



Biographies
OAS POLICY ROUNDTABLE:
“Scholars, Policymakers and International Affairs: Finding Common Cause”

Thursday, November 6th, 2014
Hall of the Americas, Organization of American States
17th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006
10:30 am – 1:00 pm



Dr. Abraham Lowenthal

Professor of International Relations, University of Southern California

Abraham F. Lowenthal is professor emeritus of international relations at the University of Southern California, president emeritus of the Pacific Council on International Policy, an adjunct professor (research) at the Watson Institute, and a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. He was the founding director of both the Latin American Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and of the Inter-American Dialogue, and served as a Ford Foundation official in Latin America, as director of studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, and on numerous editorial and governance boards. His AB, MPA and PhD are all from Harvard University.

He is the author of *The Dominican Intervention* (Harvard, 1972), *Partners in Conflict: The United States and Latin America* (Johns Hopkins, 1987) and *Global California* (Stanford, 2009). He has edited or coedited and contributed to a dozen other volumes, including *The Peruvian Experiment*, *Exporting Democracy: The United States and Latin America*, *Constructing Democratic Governance*, and *Latin America in a New World*. He has published scores of book chapters and articles, including seven in *Foreign Affairs*, five in *Foreign Policy*, two in *World Politics*, two in *Washington Quarterly*, one in *International Security*, one in *The American Interest*, and multiple articles in each of the major Latin American journals on international affairs in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico.



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Dr. Cynthia J. Arnson (Moderator)

Director, Latin American Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Dr. Cynthia J. Arnson is director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Her most recent work has focused on democratic governance, conflict resolution, citizen security and organized crime, international relations, and U.S. policy in the Western hemisphere. Arnson is a member of the editorial advisory board of Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica, the Spanish-language edition of the distinguished journal Foreign Affairs. She is a member of the advisory boards of Human Rights Watch/Americas and the Social Science Research Council's Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum. She served as associate director of the Americas division from 1990-1994, covering Central America and Colombia.

Arnson is the author and editor of several books, and since joining the Wilson Center's Latin American Program in 1994, she has written or edited scores of Woodrow Wilson Center publications on Colombia and the Andean region, Central America, Argentina, Venezuela, China-Latin American relations, citizen security and organized crime, energy, human rights, and U.S. policy in the Western hemisphere.

Arnson graduated magna cum laude from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, and has an M.A. and Ph.D. in International Relations from The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.



Dr. C. Fred Bergsten


Senior Fellow and Director Emeritus, Peterson Institute for International Economics

C. Fred Bergsten, Senior Fellow and Director Emeritus, was the founding director of the Peterson Institute for International Economics from 1981 through 2012. He is a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations, a member of the Advisory Committee to the Export-Import Bank, and co-chairman of the Private Sector



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| | <p>Advisory Group to the United States–India Trade Policy Forum, comprising the trade ministers of those two countries.</p> <p>Dr. Bergsten was assistant secretary for international affairs of the US Treasury during 1977–81. He also functioned as undersecretary for monetary affairs during 1980–81, representing the United States on the G-5 Deputies and in preparing G-7 summits. During 1969–71, starting at age 27, Dr. Bergsten coordinated US foreign economic policy in the White House as assistant for international economic affairs to Dr. Henry Kissinger at the National Security Council. Dr. Bergsten was chairman of the Eminent Persons Group of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum from 1993 to 1995.</p> <p>Dr. Bergsten has authored, coauthored, edited or coedited 42 books on international economic issues. The Peterson Institute for International Economics, which Dr. Bergsten directed for its first 32 years, is the only major research institution in the United States devoted to international economic issues.</p> <p>He received MA, MALD, and PhD degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and its Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2010, and a BA magna cum laude and honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Central Methodist University.</p> |
|  | <p><u>Ambassador Thomas Shannon</u></p> <p><i>Counselor, U.S. Department of State</i></p> <p>Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., was appointed Counselor of the Department by Secretary Kerry on December 24, 2013. Ambassador Shannon had served briefly as Senior Advisor to the Secretary following his return in September from Brazil, where he served as United States Ambassador for nearly four years. He is a Career Ambassador in the Senior Foreign Service of the United States. Ambassador Shannon is only the seventh Foreign Service Officer to hold the position of Counselor since World War II, and the first in 32 years. Prior to his tenure in Brazil, Ambassador Shannon served as Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs from 2005 to 2009,</p> |



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| | <p>Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs at the National Security Council from 2003-2005, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Western Hemisphere Affairs at the Department of State from 2002-2003.</p> <p>Ambassador Shannon also served as Director of Inter-American Affairs at the National Security Council from 1999 to 2000, as Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela, from 1996 to 1999, and as Regional Labor Attaché at the U.S. Consulate General in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 1992 to 1996. During his thirty year career as a Foreign Service officer, Ambassador Shannon also served as Special Assistant to the Ambassador at the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia, Brazil from 1989 to 1992, and as a Consular/Political Rotational Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City, Guatemala, from 1984 to 1986.</p> <p>Ambassador Shannon graduated with high honors from the College of William and Mary in 1980, having studied government and philosophy. He then studied at Oxford University, where he received a M. Phil in Politics in 1982, and a D.Phil in Politics in 1983.</p> |
|  | <p><u>Dr. Santiago Levy</u></p> <p><i>Vice President of Sectors and Knowledge, Inter-American Development Bank</i></p> <p>Santiago Levy is the Vice-President for Sectors and Knowledge at the Inter-American Development Bank, and previously Chief Economist. Previously, he was General Director at the Mexican Social Security Institute (IMSS) from December 2000 to October 2005. From 1994 to 2000, Levy served as the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico, becoming the main architect of the renowned social program Progres-Oportunidades that benefits the poor. He is the author of at least 80 articles, monographs and book chapters on such diverse subjects as poverty reduction, competitiveness, foreign exchange policy, export imbalances, pricing, microeconomics and energy. His paper Poverty in Mexico won the 1992 National Research Prize in Economics</p> |



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| | <p>awarded by the Bank of Mexico.</p> <p>He holds a Ph.D. in economics and a Masters in Political Economy from Boston University. He was a post-doctoral fellow at Cambridge University.</p> |
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