

4-5 September 2023

# *Winds of Change and Streams of Solidarity* Latin America, the Caribbean, and Europe in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

International conference at  
the University of Bergen (UiB)

The University Aula  
Museplassen 3  
Bergen



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# Keynote speakers



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**BERT HOFFMANN**  
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**Tomás REYES ORTEGA**  
European External Action Service (EEAS)



**TERJE TVEDT**  
University of Bergen

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**THE CONFERENCE** *Winds of Change and Streams of Solidarity: Latin America, the Caribbean, and Europe in the 21st Century* aims to focus on the overall common possibilities and challenges for Latin America, the Caribbean, and for Europe in the foreseeable future. The academic committee for the conference has selected four interlinked themes of particular interest for discussion and analysis with water as a transversal theme. In alphabetical order these are: culture and arts; democracy; environment and technology; and health. The conference will gather academics, practitioners, policymakers, civil society, and other stakeholders, trying to advance the conversation, the knowledge, and the insight in order to find joint solutions to common questions.

## Conference moderators



**FERNANDO GALVAN**  
International Association of  
University Presidents /  
University of Alcalá



**VIBEKE KYRKJEBØ IRGAN**  
University of Bergen



**LEIV MARSTEINTREDET**  
University of Bergen



**LISE ØVREÅS**  
University of Bergen /  
Norwegian Academy of  
Science and Letters



**ANA LORENA RUANO**  
University of Bergen



**ERNESTO SEMÁN**  
University of Bergen



**PABLO VOMMARO**  
Latin American Council of  
Social Sciences (CLACSO)

# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Monday 4 September

08:15-08:55: Registration

09:00-09:05: **Opening address**  
Margareth HAGEN, Rector, University of Bergen

09:05-09:10: **Welcome to the City of Bergen**  
Eira M. GARRIDO, Deputy Mayor of Bergen

## **Keynote session (09:10-11:30)**

Session moderator: **Fernando GALVÁN**  
Secretary General of IAUP: International Association of University Presidents /  
Rector emeritus, University of Alcalá, Spain

09:10-09:30: KEYNOTE  
***The EU and Latin America and the Caribbean: a stronger and modernised strategic partnership. Reflections in the aftermath of the EU-CELAC Summit (Brussels, 17-18 July 2023)***

Tomás REYES ORTEGA, Chair of Working Group - Latin America, Caribbean (COLAC) and Trans-Atlantic Relations (COTRA), European External Action Service (EEAS)

09:30-09:50: KEYNOTE  
***The role of social sciences and humanities in the quest for a more just and equitable society***  
Karina BATTHYÁNY, Executive Secretary, CLACSO (Latin American Council of Social Sciences)

09:50-10:10: Q&A with the keynote speakers

10:10-10:15: Taking of 'family picture' of the participants in the University Aula

10:15-10:30: Coffee break

10:30-11:15: KEYNOTE  
***Streams of water history: Perspectives on Latin America, the Caribbean, and Europe***  
Terje TVEDT, Professor emeritus at the Department of Geography, University of Bergen

11:15-11:30: Q&A with the keynote speaker

11:30-12:15: Lunch for *registered* conference participants

# Culture session

12:15-13:45:

Panel

## ***Water and resources in the last frontier***

Session moderator: **Ernesto SEMÁN**

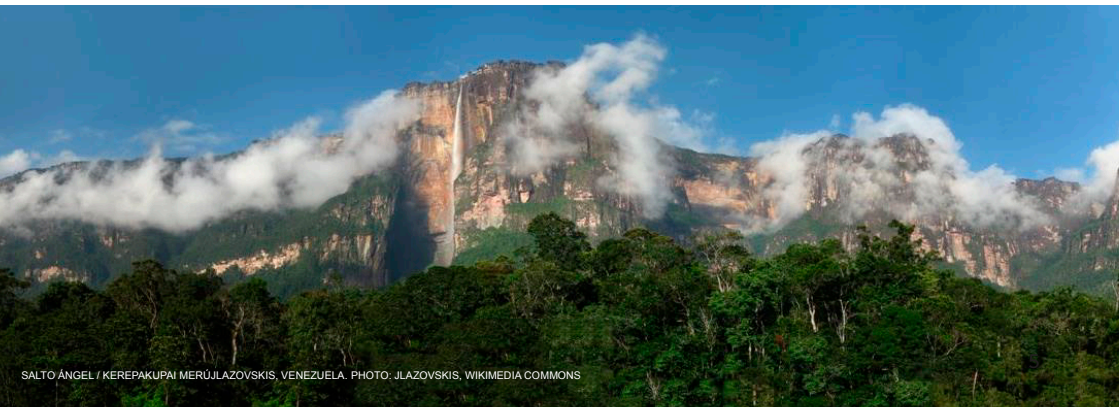
Associate Professor, Latin American Studies, University of Bergen

In this panel we will discuss how water has become a critical space in which we make sense of our place in the world and our relations with human and non-human nature, what we create and what we destroy, and why. As Chilean artists Cecilia Vicuña writes, “water wants to be heard”. And for that to happen, humans need an active form of listening. During the last decades, disputes over the meanings and uses of water have been the space for struggles throughout the region, the focus of efforts to turn it entirely into a commodified resource, a space for the sacred, a reservoir of hope in the Anthropocene. The water wars in Bolivia at the turn of the century to the efforts by Norwegian companies to install hydropower plants in Chile, the fracking projects in Colombia, the vanishing of running water in Uruguay, and the transformations of the Paraná River in Argentina into a liquid mega-highway, there is a social life in the making, in the waters. This panel will give us a unique opportunity to listen and discuss different ways in which we are humans in water.

### PANELLISTS:

- Machi MILLARAY HUICHALAF, Leader, Mapuche Indigenous commune, Chile
- Yubelis MORALES BLANCO, Social Environmental Leader, Colombia Free of Fracking Alliance (ACLF), Colombia
- Gianfranco SELGAS, Faculty of Arts & Humanities, University College London

13:45-14:00: Coffee break



## Funding and exchange opportunities for Latin America and the Caribbean

14:00-15:00:

Panel

### ***Orientation on opportunities for academic collaboration between Latin America, the Caribbean, and Norway***

At the recent EU-CELAC (Community of Latin American and Caribbean States) meeting in Brussels (July 17-18) EU and CELAC agreed on working together to address “the multiple crises and challenges of our times”. Institutions of higher education have a crucial role in providing sound and critical research that can serve as a basis for action in the 21st century. Within the framework of EU-CELAC, an important instrument is the implementation of the bi-regional roadmap and the Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI), as well as various other EU programmes. In addition to these instruments, there are specific funding mechanisms from ministries and directorates in Norway. By bringing together representatives from various funding entities, this session will give a brief orientation and introduction to specific ongoing and forthcoming initiatives for supporting R&I collaborative research and educational initiatives between academic partners in Norway and Latin America and the Caribbean. After a brief introduction of some of the main instruments available, there will be a Q&A session between the panel and the conference participants.

Panel moderator: **Vibeke KYRKJEBØ IRGAN**

Head of external funding, Division of Research and Innovation, UiB

PANELLISTS:

- Trine SMUKKESTAD LAVIK, EU adviser, Innovation Norway
- Thomas HANSTEEN, Special adviser, The Research Council of Norway
- Laila Linde LOSSIUS, Senior adviser, Department of Global Cooperation and Capacity Building, Directorate for Higher Education and Skills (HK-dir)
- Ane ROSNES, Programme Adviser, Norec - Norwegian Agency for Exchange Cooperation

15:00-15:15: Coffee break

# Environment and technology session

15:15-16:45:

Panel

## ***Energy transition in the global economy: impacts for Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe***

The transition to a greener and fairer economy requires innovation and new ways of thinking. There are many features among emerging technologies in green energy. In this session we will look at a selection of transformations and innovations where science can contribute towards a net zero carbon world with a particular look at and making comparisons between Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe. The session brings together scientists across disciplines to look at some of the most exciting emerging technologies with a particular focus on Latin America and the Caribbean whilst making comparisons to developments in Norway and Europe/EU.

Moderator: **Lise ØVREÅS**

President of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters /  
Professor, University of Bergen

### PANELLISTS:

- Jacquelin Elizabeth COBOS MORA, Researcher, Department of Physics and Technology, University of Bergen
- Ignacio HERRERA ANCHEGUSTEGUI, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Bergen
- Deron MAITLAND, Climate Physicist, Department of Physics, University of the West Indies

### **19:00: Conference dinner in Grieghallen**

The University of Bergen is pleased to invite all registered conference participants to a light dinner in Grieghallen. **Please bring your conference badge in order to have access to the venue.**



CUSCO, PERU. PHOTO: ALEXANDER SCHIMMECK, UNSPLASH





# Tuesday 5 September

## Health session

Session moderator: **Ana Lorena RUANO**

Researcher, Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care, UiB

09:00-09:20: KEYNOTE

***Racism and discrimination as the main barriers to achieve health equity in Latin America***

Walter FLORES, Research Professor at American University, Washington, D.C.

09:20-09:30: Q&A with the keynote speaker

09:30-10:50:

Panel

***Inequities in health and health systems in Latin America and the Caribbean***

Latin America is a culturally and ethnically diverse region with burgeoning economies, striking levels of inequities, and deeply fragmented and segmented health systems. This poses great challenges to the provision of quality care and overall equity levels in Latin American societies and is the result of complex historical, political, and economic determinants, that act regionally, at the country level, and within and across different populations. As a result, the region faces limits to their capacity to provide equitable access to quality healthcare and public health services. It also makes it difficult to guarantee the right to health, a right enshrined in most of the region's constitutions and progressive legal frameworks. Inequities are evident in Latin America's financially strained health systems that are unable to guarantee quality to vulnerable populations like women and girls, the LGBTQ community, indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities, and migrants and refugees. This panel will look at the market, social, and political forces that continue to push towards poorly regulated privatization efforts, in detriment of public healthcare services. To do it, we will discuss health system financing and reform, urban health, and the position of indigenous peoples and women and girls.

PANELLISTS:

- Pablo GAITÁN-ROSSI, Director of the Research Institute for Equitable Development (EQUIDE), Universidad Iberoamericana
- Daniel MACEIRA, Centro de Estudios de Estado y Sociedad (CEDES)/ Facultad de Ciencias Económicas, Universidad de Buenos Aires
- Enrique PEÑALOZA QUINTERO, Instituto de Salud Pública, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
- Daniela C. RODRIGUEZ, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University



## Keynote session (11:00-12:00)

Session moderator: **Leiv MARSTEINTREDET**  
Professor and Head of Department of Comparative Politics, UiB

- 11:00-11:20: KEYNOTE  
***Back to the Cold War? Russia, China, and the implications for Latin America***  
Bert HOFFMANN, Lead Research Fellow, and Head of Giga Berlin Office, German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA)
- 11:20-11:40: KEYNOTE  
***LAC-Europe bridges in 21st century geopolitics: A view from the social magisterium of Pope Francis***  
Emilce CUDA, Secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, The Vatican / Professor of Theology at Loyola University of Chicago
- 11:40-12:00: Q&A with the keynote speakers
- 12:00-12:45: Lunch for *registered* conference participants

# Democracy/global order session

12:45-14:00:

Panel

## ***The significance of democracy: Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, and the global order. What role can Latin America and the Caribbean play in today's uncertain world?***

Panel moderator: **Pablo VOMMARO**

Research Director of CLACSO (Latin American Council of Social Sciences)

Across the world democracy and the global order created by and maintained by liberal nations face serious threats. Democracy as a political system is backsliding in many regions of the world, including in Latin America and the Caribbean where autocratic regimes are on the rise, often supported by voters disgruntled with the poor performance of the democracies of the region. In Europe, war has been raging since Russia's military onslaught of Ukraine. Reactionist movements have gained ground in some European countries. Democratic nations look beyond their frontiers to find friendly partners in defense of democracy, openness, and a rule-based global order. How can Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe grapple with their own internal challenges to democratic rule? What are the similarities and differences in the two regions' challenges to democratic rule? How can Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe work together to strengthen the belief in, and the societal benefit of, democracy? What can be done to expand and improve relations between Europe and Latin America during these turbulent times? These are some of the questions that our panellists will grapple with in this roundtable.

### PANELLISTS

- Karina BATTHYÁNY, Executive Secretary of CLACSO (Latin American Council of Social Sciences)
- Benedicte BULL, Professor Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo
- Bert HOFFMANN, Lead Research Fellow and Head of Giga Berlin Office, German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA)
- Håvard MOKLEIV NYGÅRD, Director, Department for Knowledge, Norad - Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation

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## Distinguished ambassadors' panels

### Panel

14:00-14:40: **The future streams of solidarity between Norway/Europe and Latin America/the Caribbean**  
***Views from Norway***

Panel moderator: **Leiv MARSTEINTREDET**

Professor and Head of Department of Comparative Politics, UiB

### PANELLISTS

- Ragnhild IMERSLUND, Ambassador of Norway to Mexico
- John Petter OPDAHL, Former Ambassador of Norway to Cuba (2011-2016), and to Colombia (2018-2022). Currently Senior Advisor at the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- Odd Magne RUUD, Ambassador of Norway to Brazil

14:40-15:00: Coffee break

### Panel

15:00-16:30: **The future streams of solidarity between Norway/Europe and Latin America/the Caribbean**  
***Views from Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe***

Panel moderator: **Leiv MARSTEINTREDET**

Professor and Head of Department of Comparative Politics, UiB

### PANELLISTS (in order of precedence)

- Ambassador Ulises CANCHOLA, México
- Ambassador Enio CORDEIRO, Brasil
- Ambassador José Ramón GARCÍA HERNÁNDEZ, Spain
- Ambassador Ramón GORDILS, Venezuela
- Chargé D'Affaires a.i. Julio UBILLUS, Peru

16:30-16:35: **Closure of the 2023 UiB LAC conference**  
Benedicte CARLSEN, Vice-rector for Research and International Relations, University of Bergen

# Free movie Tuesday 5 September, 18:00hs

In cooperation with Cine Latino, we are pleased to invite interested conference participants to a free screening of the movie *La delgada línea amarilla* (recipient of numerous awards) at the premises of Bergen Kino, Konsertpaleet, Neumanns gate 3, 5015 Bergen. **NB!** There is a limited number of free tickets, so please get in touch with the conference organizers during the days of the conference to obtain your personal ticket of admission *before* going to the movie theatre. The film is in Spanish with English subtitles.

GUILLERMO DEL TORO, BERTHA NAVARRO y ALEJANDRO SPRINGALL PRESENTAN

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# LA DELGADA LÍNEA AMARILLA

EN EL CAMINO NOS ENCONTRAREMOS

ESCRITA Y DIRIGIDA POR CELSO GARCÍA

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PREMIO ZENITH DE BRONZE

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# Speakers' biographies



**Karina Batthyány** is the Executive Director of the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO). Doctor in Sociology, she is a Professor of the Department of Sociology of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Universidad de la República (Uruguay) and an advisor to several international organizations including ECLAC, UN Women and the ILO. Member of the Governing Board of the ISC (International Science Council). She is a member of the National Research System of Uruguay. She is the author of numerous publications on the topics of social welfare, gender, public policies, unpaid work and care.

**Benedicte Bull** (PhD) is professor of political science at the Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM), University of Oslo, and president of the board of the Nordic Institute for Latin America Studies (NILAS). She was director of the Norwegian Latin America Research Network (NorLARNet) (2008-2020), and Oslo Academy of Global Governance (2015-2020). Bull has researched international development, development institutions and Latin American political economy and environment. Her most recent books are: Handbook of International Development and the Environment (2023, Edward Elgar, with Mariel Aguilar-Støen), and Latin America Today: new interests and old ties to the USA, China, Russia, the Middle East, and Europe (2021, Cappelen Dam, in Norwegian).



**Ulises Canchola**, current Ambassador of Mexico to Norway, holds a law degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico and a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. His previous foreign postings include the Permanent Missions of Mexico to the UN in New York, Vienna, and Geneva as well as Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran. In Mexico's Chancellery, he acted as Director-General for the UN System, head of International Bilateral Relations and Economic Cooperation, and Mexican Representative for the Coalition for Innovation in Epidemic Preparedness. Ambassador Canchola has engaged in negotiations regarding ocean affairs, climate change, terrorism, migration, transnational organized crime, and human rights.



**Benedicte Carlsen** is the Vice-rector for Research and International relations at the University of Bergen and she is also professor of public health. Carlsen was formerly Head of Department of Health Promotion and Development. Carlsen holds a master's degree in social anthropology based on field studies in Chile and a PhD in health service research, both from UiB. She has led several interdisciplinary research projects, in fields such as organization in the health services, research communication during pandemics and implementation of research knowledge in practice. Carlsen is particularly involved in the social role of research.



**Enio Cordeiro** assumed the position of Ambassador of Brazil to Norway in June 2021 after serving as Consul General in New York (2018-2021) and Brazilian Ambassador to Mexico (2015-2018). Before that he was Undersecretary General for Economic and Financial Affairs at the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations and Brazil's G20 Sherpa (2013-2015). He served as Ambassador to Argentina (2010-13) and Undersecretary General for Latin America (2010-2013). He was National Coordinator for Mercosur, Unasul and Celac (2007-2010); Director General for South America (2004-2010); and Member of the Governing Council of Itaipu Binacional (2006-2010).



**Jacquelin Elizabeth Cobos Mora** is a young researcher with background in petroleum engineering, currently working at University of Bergen. She studied Petroleum Engineering at a well-known engineering university (Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral) in Ecuador. After finishing her bachelor's studies, she continued with a Master and Ph.D. at Aalborg University in Esbjerg. Then, she did a postdoc on geothermal energy at University of Southern Denmark, SDU. She has worked primarily in the understanding of complex interactions between rock-fluid and fluid-fluid using calorimetry for different purposes within earth sciences, such as enhanced oil recovery, geothermal energy production and CO2 storage.



**Emilce Cuda** is Doctor in Theology from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Argentina. Secretary of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America at the Holy See. Member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Science and of the Pontifical Academy of Life. Specialist in Social Moral. Research at ICMC (International Catholic Migration Commission). Visiting professor at Northwestern University ((2011), Boston College (2016), De Paul University (2018). Focusing on union workers, migrant workers, political movements and organizing community. Currently she is coordinating a programme for the Holy See: Building Bridges between Latin America and other continents with university's students and presidents, in dialogue with Pope Francis.



**Walter Flores** is a social scientist and human rights advocate with over 25 years of professional experience. Dr. Flores' professional work has been carried out in more than 30 countries in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe. His areas of expertise are health systems and policy, right to health and indigenous populations, democratic governance, social accountability, legal empowerment and community participation. Currently, Dr. Flores is research professor at the Accountability Research Center, American University, Washington DC and a research associate at the Center for the Study of Equity and Governance in Health Systems; a Guatemalan civil society organization.



**Pablo Gaitán-Rossi** is director at the EQUIDE, the Research Institute for Equitable Development at Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. He has a PhD in Social Welfare by Boston College and was trained as a Sociologist and Psychologist. He is a member of Mexico's National Registry of Researchers, First level. Coordinates the research network on water insecurity in Latin-America. Collaborates as an evaluation consultant with the Primary Health Care Performance Initiative from the World Bank. Managing editor of the International Journal for Equity in Health. Interested in health systems, social determinants of health, food and water insecurity, aging, mental health, and implementation science.



**Fernando Galván** is the current Secretary General of IAUP: International Association of University Presidents (2021-2024). He is Professor of English Literature and Rector Emeritus at the University of Alcalá, Spain, where he was Rector/President (2010-2018). He has a distinguished career as a scholar in English fiction, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, literary translation, as well as comparative literary and cultural studies. In 1996-2002 he chaired the Spanish Association for Anglo-American Studies (AEDEAN), and during 2007-2013 he was President of the European Society for the Study of English (ESSE). He also chaired the Academic Permanent Forum Latin America, the Caribbean and European Union (FAP ALC-UE for its acronym in Spanish), 2014-2018.





**José Ramón García Hernández.** Ambassador to Norway and Iceland. Doctor from Complutense University of Madrid in Political Philosophy. Degree in Economics and Business Administration from ICADE and in Political Science and Sociology. He has a Diploma in Advanced Defense Studies and a Leadership Programme for Public Management. Other duties: Deputy Director of the Diplomatic School, General Direction for Iberoamerica and positions in Embassies of Bulgaria and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Head of the Spanish Delegation in the European Union and Deputy Head of the Cabinet of the Director General of Foreign Policy. Member Spanish Parliament and spokesperson for Foreign Affairs. Author of books Letters from Sarajevo, Reflections from outside the walls and Edmund Burke.

**Eira Martinsen Garrido** is the deputy mayor of the city of Bergen since December 2022. In 2019 she was elected a member of the Bergen city council, representing the socialist party (Sosialistisk Venstreparti). Garrido is an alumna of the University of Bergen (UiB), where she has a bachelor's degree from the Department of Comparative Politics and a joint bachelor's from UiB's Department of Information Science and Media Studies and Universidad de Autonomos Barcelona. During her time in university, she was active in student politics and was the student representative in the programme committee for the SDG Conference Bergen 2020.



**Ramón Gordils.** Born in Caracas. An administrative career official at the Venezuelan Foreign Ministry, since 2003, holding a wide range of executive-level positions, being the most recent Ambassador to Norway, since November 2022, and Deputy Foreign Minister for Cooperation, from 2015 to 2022. He has extensive experience in international commissions, presidential summits and as negotiator of international legal instruments. He has been Chair of the Venezuelan export bank and the ALBA alliance regional development bank. He has participated in several international political negotiations, playing a key role as co-drafter of the “Agreement for National Reconciliation and the Consolidation of the Democratic System in the Republic of Honduras”, signed in 2011.

**Margareth Hagen** is a Norwegian literary scholar and philologist. She is the current rector of the University of Bergen, elected for the period 2021 - 2025. Before her term as rector, she served as prorector with responsibility for research, the ph.d education and research ethics at the same institution in the period 2017 - 2021. As rector and prorector she has been a clear voice for the research intensive and comprehensive universities, academic freedom, and the working conditions of scholars. She has furthermore worked to vitalize the university democracy.



**Thomas Hansteen** is Special adviser on international relations, and works primarily with Countries outside EU-EEA. Former Director for global development and international relations in the Research Council of Norway (2021-22), and Science counsellor at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Beijing (2013-16). Council member of IIASA (International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis) since 2022. Hansteen has worked in various positions at the Research Council on science policy, environmental and polar research policy and international research cooperation. Hansteen has a background from Ministry of Agriculture as research policy adviser, and at the Centre for Development and the Environment at the University of Oslo, doing research and teaching.

**Ignacio Herrera Anchustegui** is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bergen. He leads the Research Group for Natural Resource Law, Environmental Law and Development Law. Ignacio's area of expertise deals with energy markets, with a special emphasis on the regulation of offshore energy, offshore wind and new energy technologies. His PhD "Buyer Power in EU Competition Law" won the 2017 Concurrences PhD Award for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of competition law or economics, and he has also received the Meltzer Award for Young Researchers 2017 for his academic research and significant contributions at the University of Bergen.



**Bert Hoffmann** is a Latin America expert at the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg. Holding a doctorate in political science, he has done extensive research on Latin American and Caribbean politics and the region's international relations. He also is head of the GIGA's Berlin Office and professor of political science at Freie Universität Berlin. As a principal investigator of the German-Latin American Centre of Infection & Epidemiology Research & Training (GLACIER) he is currently leading a comparative study of COVID-19 vaccination policies and politics in Central America and Cuba.

**Millaray Huichalaf** (31) is a Machi, the spiritual guide and healer of her Mapuche Indigenous commune in the south of Chile. She leads the resistance against Statkraft, a Norwegian state company building hydroelectric plants that could destroy the delicate ecosystem of Pilmaiken, a river that is sacred to her culture. In the context of a long history of predatory colonization and a global climate, economic and health crisis, Machi Millaray's story embodies the moral courage of Indigenous women in defense of natural and spiritual ecosystems, and the struggle of Latin American communities at large for a more equitable region.



**Ragnhild Imerslund** has been Norway's Ambassador to Mexico and Central America since 2021. She has worked in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2009, was previously the Director of Communication in MFA, Deputy Head of Mission in London and headed successfully Norway's campaign to join the UN Security Council in 2021-2022. Before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs she worked in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for eight years and she also has experience from ICRC and journalism. Ragnhild Imerslund holds a MSc in International Relations from London School of Economics, and has a BA from University of Oslo in Spanish and Journalism.

**Vibeke Kyrkjebø Irgan** is a senior advisor at UiB Division of Research and innovation and is leading the UiB support team for external funding. The support team specializes in national large-scale proposals such as center and infrastructure projects, and Horizon Europe proposals. In addition to proposal support, the team also offers support in other project phases, such as contract and project management phase. Vibeke Irgan holds a PhD in molecular biology, but has since 2006 been working with research training, internationalization and research support at various faculties and divisions across UiB.





**Trine Smukkestad Lavik** is an experienced lawyer, graduated from UIB in 2012. She has experience working with energy- and environmental related law, working at the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE) from 2013-2016. She has been working as a legal advisor at Innovation Norway's export center since 2016, giving advise to Norwegian companies on EU internal market law. In January she started in a new position as a regional EU-advisor for Innovation Norway Vestland. Trine supports Norwegian companies by offering advisory services when applying for funding from Horizon Europe, mainly the EIC Accelerator program. If you have any questions related to EU-funding, please get in touch: [trine.smukkestad.lavik@innovasjon Norge.no](mailto:trine.smukkestad.lavik@innovasjon Norge.no)

**Laila Linde Lossius** works at the Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills, where she manages funding programmes for Higher Educational collaboration between Norwegian institutions and similar institutions in specific countries outside Europe, as Brazil, Canada, China, India, Japan, South-Africa, South-Korea, and USA. Lossius has a master's degree in biology and has worked with fisheries research, engineering education, management of subsea projects in the oil & gas sector and international education collaboration for several years.



**Daniel Maceira**. PhD. in Economics, Professor at University of Buenos Aires, Independent Researcher of the National Council of Scientific Research (CONICET), Senior Researcher at CEDES, and Director of the MBA-Health, University of San Andrés. Maceira has collaborated with a wide array of institutions, such as IDRC, UNICEF, WHO, PAHO, ECLAC, UNDP, USAid, the Inter-American Foundation (IAF), Gates Foundation, The World Bank, the Global Development Network, the Global Fund; the Inter-American Development Bank; GAVI Alliance, among others. He has numerous national and international peer review publications and coordinated many research projects and technical assistance initiatives particularly in the Latin America. He is Board Member and Chair for The Americas of Health Systems Global.

**Deron Maitland** is a graduate student in Department of Physics, at The University of the West Indies (Mona), Jamaica. My current PhD project is focused on sea level variability in the Caribbean. This entails looking at the rate of sea level rise in the Caribbean, and the impact it may have on people and the coast in the future. My work aims to provide regional and local sea level rise assessments, which I believe are crucial pieces of information that are required to develop climate models and renewable energy systems that will aid in climate change adaptation and mitigation planning in the Small Island Developing States of the Caribbean.



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**Tomás Reyes Ortega** is an EU official who started his career in the Office of the Personal Representative of the High Representative, Javier Solana, for the non-proliferation of WMD. He later co-chaired the Working Party for the Western Balkans (COWEB) and served as Political Assistant to the Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia. He was Head of the Political Section in the EU Delegations in Moscow and in Baghdad. Back in headquarters he joined the Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean Division. In September 2021, he was appointed Chair of the Working Party for Latin America and the Caribbean and of the Working Party for Transatlantic Relations.

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**Ana Lorena Ruano** is a sociologist by training and holds a PhD in Public Health from Umeå University, in Sweden. Currently, she is a researcher at the Centre for International Health (CIH) at the University of Bergen, where she leads the project Strengthening Agency & Learning across Health Systems in the Americas (SALHSA). Her work focuses on equity in health and health system governance, including participation, social accountability, and legal empowerment. The target populations for her work include groups that have been traditionally excluded from decision making processes or policy processes in health, like indigenous peoples. She serves as the Editor-in-Chief for the International Journal for Equity in Health (IJEQH).



**Odd Magne Ruud** (56) is Norway's ambassador to Brazil since August 2021, including Surinam and Guyana. He was senior advisor for government relations and public affairs in Equinor (2016 to 2019), and director general for international affairs in the Norwegian Prime Minister's office (2012-2016). Ruud has served as chief of staff for the Minister for International Development and been posted to the Norwegian Embassies in Beijing and Washington. In 2007-08 Ruud was chief of cabinet to the High Commissioner for National Minorities, OSCE. He holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the London School of Economics and a BA-degree in political science from the University of Oslo.



**Gianfranco Selgas.** My research focuses on environmental and energy humanities, political ecology, and cultural studies in Latin America and the Caribbean. I am interested in the media and political ecology of nature extraction and energy consumption across the region. My research interests range from late-19th, 20th, and 21st century Latin American and Caribbean cultural production and politics engaging with extractivism to studies on critical theory and material culture with a world-ecological perspective. I am a member of the Petrocultures Research Group and collaborate with CLACSO's working group on Political Ecology. More about my research, teaching, and other projects here: [www.gianfrancoselgas.com](http://www.gianfrancoselgas.com).



**Ernesto Semán.** I am a historian working on Latin America. I am more recently the author of "Breve historia del antipopulismo los intentos por domesticar a la argentina plebeya, de 1810 a Macri" (SigloXXI, 2021) and "Ambassadors of the Working Class. Argentina's International Labor Activists and Cold War Democracy in the Americas" (Duke, 2017). Currently, my research focuses on social and environmental issues: from the uses of animal metaphors in politics to an etymology of "resource". Particularly, I work on the history of salmon farming in Chile, as a field of experimentation for transnational capital flows, labor regulations, environmental changes and a reconceptualization of the relation between human and non-human nature.

**Terje Tvedt** is professor emeritus at the Department of Geography, University of Bergen, and a former professor in Global History at the University of Oslo and a former professor in Political Science at the University of Oslo. He has been a Guest Professor at Cambridge University. Tvedt is the author of a numerous books and articles, has written and co-directed a number of TV-documentaries and been the leader of national and international research networks and research projects. His main research fields include world history, with a special focus on water-society systems and linkages, development theories and the international aid system. He has written extensively on Norwegian history, especially Norway's relations to the non-European world.



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