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## KEVIN CASAS-ZAMORA

He holds a PhD in Political Science from Oxford University, UK. In addition to serving as Costa Rica's Minister of National Planning and Second Vice-President, he also served as a member of the Presidential Commission for the Reform of the State. He served as the UNDP's National Coordinator for the Human Development Report and as the Organisation of American States' Secretary for Political Affairs. Among other universities, he has University, taught Georgetown at George Washington University, and the University of Texas at Dallas. Author of several studies on elections and democracy.



Secretary for Strengthening Democracy of the Organization of American States (OEA)

## FRANCISCO GUERRERO

From the University of Kent in the United Kingdom, he received his PhD in international relations. He has worked with the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, the Attorney General's Office of the Federal District, and the Universidad Anáhuac del Norte and Colegio de la Frontera Norte in Mexico, among other academic institutions. From 2008 to 2013, he served as the Federal Electoral Institute of Mexico's electoral counsellor.



JOSÉ THOMPSON

With a focus on international law from the Università degli Studi in Perugia, Italy, he received his law degree from the University of Costa Rica. He served as the Chargé d'Affaires of the Costa Rican Embassy in the United States, among other capacities. He has written multiple books on issues related to comparative elections. Among other regional electoral processes, he is the Executive Secretary of the Association of Women Electoral Magistrates of the Americas and the Inter-American Union of Electoral Authorities.

**Executive Director of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH) and Director of the Centre for Electoral Assistance and Promotion (CAPEL).** 



Councillor President of the National Electoral Institute of Mexico

## **GUADATALE LADDEI**

She graduated from the University of Sonora in Mexico with a degree in public administration. Her experience in the electoral public function spans over 25 years, during which she worked for the National Electoral Institute (INE), a division of the National Electoral Professional Service, holding a number of positions including Director of the National Electoral Consultation System and Director of the Regional Computing Centre. She was also a trailblazer in the creation of the electoral roll and the printing of the nominal list featuring a photograph. She served as the State Electoral and Citizen Participation Institute of Sonora's President and Councillor.



Scholar at the Berkman Klein Center, Harvard University

### NATHAN SANDERS

PhD in Astrophysics and Astronomy from Harvard University, USA. The American Institute of Physics has him on its board of trustees. At the Harvard Data Science Review, he serves as an associate editor. Contributing to the Massachusetts Platform for Legislative Engagement's creation was he (MAPLE). He served in the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives as a science policy fellow.



International Expert

## **FREDERICO FRANCO**

He received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Lisbon, Portugal, and his subsequent PhD in Legal and Social Sciences from the University of the Argentine Social Museum. He serves as an advisor to the Brazilian Supreme Federal Court's Centre for Combating Disinformation. The Brazilian Academy of Electoral and Political Law counts him among its founding members. He has advised the head of his nation's Superior Electoral Court's Special Advisory Office for Combating Disinformation. He is the author of the book "Abuso de poder en contiendaselectorales" and co-author of "Guerras cognitivas en el ámbito electoral: controljudicial de la desinformación", among others.



Deputy Secretary of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)

## DEFLINE LUE AND

She holds a Degree in Law from the University Panthéon-Assas, Paris II, France.

She started her career at the Council of Europe in 2000 as a case lawyer at the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights. She then worked in various positions in the Council of Europe, including in the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights and in the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. She also headed the Programming and Resource Mobilisation Department of the Office of the Directorate General of Programmes of the Council of Europe.

She has field experience, having held the position of the Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tirana. She also worked for the European Commission at the European Union Office in Kosovo.



**Expert & Commentator** 

### JACQUES COSTE

He received his PhD in history from Stony Brook State University in the United States and his master's degree in modern and contemporary history from the Instituto Mora in Mexico.

In 2022, Tirant Lo Blanch and the Institute Mora published a book titled Derechos humanos y política en México: la reforma constitucional de 2011 en perspectiva histórica. He has contributed to publications like Expansión Política, Etcétera, and Nexos as an essayist and editorialist. He has also worked with Integralia Consultores on a number of projects. In addition to writing scholarly articles, he has been an activist for causes that advance human rights and democracy.



Director of the civil organisation Cultivando Género AC.

# ANGÉLICA CONTRERAS

She graduated with a degree in Communication and Information from the Universidad Autónoma de Aguascalientes in Mexico. Currently, she is studying for a Cybersecurity University Supervisory Technician specialisation at the Centro de Investigación e Innovación en Tecnologías de la Información y Comunicación in Mexico.

She is a representative for the Mujeres Vivas Mujeres Libres movement and a member of the TikTok Security Advisory Board for Latin America. With various publications on digital rights and violence, she also has two diplomas: one in Data Privacy, Regulation and Governance from the Legal Studies Division of the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) and another in Internet Governance (DiGI) from the Centro de Tecnología y Sociedad (CETyS) of the Universidad de San Andrés in Buenos Aires.



Director of the Research Group on Technology and Democracy at the Complutense University of Madrid, Spain

### BYLEVET BABIO

He holds a PhD in Law from the Complutense University of Madrid, and teaches at the same university. He is a member of the Asociación Más Democracia, the Institute of Parliamentary Law (UCM-Congress of Deputies), the Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation, and the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe. He has taught at more than 30 universities in different countries around the world.He has also advised on technology and democracy issues to the Inter-American Development Bank, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru, and the Community of Madrid.



International electoral expert

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Director of the Research Group on Technology and Democracy at the Complutense University of Madrid, Spain.

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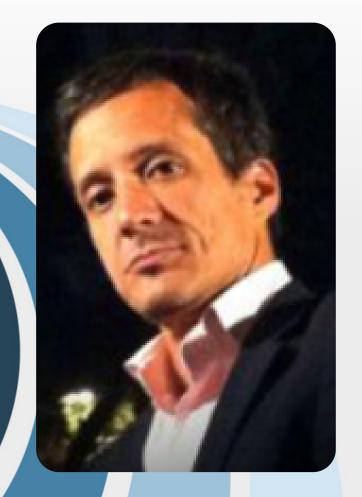


Indigenous leader and President of the National Electoral Council of Ecuador

## SHIRAM DIANA ATAMAINT

She graduated with a commercial engineering degree from the State University of Cuenca, Ecuador, and a master's degree in development management from the Simón Bolívar Andean University of Quito, Ecuador.

She is presently a part of the Organisation of American States' (OAS) High Level Group. She served as the National Congress's deputy in 2007 and as a member of the National Assembly from 2009 to 2013.



Professor and Researcher at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO)

## JOSÉ DEL TRONCO

He graduated from the National Autonomous University of Mexico with a doctorate in political and social sciences.

He oversaw both FLACSO Mexico's Master of Comparative Public Policy programme and the Citizen Observatory of School Safety. His areas of expertise include multilevel governance, political representation, and democracy. Currently, he codirects the Second Survey of Experts in Provincial Politics of Argentina with Carlos Gervasoni of Torcuato Di Tella University.



Associate researcher at the Institute of Higher Studies and Human Rights of the Pontifical University of Salamanca, Spain

## INGRID BICÚ

She graduated from the University of Umeå in Sweden with a master's degree in gender, justice, and society.

She has worked in international affairs for more than 17 years, and she has significant electoral experience. She focuses on examining the advantages and disadvantages of quick technological advancements from the standpoint of democracy and human rights. Her current research focuses largely on how artificial intelligence and digital technologies affect democracy and human rights.



Electoral Counselor of the National Electoral Institute of Mexico

## NORMA DE LA CRUZ

She has a Master's degree in Peacekeeping Management from the University of Turin, Italy, and was the head of the European Security and Cooperation Organization's Elections Department in Kosovo. She has taken part in multiple peacekeeping missions with the UN. Additionally, she oversaw the teams of observers sent by the European Union to witness elections in Peru, El Salvador, and the Gambia. IFES, UNDP, UN, and the European Commission are just a few of the worldwide institutions she has consulted for.



Head of the Digitalization and Democracy Program at International IDEA

## ALBERTO FERNÁNDEZ

He earned a Master of International Studies degree from Uppsala University in Sweden.

He worked as a Governance Officer for the UN Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste, as well as for the Club of Madrid, the Sierra Leone Red Cross, and the Jordan Regional Center for Conflict Prevention. He is a media analyst, primarily on political parties, technology, and the norms and regulations governing political campaigns in the digital world.



Director of the office of the National Democratic Institute (NDI) in Guatemala

## EDUARDO NÚÑEZ

He attended the Central American Institute of Public Administration in Costa Rica for postgraduate study in Development Project Management. He formerly worked for the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights and its Electoral Advice and Promotion Center (IIDH / CAPEL) as the Director of Electoral Technical Assistance Projects. He worked as a consultant for the UN Development Program (UNDP), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and the Organization of American States (OAS). He serves on the board of directors of the Costa Rica Integra Association, a non-governmental organization that serves as the National Contact for Transparency International in Costa Rica.



Head of the National Coordination of Social Communication for the National Election

## IVÁN FLORES

He graduated from La Salle University in Mexico with a degree in communication sciences. Having worked at the National Electoral Institute (previously the Federal Electoral Institute) for 13 of his more than 17 years of professional experience, he has a wealth of experience. He has also taken part in a variety of activities, including the organisation of presidential debates, news products, and interviews with Institute officials. Additionally, he has assisted regional public election authorities with a range of social communication-related responsibilities.



Professor at the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the National Autonomous University of Mexico

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He earned a doctorate in political and social sciences from UNAM and a master's degree in political science from the University of Salamanca in Spain.

He is Presente Magazine's director and contributes to Radio Formula as a Columnist. He was the UNAM Seminar Coordinator on Care for Life and the Common Good.



Research Professor of the Judicial Electoral School of the Electoral Tribunal of the Judicial Branch of the Federation

## ATENANDBA LETTO

She holds master's degrees in electoral law from the Electoral Judicial School of the Electoral Tribunal of the Judicial Branch of the Federation and contemporary legal philosophy and politics from Carlos II University of Madrid, Spain. She worked together at the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation and the Federal Electoral Institute back then. She taught political science at the Intercultural Indigenous University of Michoacán and UNAM.



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### AUUC-KIB ESPADAS

He graduated from the University of Seville in Spain with a doctorate in communication.

At the National Institute of Anthropology and History, he was a Research Professor. In addition to working as a commentator for Telesur, Grupo RASA, SIPSE, and the Mexican Radio Institute, he has contributed as a columnist for La Revista Peninsular and Novedades de Yucatán. He was a deputy to the LVIII Legislature of the Chamber of Deputies of the Congress of the Union from 2000 to 2003. Since 1999, he has been a member of the Mexican Society of Electoral Studies.

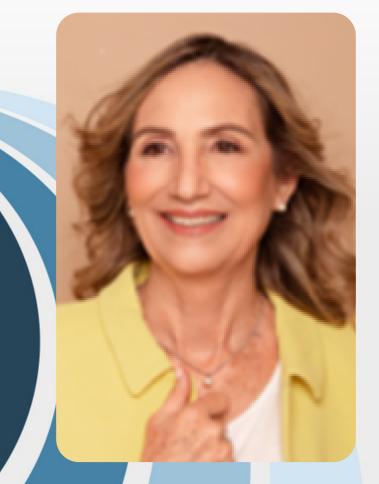


General Secretary of the Dr. José Matías Delgado University, El Salvador

# LUIS MARIO RODRÍGUEZ

He holds master's degrees in political science and electoral studies from the Jesuit universities of El Salvador and Valencia, Spain, as well as a doctorate in law from the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain.

He held the positions of Executive Director of the National Association of Private Enterprise, Director of the Department of Political Studies of the Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development, and Secretary for Legislative and Legal Affairs of the Presidency of the Republic of El Salvador. In addition to being a visiting professor at the University of Salamanca, he teaches political science at the Jesuit University (UCA). He has provided consulting services to the UNDP, IDEA, CAPEL, and Carter Centre.



## MARÍA DEL PILAR CALLIZO

She holds master's degrees in global politics from Columbia University in the United States and the University of Salamanca in Spain, as well as a master's degree in politics and public management from the Catholic University of Paraguay. She has worked for the National Chamber of Commerce and Services of Paraguay's Arbitration and Mediation Centre as an arbitrator and mediator. She is a member of the Inter-American Federation of Lawyers (FIA) Executive Committee as well as its Council.

Member of the Panel of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism of the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI) of the Organization of American States



Head of the Political Party Financing Department of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal (TSE) of Costa Rica

## RONALD CHACÓN

Holds a Master's Degree in Public Accounting.

He has worked as a Certified Government Auditing Professional, with more than nine years of experience in tasks related to the management and coordination of the review processes of expenditure settlements submitted by political parties to the TSE.



Electoral Counselor of the National Electoral Institute of Mexico

## **GARTA HAMBHREA**

She is a PhD candidate in government and public administration at the Ortega y Gasset University Institute/Complutense University of Madrid, Spain, and holds a speciality in constitutional law and political science from the Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies of Spain. She has worked together in the past at the Federal Electoral Institute, the Electoral Tribunal of the Federation's Judicial Branch, and the Federal District Electoral Institute, where she served as an electoral counsellor. She has worked as a national consultant for UN Women and is currently employed by the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit's Financial Intelligence Unit. She has also been a specialist in oversight, financing political parties, and gender in OAS electoral observation missions.



## IDAYRIS YOLIMA

She received her doctorate in law from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and her master's degree in law and legal culture from the Externado University of Colombia. She has served in a number of elected capacities, including those of senator, representative, and mayor of the Colombian Republic. She presided over the Colombian National Electoral Council in addition to being a magistrate. She founded the Association of Electoral Magistrates of the Americas (AMEA) and served as its first president. She works with international organisations as a gender, election, and democracy specialist. She is currently serving as her nation's deputy attorney general in the attorney general's office.

**Colombian international electoral expert** 

Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

### ALEJANDRA LAZZARO

She graduated from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) with a doctorate in law. Both there and at the National University of Luján, she holds the position of Professor. She has worked with the Argentine National Electoral Chamber, holding various roles including Secretary of the Chamber. She belongs to the Argentine Scientific Society, the Association of Political and Constitutional Science, and the Argentine Association of Constitutional Law. In addition to being the editor of Ed. ILG's Argentine Journal of Digital Electoral Law, she writes a number of publications on electoral matters.



## MÁXIMO ZALDIVAR

His human rights master's degree is from Rafael Landívar University in Guatemala. Having led democracy and governance projects in several parts of the world, he has more than 20 years of expertise in politics, elections, and democracy. Among other international organisations with which he has cooperated are the Central American Parliament, the Union of Latin American Parties, and the International Republican Institute. Additionally, he worked as an El Salvadorian Foreign Service official.

Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)



Coordinator of International Affairs at the National Electoral Institute

## ARLENE CABRAL

She holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Hermosillo, with a Master's degree in Social Sciences with a research line in the theory and analysis of Social Sciences with a line of research in theory and analysis of Public Affairs. She has in public service since 2011, including electoral service, where she has participated in the organisation of 5 federal elections.

Participated in the organisation of 5 federal elections and more than 10 local elections. In October 2014 she joined the National Electoral Professional Service. She has been a professor at several universities, teaching Electoral Law and Discourse Analysis and Federal Electoral Processes, among other subjects.



Vice President of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

### WIGHAET EBENDO

He graduated from the University of Malta with a doctorate in law. In his capacity as Malta's Minister of Foreign Affairs, he oversaw trade, development, and relations with the European Union as well as international economic organisations. He represented Malta in negotiations for its positions at the European Convention, the Lisbon Treaty of 2007, and the Intergovernmental Conference that resulted in the Treaty on the European Constitution. He oversaw the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group as its chairman.