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**Dr. Mark B. Rosenberg**, the first FIU faculty member to ascend to the university's presidency, has over 40 years of experience in higher education leadership. He was one of the principal architects of FIU's growth and expansion during the past decade; served as served as Chancellor of the State University System of Florida; and is the author, editor, and co-editor of seven books and numerous scholarly articles on Latin America.

**Dr. John F. Stack, Jr.** is the founding dean of the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs at Florida International University. Dr. Stack holds a joint appointment as Professor of Politics and International Relations and Professor of Law. He specializes in Ethnicity and World Politics, Administrative Law, National Security and Constitutional Law. As Dean of the Green School, Dr. Stack oversees eight academic departments, and more than 20 of the university's most prominent international centers, institutes and programs. Dr. Stack is author, co-author, editor and co-editor of 14 books and 35 articles and chapters in edited books. Dr. Stack graduated from Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Arts with highest honors in 1972. He earned his Master of Arts (1974) and Ph.D. (1977) from the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Denver and his J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law in 1989. He was admitted to practice before the Florida Supreme Court in 1990.



**Dr. Frank O. Mora** is the Director of the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center and Professor in the Department of Politics & International Relations at Florida International University. Prior to arriving at FIU, Dr. Mora served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Western Hemisphere from 2009–2013. He has held several teaching positions, including Professor of National Security Strategy and Latin American Studies at the National War College, National Defense University (2004–2009), and Associate Professor and Chair in the Department of International Studies, Rhodes College (2000–2004). Dr. Mora received his Ph.D. in International Affairs and an M.A. in Inter-American Studies from the University of Miami. He earned his B.A. in International Affairs from The George Washington University. He also completed studies at universities in Peru and Costa Rica. Dr. Mora is a recipient of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service, Department of Defense (2012).

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**Mr. Brian Fonseca** is Director of the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy at Florida International University's (FIU) Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations. Brian's technical expertise is in U.S. national security and foreign policy. He also serves as a Cybersecurity Policy Fellow at the D.C.-based think tank New America and Chair of the Americas Linkage Committee at the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. His analysis has been featured in local and national media and he serves as the on-air Political Analyst for South Florida's WSVN-Fox News. Brian joined FIU after serving as the Senior Research Manager for Socio-Cultural Analysis at United States Southern Command's Joint Intelligence Operations Center South (JIOC-S). His recent publications include an edited volume with Eduardo A. Gamarra titled *Culture and National Security in the Americas* (Lexington Books, 2017) and is co-author of *The New US Security Agenda: Trends and Emerging Threats* (Palgrave, 2017). His 2018 publications focus on Russian engagement in Latin America-including information operations, diaspora diplomacy and Russian-Venezuelan relations. Brian holds degrees in International Business and International Relations from Florida International University in Miami, Florida, and he has attended Sichuan University in Chengdu, China and National Defense University in Washington D.C. 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.



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**Threats and Opportunities in the Americas:  
A Conversation with Admiral Craig S. Faller**



**Admiral. Craig Faller** is a native of Fryburg, Pennsylvania and 1983 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. He is also a 1990 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School with a master's in National Security Affairs (Strategic Planning).

At sea, he served as reactor electrical division officer, electrical officer and reactor training assistant aboard USS South Carolina (CGN 37); operations officer aboard USS Peterson (DD 969); station officer aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65), and executive officer of USS John Hancock (DD 981). As commanding officer of USS Stethem (DDG 63), he deployed to the Arabian Gulf and participated in maritime interception operations in support of United Nations sanctions against Iraq. During his tour as commanding officer of USS Shiloh (CG 67), he assisted victims of the devastating tsunami off Indonesia. Finally, as commander, John C. Stennis Strike Group/Carrier Strike Group 3, he deployed to the Middle East supporting Operations New Dawn (Iraq) and Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan).

Ashore, Admiral Faller served as a D1G prototype staff officer at the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Ballston Spa, New York; action officer in Navy Strategy and Concepts Branch (N513); legislative fellow on the staff of Senator Edward M. Kennedy; program manager, Surface Nuclear Officer Programs and Placement; executive assistant to Commander, U.S. Pacific Command; executive assistant to Commander, U.S. Central Command; executive assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations; commander, Navy Recruiting Command; director of operations (J3) U.S. Central Command; chief of Navy Legislative Affairs; and senior military assistant to the Secretary of Defense.

Admiral Faller has earned various personal, unit, service and campaign awards.

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Militaries in the Americas**



**Brigadier General (ret.) Juan Carlos Gomez** has 33 years of military service (1984 - 2017) and a navigator with 3000 flight hours. A lawyer with two master's degrees, one in National Security and Defense and the second in International Security and Civil-Military Relations. Extensive experience in operations and operational legal advice. Since the beginning of 2017 General Gomez has worked in an International Organization with a humanitarian vocation as responsible for relations with the Armed carriers. General Gomez has had the opportunity to work with the Armed Forces and Organized Armed Groups in the Middle East and Africa; with missions in Syria, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, and Nigeria. Since September 2019 he has worked in Latin America covering Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

**Dr. Fabiana Sofia Perera** is an Assistant Professor at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies. Prior to joining the Perry Center, Fabiana was a Rosenthal Fellow at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Under Secretary for Policy, Western Hemisphere Affairs. Fabiana has experience working in the public and private sectors. She worked as a research associate at Mitsubishi International Corporation focusing on Latin America and the energy and infrastructure sectors. She also has experience serving at the Department of Veterans Affairs and the US Agency for International Development (USAID).



Fabiana holds an MA in Latin American Studies from Georgetown University and earned a PhD in Political Science from The George Washington University. For her doctorate, Fabiana completed fieldwork in Venezuela and Ecuador. Fabiana has presented her research at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association and the Latin American Studies Association. Her research and analysis have appeared in numerous publications including The Washington Post, CNN.com, and War on the Rocks. Her research and has been supported by numerous organizations including Columbia University's Women in Energy program and George Washington University's Center for International Business Education.



**Dr. Luis Bitencourt** is the President of Logggos Consultancy – Defense & Strategy. He is a consultant professor for the GDRP-sponsored Defense Education Cooperation Program between the Perry Center and Brazil's Escola Superior de Guerra. He is also a Visiting Professor at the Brazilian Navy War College and a Visiting Professor, for over 25 years, at the Georgetown University CIED. From June 2005 to November 2017, he was professor, Dean of Academic Affairs, and Deputy-Director at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies. Prior to joining the Perry Center, Dr. Bitencourt was respectively a Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council and the Director of the Brazil Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

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Dr. Bitencourt has dedicated his entire professional life to adult education in both the public and the private sectors. While working for the Brazilian federal government, he performed several functions related to research and training in strategic planning, international security, public administration, and Congressional intelligence oversight. At the Catholic University of Brasilia, Dr. Bitencourt was a professor and dean of the Social Sciences College for over a decade. He also worked for the United Nations as a Regional Coordinator in East Timor, as a member of the Electoral Team of Experts in Tajikistan, and as a rapporteur for the “Responsibility to Protect” initiative with the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty.

Dr. Bitencourt holds a doctorate degree and an MA in World Politics from the Catholic University of America and an MA in Political Science from the Universidade de Brasília. His bachelor’s degree is in mathematics. Besides hemispheric security, his research interests include strategic planning, defense governance, international trade, and business, marketing, and leadership in times of globalization.

**Mr. Iñigo Guevara** is the Managing Director of the Jane’s defense industry group. He is responsible for supporting the growth and expansion of our global aerospace and defense industry consulting practice out of Washington DC.

In this role, he provides strategic consulting on market identification and opportunity assessments to private companies and government entities. He is a subject matter expert in international arms trade, defense spending, and offset policies, with a specific focus on Mexico and the US-Mexico defense and security relationship.



Inigo began publishing defense-sector analysis in 1999 and has since held several positions in the public and private sectors in Mexico and the United States. Prior to joining Jane’s, from 2010 to 2015 Inigo worked as senior analyst for a DC-based contractor, where he gained extensive experience in drafting actionable intelligence products as well as delivering tradecraft training. From 2008 to 2010 Inigo served as advisor and director of analysis in the Office of the National Security Council at the Office of the President of Mexico, where he advised the Mexican government on infrastructure, technology, and equipment options available in the international market. Prior to this role, he served as chief of statistical analysis at a state-level law enforcement agency in Queretaro, Mexico.

Inigo has an MA in international security from Georgetown University’s Security Studies Program, is a graduate of the Strategy and Defense Policy course from the Center for Hemispheric Defense and Security (CHDS- Perry center) at the National Defense University in Washington DC, and a BA in international trade from the Tec de Monterrey.

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**Lieutenant General (ret.) Frederick S. Rudesheim**, was appointed Director of the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies by the Office of the Secretary of Defense in February 2018.

Born and raised for 18 years in the Republic of Panama, Lieutenant General (ret.) Rudesheim was commissioned as a distinguished military graduate from the University of Texas, Austin in 1981, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He holds Master's degrees in International Relations from Troy University, in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College, and in Advanced Military Studies from the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

He served as the Commander of 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) deploying to Operation Iraqi Freedom from April 2003 to March 2004. He later returned as Deputy Commanding General of the 1st Cavalry Division and Multi-National Division - Baghdad, Iraq, from February 2009 to January 2010. His most recent command was as the Commander for the United States Army - South at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. His previous joint assignments include a tour with US Joint Forces - Korea; Director of Joint Capability Development at the US Joint Forces Command; and three tours with the Joint Staff: the first as a Division Chief and Deputy Director for the J5, the second as the Deputy Director for the J7, and most recently as the Vice Director of the Joint Staff. From January 2015 until his retirement, he served as US Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority, in Jerusalem.

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**Tuesday, May 19, 2020  
Evolving Security Landscape:  
A Conversation with Former NSC Directors**



**Mr. Juan Cruz** is a senior advisor at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Americas Program. He is also a senior advisor to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS) and additionally serves as a senior advisor on Latin America to a number of multilaterals and international businesses to include Ergo Global Intelligence, Orbis Operations and Satellogic. He consults primarily in the area of security and risk. Mr. Cruz served in the National Security Council from 2017-2018 as the Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs. Mr. Cruz retired in 2019 after almost 35 years of federal government service, most of it in leadership positions in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Cruz's deep understanding of the political and security issues in Latin America was honed through overseas postings in Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela. Mr. Cruz speaks fluent Spanish and Portuguese. He holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, and an Executive Leadership Certification from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

**Dr. Rafael Fernandez de Castro** is a professor at the School and director of its Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (USMEX). A former foreign policy adviser to President Felipe Calderón, he is an expert on bilateral relations between Mexico and the U.S.

Fernández de Castro is founder and former chair of the Department of International Studies at Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) in Mexico City. He has published numerous academic articles and written several books, including "Contemporary U.S.- Latin American Relations: Cooperation or Conflict in the 21st Century?" and "The United States and Mexico: Between Partnership and Conflict" with Jorge Domínguez.



He also worked as the Project Director of the UNDP's Human Development Report for Latin America 2013-14, "Citizen Security With a Human Face: Evidence and Proposals for Latin America." He is the founder and editor of Foreign Affairs Latin America and contributes to the daily newspaper El Financiero and a regular contributor to Televisa.

His current research includes a book on leadership and decision-making in Mexican foreign policy and he serves as a principal investigator along with Professor Jenny Pearce from the London School of Economics for the project "Co-constructing Security Provision in Mexico: A Methodology and Action Plan from Communities to the

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State”. The project, funded by Mexico’s National Council of Science and Technology and the UK’s the Economic and Social Research Council, works with community, civil society and state actors to build shared understandings of the differential impacts of violence, insecurity and security provision to develop local security agendas constructed from the ground up in four cities severely affected by violence: Tijuana, Apatzingán, Acapulco and Guadalupe.



**Mr. Dan Restrepo** is a senior fellow at American Progress. For nearly six years and through two presidential campaigns, Restrepo 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, Restrepo 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—at the Center for American Progress. First joining the Center shortly after it was established, Restrepo also helped stand up its government and external relations department and served as deputy counsel. Restrepo worked as an associate at the law firm of Williams & Connolly, LLP, and served as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Anthony J. Scirica of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Restrepo also worked for Rep. Lee H. Hamilton on the staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in the mid-1990s. Restrepo is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

**Dr. Farah Urrutia** was appointed as the Secretary for Multidimensional Security of the OAS on July 16, 2018. Born in Panama City, Panama, Ms. Urrutia came to the OAS following a distinguished career in public service in her country, including positions as Director of International Legal Affairs and Treaties and Acting Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs. Ms. Urrutia served as the Principal Representative of the Government of Panama to the Permanent Council of the OAS, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.



Her career also includes positions as Deputy Director of the Legal Office to the National Authority for Electricity, Water and Telecommunications (2010-2014), Senior Legal Advisor to the National Authority for Antitrust and Consumer Protection and, Consultant of the Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Accusatory Criminal System (2010).

Ms. Urrutia has participated in various international bodies, including the International Criminal Court, the Hague Conference on Private International Law, the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the OECD’s Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purpose and the Annual Summit of the International Coalition Against the Islamic State (CJTF-OIR).

She was selected as one of Panama’s leaders for the Inter-American Development Bank’s initiative “Mujeres Líderes Emergentes del Sector Público BID-INCAE” (2017).



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Ms. Urrutia holds a Ph.D. in Law from the Carlos III University of Madrid. She is an Attorney. She was Professor of Antitrust Law and Consumer Protection at the Santa Maria La Antigua University (Panama) and Professor of Public Service Law at the Latin University (Panama).



**Ms. Paula García Tufró** is a Project Director and a member of the USG Partnerships, Policy and Strategy team at the United States Institute of Peace. Prior to joining the Institute, she was the Deputy Director of the Atlantic Council’s Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center, where she led the strategic direction and overall management of the Center and its staff, and oversaw the Center’s work on Venezuela, energy, and disinformation. From 2009 to 2017, she served in the United States Government under the Obama Administration as a member of the National Security Council (NSC), and in leadership roles at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) and the Department of Commerce.

As Director for Development and Democracy at the National Security Council, Ms. Garcia Tufró advised senior White House officials on a broad range of U.S. foreign policy and global development policies and programs. In this role, she led coordination of policy positions and multilateral negotiations of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, which set forth a new 15-year global development agenda. She also led efforts to leverage critical partnerships, as well as U.S. development finance and risk mitigation tools, to catalyze private sector investment for sustainable development. She led strategy and implementation of the Power Africa initiative, and helped mobilize more than \$54 billion in external commitments from more than 140 public and private sector partners to help advance the goal of doubling access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa. Ms. Garcia Tufró also served as a member of the Group of Twenty (G-20) negotiating team and lead coordinator for the G-20 Development Working Group. Ms. Garcia Tufró worked as a program officer at Freedom House and as an international trade and corporate finance senior legal assistant at Arnold & Porter LLC.

Ms. Garcia Tufró holds a Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University’s Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, and a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs from James Madison University. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she is a fluent Spanish speaker and is proficient in French.

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**Women in Peace and Security:  
A Conversation with Ambassador Jean Manes**



**Ambassador Jean Elizabeth Manes** was confirmed by the Senate on December 9, 2015 as the United States Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

She is a member of the Senior Foreign Service with the Department of State, having joined in 1992 and has served under four Presidents. Throughout her career she has led large scale operations focusing on empowering people and prioritizing resources.

Prior to confirmation, Ambassador Manes served as Principal Deputy Coordinator for the Bureau of International Information Programs, which leads 21st Century foreign public engagement, including digital strategies for outreach, technical infrastructure for over 450 Embassy and Consulate websites, and oversight of 700+ American Spaces around the world.

Previously, Ambassador Manes served as Director of Resources for the Undersecretary of Public Diplomacy, overseeing \$1.2 billion for public diplomacy domestic and worldwide operations. She ensured resources were directly tied to foreign policy priorities making the best investments on behalf of the American people.

Overseas, Ambassador Manes served in Afghanistan in 2012-13 as Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy leading her team in press outreach, education initiatives, and the improvement of opportunities for women. She also served as Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate in the Azores, Portugal, where she led negotiations for the U.S. military presence in the Azores as well as cooperation on environment and education programs.

Throughout her career in Syria, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, and Washington, DC, she has served as Embassy spokesperson, Director of the Fulbright Board, press advance for President Bill Clinton, and led culture and exchange programs to advance foreign policy. Education has always been a centerpiece of her career and stems from her core belief that education is the gateway to opportunities and every person can make a difference. For her service, she has received numerous prestigious awards, including the Lois Roth Award for Culture and Education Diplomacy, and the Public Diplomacy Alumni Association Award for Public Diplomacy Professional of the Year. She is the author of a chapter in a book about Public Diplomacy, *The Last Three Feet* from 2012, about her experience in Brazil and the impact of the U.S. Embassy exchange program, "Youth Ambassadors" designed for low income students.

Ambassador Manes holds a Master's degree in International Administration from the American University which she pursued at night while working at the State Department. Her Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Policy is from Liberty University where she played volleyball and coached the men's club volleyball team. She speaks Spanish and Portuguese, and is a native of Pompano Beach, Florida. Her family heritage is German and American Indian. She was raised in a small family business and the values of hard work, dedication and perseverance remain central to her career. Having grown up near the ocean, Ambassador Manes has a deep appreciation for protection of the environment and volunteers for a Turtle Rescue Center in Florida.

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**Dr. Cristina Rodriguez-Acosta** is the Assistant Director for Institutional Relations at the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy where she is responsible for the Institute's executive education programs and of institutional relations with organizations, universities, and research centers in Latin America. Prior to joining the Gordon Institute Dr. Rodriguez-Acosta was the Deputy Director for International Programs at the Institute for Public Management and Community Service also at Florida International University. In that role she was responsible for the design, coordination and implementation of the Institute's programs including projects, conferences, field missions, and the annual Inter-American Conferences of Mayors and Local Authorities. She has been a researcher at the Organization of American States' Unit for the Promotion of Democracy and at the Inter-American Dialogue in Washington, DC. Dr. Rodriguez-Acosta has published several articles on citizen participation, decentralization and local government reform.



She has considerable consulting experience in various parts of Latin America, Africa, and Asia on issues of governance reform and strengthening of democracy. Dr. Rodriguez-Acosta received her Bachelor's Degree in International Relations and Political Science from Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina, her Master's Degree in Latin American Affairs from Georgetown University in Washington, DC; and her Ph.D. in Public Affairs from Florida International University in Miami.

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**Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

**Global Pandemics and the Citizen and National Security Implications**

**Dr. Carlos Espinal** is the director of the Global Health Consortium at the Robert Stempel College of Public Health at the Florida International University. He earned his degree in medicine at the University of Antioquia, Medellin, Colombia. He continued his academic career as a fellow at both the New York University School of Medicine and the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, where he specialized in tropical geographical diseases, epidemiology and malaria vaccine development. Sequentially he also earned a certificate in Public Health and Vaccinology from the Carlos Slim Health Institute, Mexico.



Dr. Espinal's experience in tropical and geographical diseases, epidemiology and malaria vaccine development includes:

- Eight years as a Latin American Regional Adviser in the International Development and Research Center of Canada (IDRC)
- Five years as Adviser on the Malaria Sporozoite Vaccine Development Program at the Navy Research Center, Bethesda, Maryland
- A PAHO Malaria Adviser on Malaria chemotherapy, drug resistance, and epidemiology.
- Fifteen years at the National Institute of Health and Ministry of Health, Colombia, as a Director of Malaria Branch, Tropical Diseases and Epidemiology
- Nine years as the Latin American Director of Public Health and Immunization Policy for Sanofi Pasteur based in Washington, DC.
- Member and Chairman of the PAHO Jury Committee for the annual selection of the Malaria Champions in Latin America and the Caribbean (2010-2016)
- Editor of multiple consensus and guidelines on pediatric, adult vaccination, occupational health and travel medicine in Latin America.



**Dr. Marcos A. Espinal** is currently the Director of the Department of Communicable Diseases and Environmental Determinants of Health at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Dr Espinal, a national of the Dominican Republic, holds a medical degree from the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (1985); he is a pediatrician, with three years of residency at the Robert Reid Children's Hospital of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He obtained a master's degree in public health (MPH, 1990) and a doctorate in public health (Dr.PH, 1995) from the University of California at Berkeley School of Public Health.

Dr. Espinal's work experience includes positions in the Ministry of Health of the Dominican Republic and the National Center for Research on Maternal and Child Health; the New York City Public Health Department; and the World Health Organization Headquarters in Geneva where he worked for 13 years. Before joining PAHO in 2010, Dr Espinal served as Executive Secretary of the WHO Stop TB Partnership, a global movement aiming at

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the elimination of TB as a public health problem. His work has transcended beyond the field of medicine and public health worldwide when he was cited by the renowned author John Le Carré in his book *The Constant Gardener*. In 2006 together with Bill Gates, Gordon Brown, Chancellor of England, and Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria, Dr Espinal launched the Global Plan to Eliminate Tuberculosis at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Dr. Espinal has published more than 100 peer-reviewed publications in the field of communicable diseases. He has authored several book chapters. He is a recipient of the Scientific Prize of the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases, the Walter and Elise A. Hass International Award by the University of California at Berkeley for a distinguished record of service in international health; the Princess Chichibu Memorial Tuberculosis Global Award by the Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association; and the American Chamber of Commerce of the Dominican Republic for his work and outstanding career in the field of research, public health, and pediatrics. In 2018 Dr Espinal was honored by the UC Berkeley School of Public Health as one of the 75 most influential public health alumni over the entire 75 year history of the School of Public Health. He is also a member of the Forum on Microbial Threats of the United States National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

**Dr. Carolina Sampo** is a Scientific Investigator at the National Scientific and Technical Research Council (Conicet) in Argentina. She coordinates the Center for Studies in Transnational Organized Crime at the International Relations Institute of La Plata University. She obtained her Doctorate degree in Social Sciences at the University of Buenos Aires and her master's in international studies from the Torcuato Di Tella University. She is a doctoral and postdoctoral fellow at Conicet, a postdoctoral researcher at the Complutense University of Madrid and a Fulbright Scholar. She has completed specialization courses at the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, National Defense University, Washington DC, has authored a book and several book chapters and has written more than a dozen scientific articles in national and international media.



**Dr. Phil Williams** holds the Wesley W. Posvar Chair in International Security Studies at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh and is Director of the University's Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies. Professor Williams has published extensively in the field of international security. During the last 20 years his research has focused primarily on transnational organized crime and he has written articles on various aspects of this subject in *Survival*, *Washington Quarterly*, *The Bulletin on Narcotics*, *Scientific American*, *Crime Law and Social Change*, and *International Peacekeeping*.

In addition, Dr. Williams was founding editor of a journal entitled *Transnational Organized Crime* and has edited several volumes on combating organized crime, Russian organized crime, and trafficking in women. He has been a consultant to both the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime and United States government agencies and

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has also given congressional testimony on organized crime. He was also a joint author for the United Nations of a study on Offshore Financial Centers and Money Laundering. He has also focused on alliances among criminal organizations, terrorist finances, drugs and violence in Mexico, and complexity theory and intelligence analysis. In 2001 and 2002, Dr. Williams spent a sabbatical at CERT where he worked on intelligence analysis for cyber-threats and financial cyber-crime. Dr. Williams has worked more recently on terrorist finances, ungoverned spaces, and drug trafficking through West Africa.

In academic years 2007-8 and 2008-9 he was Visiting Research Professor at the Strategic Studies Institute, (SSI) US Army War College, where he wrote a monograph on *The New Dark Age: The Decline of the State and U.S. Strategy* and another one, published in August 2009 entitled *Criminals, Militias and Insurgents: Organized Crime in Iraq*. Dr. Williams contributed three chapters to *Fighting Back*, an edited volume on terrorism published by Stanford University Press and has published an article on Mexican drug violence in a special issue of *Terrorism and Political Violence*. He also has a chapter on Nigerian organized crime in the *Oxford Handbook of Organized Crime*. In addition, he is co-editor of a volume published by SSI on *Cyberspace: Malevolent Actors, Criminal Opportunities, and Strategic Competition* and co-author of a monograph, *Military Contingencies in Megacities*. He has been researching the crisis of governance in Central America and is currently completing a book on *Transnational Organized Crime*.

**Dr. Aileen M. Marty, M.D., FACP**, is a professor of infectious diseases in the Department of Medicine at the FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, pursued her medical education at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. She served in the U.S. Navy specializing in tropical medicine, infectious disease pathology, disaster medicine, and in medical response involving weapons of mass destruction. She previously held positions at the Uniformed Services University, The Johns Hopkins University, the National Defense University, and the University of Valencia, Spain. She has worked for the World Health Organization, most recently in the fight against the Ebola epidemic in Nigeria.



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Human Rights in the Americas:  
A Conversation with President Bachelet**



On September 1, 2018 **Michelle Bachelet** assumed her functions as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights was established in 1993 and Ms. Bachelet is the seventh Commissioner.

Ms. Bachelet was elected President of Chile on two occasions (2006 – 2010 and 2014 – 2018). She was the first female president of Chile. She served as Health Minister (2000-2002) as well as Chile's and Latin America's first female Defense Minister (2002 – 2004).

During her presidential tenures, she promoted the rights of all but particularly those of the most vulnerable. Among her many achievements, education and tax reforms, as well as the creation of the National Institute for Human Rights and the Museum of Memory and Human Rights stand out, as do the establishment of the Ministry of

Women and Gender Equality, the adoption of quotas to increase women's political participation, and the approval of Civil Union Act legislation, granting rights to same sex couples and thus, advancing LGBT rights.

Since the early 1990s, Ms. Bachelet has worked closely with many international organizations. In 2010 she chaired the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group, a joint International Labor Organization (ILO) and World Health Organization (WHO) initiative, which sought to promote social policies to stimulate economic growth and social cohesion.

In 2011, she was named the first Director of UN Women, an organization dedicated to fighting for the rights of women and girls internationally. Economic empowerment and ending violence against women were two of her priorities during her tenure. She has recently pledged to be a Gender Champion, committing to advance gender equality in OHCHR and in international fora.

After finishing her second term in March 2018, she was named Chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, an alliance of more than 1000 organizations in 192 countries from the sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health communities. As Co-Chair of the High-Level Steering Group for Every Woman Every Child, Ms. Bachelet launched Every Woman Every Child Latin America and the Caribbean, the first platform for tailored, regional implementation of the EWEC Global Strategy.

Michelle Bachelet has a Medical Degree in Surgery, with a specialization in Pediatrics and Public Health. She also studied military strategy at Chile's National Academy of Strategy and Policy and at the Inter-American Defense College in the United States.

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**President Luis Guillermo Solis** currently serves as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center at FIU. Dr. Solis received his M.A. in Latin American Studies, Tulane University in 1981. He was a Professor of History and Political Science at the University of Costa Rica since 1981 and has been a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the University of Michigan (1983) and Florida International University (2000). Dr. Solis also served as Director of the Central American Graduate Program of Political Science and as Associate Dean of the School of Social Sciences, at the University of Costa Rica.

He is the author or co-author of more than 10 books and over 60 scholarly articles in academic publications in Latin America, the US, China and Europe. In May of 2014, he was elected 47th President of the Republic of Costa Rica for a four-year period.





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**Crisis in Venezuela Continues:**

**Strategies for Ending the Humanitarian Crisis and Restoring Democracy**



**Dr. Cynthia Arnson** is director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. She is a widely recognized expert on Latin American politics, political economy, and international relations, including U.S. policy in the Western Hemisphere. She is quoted frequently in major U.S. and Latin American media and has testified on numerous occasions before committees of the U.S. Congress.

Arnson is editor of *Comparative Peace Processes in Latin America* (Stanford, 1998); *In the Wake of War: Democratization and Internal Armed Conflict in Latin America* (Stanford, 2012); co-editor of *Latin American Populism in the Twenty-First Century* (Johns Hopkins 2013); and author of *Crossroads: Congress, the President, and Central America, 1976-1993* (Penn State, 2d edition, 1993), among other publications. She is a member of the editorial advisory board of *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica*, the Spanish-language edition of the distinguished journal *Foreign Affairs*. She is also a member of the advisory boards of the Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUSADES) and Human Rights Watch/Americas. She served as associate director of the Americas division from 1990-1994, covering Colombia and Central America. In the early 1980s, as a consultant to Americas Watch, Arnson wrote many of the organization's first reports on human rights conditions in El Salvador.

Arnson served as an assistant professor of international relations at American University's School of International Service from 1989 to 1991. As a foreign policy aide in the House of Representatives during the Carter and Reagan administrations, she participated in the national debates over U.S. policy and human rights in Central and South America.



**Dr. Laura Gamboa** is an Assistant Professor at Utah State University. Her research focuses on institutions, regime and regime change in Latin America. Her book manuscript studies opposition strategies against presidents who try to erode democracy by enhancing their powers and extending their time in office, comparing the cases of Hugo Chávez in Venezuela and Alvaro Uribe in Colombia. An article summarizing the argument of the book was published in *Comparative Politics*.

Gamboa is also interested in party politics, voting behavior, research design, quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods and is currently working on a project that uses experiments to understand the effects of corruption in voting behavior in Colombia, Argentina and México. The first set of findings of this project have been published in *Political Research Quarterly*, *Electoral Politics*, and *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*.

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**Dr. Harold Trinkunas** is the Deputy Director of and a Senior Research Scholar at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. Prior to arriving at Stanford, Dr. Trinkunas served as the Charles W. Robinson Chair and senior fellow and director of the Latin America Initiative in the Foreign Policy program at the Brookings Institution. His research focuses on issues related to foreign policy, governance, and security, particularly in Latin America. Trinkunas has written on emerging powers and the international order, ungoverned spaces, terrorism financing, and borders.



Trinkunas has co-authored *Militants, Criminals and Warlords: The Challenge of Local Governance in an Age of Disorder* (Brookings Institution Press, 2017), *Aspirational Power: Brazil's Long Road to Global Influence* (Brookings Institution Press, 2016) and authored *Crafting Civilian Control of the Military in Venezuela* (University of North Carolina Press, 2005). He co-edited and contributed to *Three Tweets to Midnight: The Effect of the Global Information Ecosystem on the Risk of Nuclear Conflict* (Hoover Institution Press, 2020), *American Crossings: Border Politics in the Western Hemisphere* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2015), *Ungoverned Spaces: Alternatives to State Authority in an Era of Softened Sovereignty* (Stanford University Press, 2010), *Global Politics of Defense Reform* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2008), and *Terrorism Financing and State Responses* (Stanford University Press, 2007).

Dr. Trinkunas has also previously served as an associate professor and chair of the Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. He received his doctorate in political science from Stanford University in 1999. He was born in Maracaibo, Venezuela.

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**Security Trends in the Caribbean and Central America**

**Mr. Juan Gonzalez** leads the Latin America practice at The Cohen Group. Prior to joining The Cohen Group, Mr. Gonzalez spent 16 years of government service focused on Latin America and the Caribbean with the State Department, the National Security Council, and the Office of the Vice President.



As Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, he led U.S. diplomatic engagement in Central America and the Caribbean, during which he oversaw nearly one billion dollars in U.S. aid toward Central America. As Special Advisor to Vice President Biden from 2013-2015, he was the principal architect of Vice President Biden's regional engagement during the second term of the Obama-Biden Administration, including rebalancing U.S. economic policy toward Mexico, active diplomatic economic and political cooperation with Brazil, and the launch of the White House-led Caribbean Energy Security Initiative.

From 2011 to 2013, Mr. Gonzalez served as National Security Council Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs. Prior to the White House, Mr. Gonzalez served in a variety of positions in the State Department's Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, including Chief of Staff to Assistant Secretary of State Arturo Valenzuela. He also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala from 2001-2004. In 2017, Mr. Gonzalez was appointed by Senator Chuck Schumer to serve on the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Penn Biden Center for Global Diplomacy and Global Engagement, a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a board member of the Washington Office on Latin America, and a member of the Advisory Board of Foreign Policy for America.

Mr. Gonzalez has an M.A. from Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, where he is currently adjunct faculty in the Center for Latin American Studies. He is a native of Cartagena, Colombia and is married to Sarah Ashley Platts.



**Dr. Jennie K. Lincoln** manages The Carter Center's projects in Latin America and staffs former President Carter's activities in the region. She is also a Professor at the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at the Georgia Institute of Technology where she teaches Latin American Politics and U.S. Foreign Policy toward Latin America. She has been a credentialed international election observer in twenty elections in Latin America and the Caribbean.

A highlight of her work at The Carter Center has been her engagement with the Colombian peace process. Her team supported the final push of negotiations that resulted in the signing of Peace Accords (2016) that brought an end to a 52-year civil war between the government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia- People's Army (FARC-EP). The Carter Center was identified in the Peace Accords by

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name, in several monitoring roles, including the implementation of Punto Dos (political participation) and the separation of the FARC-EP child soldiers. Currently, The Carter Center has projects in Colombia, Central America and anticipates an international electoral observation in Bolivia.

In addition to her academic career, Lincoln has a distinguished record of consulting for the US government, nongovernmental organizations, the Organization of American States, the United Nations, and private sector companies with her expertise in Latin American Politics and U.S. Foreign Policy. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from The Ohio State University and taught previously at Miami University (Ohio). Lincoln was a Fulbright Professor in Costa Rica from 1984-86 and was the Associate Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Program at the Carter Center before going to teach at Georgia Tech in 1991. She was an advisor for the U.S. Southern Command J3/J5 United Counterdrug exercises and is adjunct faculty for the U.S. Department of Defense Security Cooperation University at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.



**Major (ret.) Richard Anthony Lynch** is a Policy and Strategy Interventionist with extensive experience in the design and implementation of a range of national, regional and international policies, strategies, and programs towards the defense and security interests of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

He received his undergraduate degree in Behavioral Sciences from Andrews University in Michigan USA. He is also a graduate (with distinction) of the Academy of Bramshill (UK) with a Diploma in International Leadership and Management. He also holds certifications in Policy Development, Strategy Implementation, International Security, Theology, Social Work, Mediation, Employee Assistance Program Management, and International Relations. He is currently a candidate of the MPhil/PhD program in International Relations at the Institute of International Relations, University of the West Indies.

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He is currently the Deputy Director of the International Affairs Unit at the Ministry of National Security in Trinidad and Tobago. He provides policy advice and coordination to the Minister of National Security on all matters that require cooperation and collaboration with international partners and works closely with the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs in this regard.

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**Jacqueline Charles** is a Pulitzer Prize finalist and Emmy Award-winning foreign correspondent for the Miami Herald with responsibility for Haiti and the English-speaking Caribbean. She began her journalism career at the Herald as a 14-year-old high school intern and was hired upon graduation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her first overseas assignment – the Return of Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide – came shortly after.



As the Herald's Haiti correspondent, Jacqueline was again on the front lines for the (second) return of Aristide and was the first journalist to inform readers of his arrival to the island-nation, just days before Haiti's historic 2011 presidential runoff. Jacqueline is as diverse as the communities she has covered: She was born in the English-speaking Turks and Caicos Islands of Haitian descent and was partly raised in Miami's Overtown neighborhood by her Haiti-born mother and Cuban-American stepfather.

In 2006, Jacqueline officially became a full-time member of the Herald's World Desk. Her assignments have taken her throughout the Caribbean where she wrote about race in Cuba and whale hunting in St. Vincent, and as far away as Italy, Kenya and Liberia.

Jacqueline is a founding member of the Carolina Association of Black Journalists; a past president and scholarship chairwoman of the South Florida Association of Black Journalists and a former assistant director of the University of Miami/Dow Jones High School Journalism Workshop. She currently serves on the University of North Carolina's School of Media and Journalism's Board of Advisers.

**Mr. Randy Pestana** serves as Assistant Director of Research and Strategic Initiatives at FIU's Gordon Institute for Public Policy, where he manages the institute's partnerships with U.S. Departments of Commerce, Defense, and State. Mr. Pestana also serves as Director of Education and Training at Cybersecurity@FIU, a designated Emerging Preeminent Program. Additionally, Mr. Pestana serves as an Adjunct Professor for the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs and Honors College. His technical specialization is in International Relations with focuses on U.S. foreign policy, security studies, and cybersecurity. The majority of his work has been linked to governance and security in Latin America and the Caribbean and cybersecurity workforce development issues broadly stated. Mr. Pestana has published and assisted on various publications for both academic and defense audiences related to U.S. foreign policy and national security. He has also appeared on local and national news outlets as a political commentator and supported the U.S. national security community through academic discourse. Prior to joining FIU, Mr. Pestana attended the Platoon Leader's Course in Quantico, Virginia for the United States Marine Corps where he received a favorable evaluation and top five ranking by his peers as a Candidate Platoon Sgt., and served as a recruiting assistant in Miami, Florida where he helped train recruits prior to their departure to basic training. Mr. Pestana holds a M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies with a Graduate Certificate in National Security Studies from FIU.

