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Speakers

Rosalía Arteaga Serrano – *Former President of Ecuador*

The only woman to have occupied the position of Vice President and Constitutional President of Ecuador. Former General Secretary of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, Deputy Minister of Culture, and Minister of Education. Nowadays she is President of the Advisory Council in FIDAL Foundation and Executive President of Arteaga Serrano Productions.

Néstor Osorio Londoño – *Colombian Ambassador to the United Kingdom*

Néstor Osorio is the Ambassador of Colombia to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland. Previously he was the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the World Trade Organization.

John Mulholland – *Editor of The Observer and Assistant Editor of The Guardian*

John Mulholland has worked in journalism for over 25 years. Previously he has been Deputy Editor of The Observer and Media Editor of The Guardian. He has also presented programmes on both radio and television for the BBC and Channel 4.

Alejandro Caballero – *Senior Education Specialist at the International Finance Corporation, The World Bank*

Alejandro Caballero is a Senior Education Specialist at Health & Education team of the International Finance Corporation where he evaluates investments in private education companies. He worked with governments in higher education, science, technology and innovation with the World Bank. He also served as a Vice President with Deutsche Bank AG and held previous positions with Oliver Wyman, Booz Allen and Hamilton, Goldman Sachs and Action Aid.

Antonio Sampaio – *Senior Research Associate for Security and Development at IISS*

As a former legal officer of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Elisa advised over 50 countries on improving domestic legislation on natural resources. She has participated and organized various inter-governmental negotiations on environment and sustainable development.

Jonathan Wheatley – *Deputy Emerging Markets Editor at Financial Times*

Jonathan Wheatley is the FT's deputy emerging markets editor. He was Brazil correspondent from 2005 to 2011. He also wrote for Business Week, the Economist Intelligence Unit and many others. He previously worked in television news, current affairs and documentaries in London.

Francisco Javier Sandomingo Núñez – *Former Ambassador of Spain in Perú*

Francisco Sandomingo has been part of the Spanish Diplomatic representation in Costa Rica, Mexico, Cuba and Thailand. He was General Deputy Director for Eastern Europe, Consul of Spain in Hong Kong and Ambassador of

Spain in Zimbabwe. Since 2004 up to 2008 he was the External Policy Executive Director for the Iberoamerican Region. He was Ambassador in Peru from 2008-2011, and up to 2015 he served as Head of the EU Delegation to Nicaragua, Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras. Currently he is in charge of Latin American affairs in the Spanish School of Diplomacy.

Professor James Smith – *Vice-Principal International at the University of Edinburgh*

Professor Smith holds a Personal Chair in African and Development Studies. He has served as Assistant Principal Global Development since 2011 and was instrumental in the 2010 launch of the University's Global Development Academy. He has collaborated with international organisations including Oxfam, the UK Department for International Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

Jeronimo Mohar – *Associate Consultant and Head of the London Office at Grupo Atalaya*

Jeronimo Mohar is an Associate Consultant and head of the London office of Grupo Atalaya, Mexico's leading strategic risk consultancy. He previously worked as a Mexican diplomat and has published opinion and analysis pieces on Mexico in publications such as IHS Jane's Intelligence Review and World Politics Review.

Carmelo Milo Paviera – *PhD Candidate and Teaching Assistant at the University of Edinburgh Business School.*

Carmelo Milo Paviera is a PhD candidate and teaching assistant in Strategy and Organization Theory at the University of Edinburgh Business School and investigates organizations operating within the informal economy. He has worked as a researcher in France and in Argentina and as an analyst in the asset management and consulting industry as well as in start-up projects in Switzerland and Belgium.

Dr Penny Travlou – *Lecturer in Cultural Geography and Theory, Edinburgh School of Architecture*

Her research is interdisciplinary with a particular focus on theories of space and place, politics of public space, digital culture, distributed networks, the commons and ethnography. Through her ethnographic work, she has been looking at how creative networked communities form within transnational and transcultural contexts in a globalised and distributed communications environment. She is currently Programme Co-Director of the new MSc Cultural Landscapes at the Edinburgh College of Art.

Dr Maria Soledad Garcia Ferrari – *Senior Lecturer, Edinburgh School of Architecture*

Professionally qualified in Architecture and Urbanism in Uruguay, her research focuses on current processes of urban development and regeneration in Latin America and Europe. She is currently leading a collaborative research project focused on assessing innovative urban strategies in the city of Medellin. She is Coordinator of Research and Development for Edinburgh University's Centre for Contemporary Latin American Studies.