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Biographies of participants



Georgi Bliznashki (Bulgaria)

Professor of Constitutional Law at Sofia University Law School in Sofia, Bulgaria. Prof. Bliznashki served as the Prime Minister of Bulgaria in 2014. He is an author of the Bulgarian Constitution and also a former Member of the Coalition for Bulgaria, part of the Party of European Socialists and was a Member of the European Parliament from 1 January 2007 to June 2007 with the accession of Bulgaria to the European Union.

Emil Boc (Romania)

Currently, Mayor of Cluj-Napoca, the largest city of Transylvania, Romania. Mr. Boc served as the Prime Minister of Romania from 2008 until 2012. He was also the President of the Democratic Liberal Party from 2004 until 2012.



Luis Alberto Lacalle (Uruguay)

Mr Lacalle served as President of Uruguay from 1990 until 1995. During his presidency, he encouraged a free market program, participated in the Brady Bonds plan to alleviate foreign debt obligations, and was a co-founder of the Mercosur, along with the presidents of Paraguay, Brazil, and Argentina, which came into effect with the Treaty of Asunción in 1991.



Allan Rosenbaum (USA)

Allan Rosenbaum is Professor of Public Administration and Director of the Institute for Public Management and Community Service and the Center for Democracy and Good Governance at Florida International University in Miami, Florida. He previously served as Dean of the University's School of Public Affairs. Prior to that, he was on the faculties of the Universities of Maryland, Connecticut and Wisconsin and held a research position at the University of Chicago. He has worked in national, state and local government in the United States and has carried out numerous international projects for the United Nations, the US Agency for International Development, the World Bank and the Swedish International Development Agency. Currently, he is a member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration as well as occasional Visiting Distinguished Professor at the University of Potsdam, Germany. He has served as President of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration and currently serves on numerous journal editorial boards.

Marcelo Giugale (Argentina / Italy)

Marcelo Giugale is the World Bank's Senior Economic Advisor, Cluster of Equitable Practices for Global Growth, Finance and Institutions. An international development leader, his more than twenty-five years of experience span the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Latin America and Africa, where he led senior-level policy dialogue and was responsible for more than twenty-five billion dollars in lending operations across the development spectrum. He has published widely on economic policy, finance, development, economics, business, agriculture and applied econometrics. Notably, he was the chief editor of collections of policy notes published for the presidential transitions in Mexico (2000), Colombia (2002), Ecuador (2003), Bolivia (2006) and Peru (2006). His opinion editorials are published in the leading newspapers and blog-sites of Africa, Latin America and the USA. He taught at the American University in Cairo, The London School of Economics, and the Universidad Católica Argentina.



Marius Profiroiu (Romania)

Marius Profiroiu is Professor at the University of Economics in Bucharest (ASE) and lectures in Public Policy, European Institutions and Policies, Good Governance, and Strategic Management. He is Dean of the Administration and has been Public Management School, ASE Bucharest and President of the Association of Schools and Institutes of Public Administration in Romania since 2005. Dr. Profiroiu was Director-General of the European Integration Department in Romania from 2001 to 2002 and also held the post of State Secretary within the Ministry of Public Administration between 2002 and 2004. He was in charge of the co-ordination of public administration reform and responsible for the Phare programme in the field of civil service reform and decentralization process in Romania. He is the author of numerous publications in the field of civil service, decentralization, governance and strategic management.



Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta (Argentina)

Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta is the Institute Deputy Director. She received her Bachelor's Degree in International Relations and Political Science from Universidad del Salvador in Argentina, a Master's Degree in Latin American Affairs from Georgetown University and is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program in Public Management at FIU. Since 1994, she has been the Deputy Director of IPMCS. In that role she is responsible for the design, coordination and implementation of the Institute's programs including projects, conferences, field missions, and the Inter-American Conference 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. A native of Argentina, Mrs. Rodriguez-Acosta has had considerable experience on issues of democratization, governance reform, decentralization and strengthening of local governance in various parts of Latin America and has overseen the Institute's extensive activities in Paraguay.

Maria Victoria Rojas (Paraguay)

Information and Resources for Development Center (CIRD)

Academic background in business administration with an emphasis on budget management. Social Manager at INDES-BID. Mrs. Rojas has over 25 years of experience with technical assistance in institutional development of the public sector on the national and subnational levels in Paraguay and other countries. As an external consultant, she helps with the process of decentralization and strengthening public participation in public health in Paraguay, assisting mainly the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare and the Health Councils. She advises public organizations and community groups in their formation and consolidation, and she provides tutoring for the identification and management of social projects, always promoting cooperation of government and society. Mrs. Rojas has taught organization and methods in public administration in the post-graduate program in public health of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare of Paraguay. She is a board member of several civil society organizations.



Purshottama Sivanarain Reddy (South Africa)

Purshottama Sivanarain Reddy is a Senior Professor and at the University of Kwazulu Natal in South Africa. He is the Project Director of the Working Group on Sub – National Governance and Development of the International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA). He also serves on the Board of Management representing the African Region and on an IASIA – UNDESA Taskforce for Effective Public Administration at the Local Level for the Achievement of the MDGs. Prof. Reddy is also an Alternate Associate Board member of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) representing

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Guido Bertucci (USA)

President, Governance Solutions International and formerly Director Division of Public Administration and Development Management, United Nations, New York, USA. He has been responsible for advocacy activities in governance and public administration at the global level and for promoting high level intergovernmental discussions and consensus on public policy and governance for sustainable development. He has written, spoken and organized meetings worldwide on topics such as democratic governance, civil service reform, leadership, innovation in government and public administration, e-government, decentralization, economic and social governance, ethics and integrity. He has been responsible for the creation and management of networks in governance and public administration, in particular, the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN) with more than 30 international and regional partners. He has negotiated agreements and raised considerable financial resources with donor governments. He has taught, lectured and delivered training and provided advice and technical assistance to countries in the area of governance and public administration.



Fernando Jose Castro Cabral (Brazil)

Mayor, Bom Despacho - Minas Gerais, Brazil

Jeisson Rodriguez (Colombia/USA)

Jeisson Rodriguez finished his undergraduate studies at St. Thomas University, where he obtained his Bachelors in Political Science. Mr. Rodriguez is currently a PhD Candidate at Florida International University. Since his arrival to the US, he has worked as Researcher for the Institute for Public Management and Community Service at Florida International University in topics relating to development in Latin America. While at the Institute, he has participated in the organization of important events which focus on providing elected and administrative officials with the tools necessary for improving the economic and administrative development of cities and municipalities in Latin America. He has presented his research on bilateral relationships between Colombia and the United States; the impact of the democratization of mayoralties on the economic and urban development of Latin American cities; the economic and urban impact of Transmilenio; and the consolidation of democracy in Colombia at various conferences.





Ludmila Gajdosova (Slovakia)

Executive Director, Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration of Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee), Slovak Republic

Arne Svensson (Sweden)

Mr. Svensson is the President of Professional Development AB. He has more than 33 years of experience in Public Sector Reform and Public Management Reform. As a management consultant he has been responsible for development of central and local government, creating new structures within the public sector and top-executives training for executives and politicians. Another key issue he has worked on is strategies for public-private partnerships. He has personally served as consultant for more than 300 public and private organizations, including United Nations, the European Commission and Governments around the world.



Pedro Afonso del Pino (Venezuela)

Prof. del Pino teaches at the Department of Constitutional Law at the School of Law Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of the Central University of Venezuela and he is researcher at the Institute of Public Law at the Central University of Venezuela, developing research on municipal constitutionalism and governance. He served as a member of the National Executive Council and Director of the Aristides Calvani International Training Center for Public Policy. He is also the Director of “Consultores Comunicacionales y Gerenciales” (Communicative and Management Consultants) and the director of the Centre for Local Studies, where he coordinates the Local Government Program Agenda which advises and trains local leaders in municipal election campaigns, as well as local governance. Prof. del Pino is the author of several articles and books and he was a columnist for the newspaper El Universal de Venezuela. He also has been a guest lecturer at several universities, research centers and has been invited by several national and foreign local governments to lecture on various topics.



Gilberto Hirata Chico (Mexico)

Current mayor of the city of Ensenada, Baja California. Previously, Gilberto Hirata Chico was federal representative for the LXII legislature. He took office as mayor of Ensenada on November 30, 2013. Previously, Hirata Chico was also a member of the Local Congress in Baja California.



Polya Katsamunsk (Bulgaria)

Dr. Katsamunsk is Associate Professor at the University of National and World Economy in Sofia, Bulgaria and has written about and is highly knowledgeable in the area of national accreditation activity. She has lectured on public administration reform activities at universities in Europe, South America and the United States and is the author of numerous articles on that subject.

Victor Jacinto Flecha (Paraguay)

Victor Jacinto Flecha is a well-known poet and professor from Paraguay. He has written extensively about social conditions in his country as well as his own life experiences being an activist for democracy and rights of the people of Paraguay. His works are some of the most known throughout his home country and he has captivated the masses through his literary works.



Maria Aristigueta (USA)

Current President of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). Prof. Aristigueta is also the Associate Director at the School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Delaware. Her teaching and research interests are primarily in the areas of public sector management and include performance measurement, strategic planning, civil society, and organizational behavior. She is a coauthor of *Managing Human Behavior in Public and Nonprofit Organizations* (3rd edition), author of *Managing for Results in State Government and Managing Behavior in Public and Non-Profit Organizations*, and coeditor of the *International Handbook of Practice-Based Performance Management*.



Michael Brintnall (USA)

Former Executive Director of the American Political Science Association. He previously headed the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, was Vice President for Academic Affairs at Mount Vernon College in Washington, DC, directed a program evaluation office at the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and held faculty appointments in political science at Brown University and Mount Vernon College. Brintnall is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and has served as President of the National

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