fl., USA). She has pursued doctoral (PhD) studies at the Rosenstiel School of Miami and at the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education. Dr. Donoso has a Doctor Degree (Doctor Honoris Causa) from the Universidad Federico Villarreal (Lima, Peru).

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**Raul Belens Jungmann Pinto** has been the CEO of the Brazilian Mining Institute (IBRAM) since March 2022. He brings all his experience to lead the Institute and the associated mining companies to structure a bold process of transformation of the Brazilian mineral sector, in order to make it even safer, sustainable and responsible. Raul Jungmann's professional and political careers intertwine over the years. Among the most remarkable passages in his history, the periods in which he was Minister of State for four terms stand out, in the portfolios of Land Policy (1996-1999), Agrarian Development (1999-2002), Defense (2016-2018) and Public Security (2018-2019). He was a congressman for three terms: 2003-2006; 2007-2010; 2015-2018.



**Ali Rahman** currently serves as General Counsel for the Global Oil Management Group and a Senior Fellow at the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy. Mr. Rahman also sits on the board of a number of companies with operations in MENA and Latin America. He has long-standing experience in high-level geopolitics with relationships spanning multiple regions, including Latin America, MENA, West Africa, and the Balkans. Additionally, Ali has strong expertise in petroleum products economics, upstream, downstream and midstream infrastructure and logistics. At the Global Oil Management Group, Mr. Rahman provides leadership and oversight to key projects in the United States, Latin America, Europe, and the Middle East.



**Ignacio Celorrio** has over 25 years of experience counseling international clients in legal and institutional affairs in the mining sector, and has been honored for his excellent service by Chambers & Partners, Best Lawyers, and Who's Who Legal. Through his practice, Mr. Celorrio has engaged with federal and provincial authorities, NGOs, and other civic society participants in every Argentine mining province, as well as with several Canadian and Australian institutions. In addition to belonging to several legal and mining associations, he has been a Board Member of the Argentine Chamber of Mining Entrepreneurs for more than 10 years. He was Executive Vice-President of Latin America for Lithium Americas before assuming his current position with Lithium Argentina. He is currently the Chair of Administrative Law at the University of Argentine Social Museum, and holds degrees from the Argentine Catholic University and Austral University, as well as a law degree from the University of Buenos Aires Law School.



**Scott B. MacDonald** is a Fellow with the Caribbean Policy Consortium, and chief economist at Smith's Research & Gratings. Prior to that, he was the head of research at MC Asset Management LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Corporation (2012-2015); head of credit and economic research at Aladdin Capital Management in Stamford, Connecticut (2000-2011); chief economist for KWR International (1999-2000); director of sovereign research at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette (1994-1998); sovereign risk analyst and director at Credit Suisse (1992-1994); and an international economic adviser in the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington, D.C. (1988-1992). He is the author or editor of 19 books and numerous articles on economic affairs, covering events in the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, Asia, and North America.

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**Dr. Anthony Pereira** is the Director of the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center at Florida International University. From 2010 to 2020 he was the founding director of the Brazil Institute at King's College London. His research interests include authoritarianism and democracy, human rights, public security policy, environmental issues, and international relations in Latin America and the Caribbean. He has held positions at the New School for Social Research, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, Tulane University, and the University of East Anglia, including being a visiting professor in the Department of Political Science at the Federal University of Pernambuco and at the Institute of International Relations at the University of São Paulo in Brazil.



**Erik Bethel** is a global finance professional with experience in the private and public sectors. In 2020 he was nominated to serve as the U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Panama. Previously, he was nominated by the president and confirmed unanimously by the Senate to represent the United States at the World Bank. At the World Bank, Mr. Bethel participated in the analysis and deployment of over \$100 billion of capital in the developing world through grants, loans, equity investments, and other financial products. Earlier in his career, Mr. Bethel worked as an investment banker and private equity professional focused on emerging markets. He was a managing director at Franklin Templeton Investments, where he executed private equity transactions in Latin America. Prior to this, he was based in Shanghai, China, as managing partner of SinoLatin Capital and managing director of ChinaVest.



**Guido Torres** is the COO of IWI and a national security professional with over two decades of experience working on sensitive intelligence and special operations, supporting military and interagency campaigns. He is a Department of Defense Civilian and was a National Security Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center (2022-2023), where he worked with the Defense, Emerging Technology, and Strategy Project. Guido is also a Nonresident Senior Fellow in the Forward Defense practice of the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security. Prior to joining the civil service in 2014, Guido served in the US Army, focusing on the Indo-Pacific and the Western Hemisphere. His expertise includes Latin America and the Caribbean, counterterrorism, strategic competition, and irregular warfare.



**Margaret Myers** is the Director of the Asia & Latin America Program at the Inter-American Dialogue. She established the Dialogue's China and Latin America Working Group in 2011 to examine China's growing presence in Latin America and the Caribbean. Myers also developed the China-Latin America Finance Database, the only publicly available source of empirical data on Chinese state lending in Latin America, in cooperation with Global China Initiative at Boston University's Global Development Policy Center. In addition to maintaining the Dialogue's China and Latin America and 美洲对话 blogs, Myers has published numerous articles on Chinese leadership dynamics, international capital flows, Chinese agricultural policy, and Asia-Latin America relations, among other topics.



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**Evan Ellis** is a Research Professor of Latin American Studies at the U.S. Army War College Strategic Studies Institute, with a focus on the region's relationships with China and other non-Western Hemisphere actors, as well as transnational organized crime and populism in the region. He has published over 300 works, including books on China in Latin America, and Transnational Organized Crime in Latin America and the Caribbean. He previously served on the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff (S/P) with responsibility for Latin America and the Caribbean (WHA), as well as International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) issues. He has been awarded the Order of Military Merit José María Córdova by the Colombian government for his scholarship on security issues in the region.



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**Shlomi Dinar** is the Dean of the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs and a Professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations. His research interests lie at the intersection of international environmental politics, security, and negotiation. In particular, he has published in the area of conflict and cooperation over transboundary rivers (a field popularly known as 'hydro-politics'). In addition, he works on the linkages between climate change and international water issues, particularly as such a relationship pertains to the resilience and effectiveness of international river basins and institutions, respectively. Dinar's research includes other areas and topics such as the nexus between political demography and technology and terrorism.

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