



Democracy Round Table
Democracy at Crossroads: The Challenge of Illicit Finance in Politics
Mexico City, 1–2 December 2009



Bio-data of Speakers, Panellists and Moderators

Opening statements

Speakers:

Mr Fernando Francisco Gómez-Mont Urueta

Fernando Francisco Gómez-Mont Urueta is Interior Secretary, appointed by President Felipe Calderón in November 2008.

In 1991, as Federal Deputy, he was President of the Justice Commission of the Chamber of Deputies during the 55th Legislature. He has been a member of the National Executive Committee, the National Council and the Political Commission of the National Action Party. For many years he was a member of the Federal Electoral Commission and a Representative of the National Action Party to the Federal Electoral Institute.

Mr Juan Manuel Gómez Robledo

Juan Manuel Gómez-Robledo is Deputy Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights.

Earlier he was the Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations (2004–2006); Legal Counsellor of the Mexican Foreign Affairs Ministry (2000–2004); Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States (OEA, 1998–2000); Counsellor for Humanitarian and Disarmament Affairs at the Permanent Mission to the International Organizations, in Geneva (1995–1998); and Chief of Cabinet at the Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1994. He was Chief of Staff at the Office of the Deputy Foreign Minister for North America in 1993, and Special Advisor of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1992.

Mr Vidar Helgesen

Vidar Helgesen, a Norwegian national, is Secretary-General of the Stockholm-based intergovernmental organization International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA).

From 2001–2005 he was Norway’s Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs leading Norway's efforts in peace talks between the government of Sri Lanka and the Tamil Tigers. He has long been involved in Norway’s Conservative Party and from 1998–2001, was Special Adviser to the President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva. In 2007, he was appointed by the UN Secretary-General as member of the UN Peacebuilding Fund Advisory Group.

Also attending the inaugural session:**Mr José Alejandro Luna Ramos**

José Alejandro Luna Ramos was appointed Justice of the Federal Electoral Court in 2005, and is Chair and Founding Partner of the National School of District and Circuit Court Justices of the Federal Judicial Power.

He has worked in the judicial branch since 1968, where he served in diverse state courts, and later as Federal District and Circuit Court Judge. He has lectured in La Salle University, the Iberoamericana University; the Anahuac University; the Institute for Judicial Specialization in the Federal Judiciary Council and the National Autonomous University of Mexico School of Law.

Mr Héctor Fix-Fierro

Héctor Fix-Fierro is currently Director of the Legal Research Institute, UNAM (2006–2010), and Member of the Advisory Committee of the United Nations Human Rights Council (2008–2011). Since 1991, he has been a full time Research Fellow at the Legal Research Institute UNAM in the area of Sociology of Law.

His main research focuses on justice reform and the processes of legal change in Mexico. Since 1999 he belongs to the National System of Researchers, and has been Visiting Professor in the University of Houston, Texas (2001) and visiting researcher in the University of Bremen, Germany (2003-2006). He has authored many publications.

Mr Leonardo Valdés Zurita

President Counselor of the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE). Please see under section “Commentators”, below.

Keynote Speech**Keynote speaker: Mr Misha Glenny**

Misha Glenny, a British national, studied at Bristol University and Prague’s Charles University before becoming Central Europe correspondent for The Guardian and later the BBC. He specialized in reporting on the Balkans independence wars in the late 1980s and early 1990s that followed the collapse of Yugoslavia. While at the BBC, Mr Glenny won 1993’s Sony Gold Award for his ‘outstanding contribution to broadcasting’. He has also written three books about

Central and Eastern Europe. His latest book *McMafia* (2008) focuses on international organized crime, which, he writes, may now account for twenty per cent of the world's GDP. He has advised the USA and some European governments on policy issues and, for three years, ran an NGO helping with the reconstruction of Serbia, Macedonia and Kosovo. He is currently researching a book on cybercrime and cyberwarfare.

Commentators:

Mr Leonardo Valdés Zurita

Leonardo Valdés Zurita is President Counselor of the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE).

Since 1993, he has been member of the National Researchers System. His research has focused on electoral systems, electoral behavior, political parties and party systems. In 2004 he presided over the Electoral Professional Service Commission; was President of the Electoral Organization Commission 1999–2003; and Executive Director of Electoral Organization at IFE from 1996–1998.

Mr Salvador Olimpo Nava Gómar

Salvador Olimpo Nava Gómar is Justice of the Federal Electoral Court by the Senate.

He has an extensive academic career as member of the National Researcher System; been an Expert of the Deputies Chamber in Spain; and lectured in different foreign Universities including Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Salamanca University, SUNY, Buenos Aires University, and Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

First Panel

Moderator: Mr Ciro Murayama

Ciro Murayama is a Member of the National Researchers System (SNI, CONACYT), the Mexican Academy of Political Economy, and Member of the Governing Board of the Institute of Studies for the Democratic Transition.

In 2008 he received the National Autonomous University of Mexico Award for young academics (Reconocimiento Distinción de la UNAM para jóvenes académicos). He is a specialist in labor economy, economy of education and democracy. He has also written several books.

Panellists:

Mr Humberto de la Calle Lombana

Humberto de la Calle Lombana is a lawyer with extensive experience in constitutional and administrative law.

He has held several posts as Ambassador of Colombia to Spain (1996–1998), to the UK (1998–2000) and to the OAS (2001–2003). He served as Vice President of Colombia 1996–1998 and Minister of the Interior in 1990–1992 and 2001. He served as a Professor at the Universities of Caldes, Andes and Rosario for fifteen years, and as Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University

of Caldas (1978–1980). He has written various books and essays, including several on political finance.

Mr Carlos Jiménez Villarejo

Carlos Jiménez Villarejo currently advises the Parliamentary Group *Izquierda Unida-Iniciativa per Catalunya-Verds* in the Congress of Deputies.

In 1995 he became Head of the Special Anti-Corruption Prosecutors of Spain consisting of specialized prosecutors and providing special advice for public experts on financial, accounting and taxes. He was appointed Chief Prosecutor of Catalonia in 1987, investigating financial crime and corruption, accounting tax and specialized judicial police. He has published widely, most recently a report in 2008 on the State of Democracy in Catalonia.

Mr Kwesi Aning

Kwesi Aning is Head, Conflict Prevention Management and Resolution Department (CPMRD) of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) in Accra, Ghana.

Earlier he served as the African Union’s first Expert on Counter-terrorism, defense and security with responsibility for implementing the continental counter-terrorism strategy and oversight of the African Centre for the Study and Research on Terrorism (ACSRT) in Algiers, Algeria. He was also a senior consultant to the UN Department for Political Affairs, New York and completed a UN Secretary-General’s report on the relationship between the UN and regional organizations, particularly the African Union in maintaining peace and security. He is currently completing a UN Report on security threats and links between trafficking and terrorism.

Ms Elena A. Panfilova

Elena A. Panfilova is founder and Director of the Center for Anti-corruption Research – an initiative of Transparency International-Russia established in 1999, and is Member of the Presidential Council on the Development of the Civil Society Institutes and Human Rights.

The main focus of her latest work is on development of the anti-corruption strategies for transition democracies, corruption research, anti-corruption and freedom of information legislation drafting, monitoring of the legislation implementation, monitoring and research of political corruption. She is author of numerous articles and publications.

Second Panel

Moderator: Mr Lorenzo Córdova Vianello

Lorenzo Córdova Vianello is Professor and researcher at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), appointed to the Institute of Legal Research where he is the current coordinator of the Electoral Law research group.

He has been the Director-in-Chief of the UNAM Law School Journal since 2005, and has been lecturing at the Law School of the National Autonomous University of Mexico from 2000. He has published several books, writes for newspapers, works as a commentator of political-electoral issues at the news radio program *MVS Noticias*, and conducts the television program *México*

Diferente (Channel 11, with Ciro Murayama and Pedro Salazar) and the series *Elecciones 09* (Congress Channel).

Panellists:

Ms Ayesha Siddiq

Ayesha Siddiq – author of two books on defense decision-making and political-economy of military – has 17 years work experience in research and writing, consulting and public sector management. She is a recipient of the esteemed Mehboobul Haq, Kodikara and Asia Foundation research awards.

She is a regular columnist for the English daily *Dawn*, contributes to international academic journals, and was correspondent for the prestigious *Jane's Defence Weekly* (2003–2004) which is published from the UK and widely read by the armed forces and the strategic community around the world. She was the first Pakistan Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC, USA, has been a Ford Fellow, and a Research Fellow at the Cooperative Monitoring Center, Sandia National Laboratories, USA. She has the distinction of being the first woman and civilian to serve as Director of Naval Research for Pakistan Navy.

Ms Alina Mungiu-Pippidi

Alina Mungiu-Pippidi is the Chair of Democracy Studies at Hertie School of Governance in Berlin and President of Romanian Academic Society, a think-tank in Bucharest.

She has held various visiting professorships: with the Center for Democracy and the Rule of Law at Stanford University; Harvard's Kennedy School; European University Institute; National Endowment for Democracy; and St Antony's College, Oxford. She founded and chaired the Romanian Academic Society, Romania's oldest think-tank. As a scholar, she works mostly on issues of democratization, media and governance. She is a Board Member of the International Forum of Democracy Studies of National Endowment for Democracy, and the Journal of Democracy; and a consultant for Freedom House, UNDP, World Bank, Bertelsmann and others. She has published several books.

Mr Torquato Jardim

Torquato Jardim is an attorney and former Justice of the Superior Electoral Court (1988-92) of Brazil, and he received his education from the University of Michigan Law School, Georgetown Law Center and the University of Paris–Strasbourg. Mr. Jardim is professor of Constitutional Law and president of the Brazilian Institute of Elections Law (IBRADE). He is the author of several articles on election law and the book *Direito Eleitoral Positivo* (1998).

Discussant: Mr Constancio Carrasco Daza

Constancio Carrasco Daza is Justice of the Federal Electoral Court.

He has worked in the judicial branch where he served as Judge and Magistrate in diverse state courts, and later as a Federal District and Circuit Court Judge. He was Council Member of The Federal Judiciary Council, appointed by the Senate; and Secretary of the Supreme Court of Justice. He has served as Deputy State Attorney of Oaxaca and lectured on Civil Law in the Autonomous University "Benito Juárez" of Oaxaca, School of Law.

Third Panel

Moderator: Mr Francisco José Paoli Bolio

Francisco José Paoli Bolio is Senior researcher at the Institute of Legal Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

He held numerous important academic assignments as member of the National Researchers System (SNI, CONACYT) and taught sociology and law at different universities (Iberoamericana, UNAM and others); his professional and political posts included those of Attorney of the UNAM University, Federal Deputy 1991-1994, National Advisor of the PAN party, Undersecretary for Political Development in the Interior Ministry etc. He is the author of a number of books, essays and articles on Mexican and Latin American political, social and legal issues and developments.

Panellists:

Ms Delia Ferreira Rubio

Delia Ferreira Rubio is Chairman of *Poder Ciudadano* (Transparency International's National Chapter in Argentina), Board Member of Transparency International, and researcher at the CEPPA Foundation in Buenos Aires.

Working as an independent consultant she has worked on anti-corruption and transparency related issues for the OAS, UNDP, International IDEA, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), NEEDS, Transparency International, CAPEL, IFES, and various other international organizations and NGOs in countries around the world. Earlier she was Assistant Professor at Buenos Aires University Law School and nominated Director of Legislative Projects in Córdoba, and Advisor to the Under Secretary of Institutional Affairs (1988). She served as Chief Advisor for several Representatives and Senators at the National Congress (1990–2005) and to the Constitutional Committee of both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and as Chief Advisor at the National Accounting Office in 2005–2007. She has authored numerous publications on democratic culture and political institutions, comparative politics, government by decree, public and parliamentary ethics, political financing and electoral systems, and more. She published her first book in 1982, which was awarded the Cordoba's Bar Association's Prize.

Mr James Cockayne

James Cockayne is an international lawyer, researcher and policy analyst who works closely with governments, international organizations, civil society and industry on security, justice and human rights issues.

He was recently named one of Australia's "100 New Leaders" and "10 Emerging Leaders in 'Thinking'" by *The Weekend Australian Magazine*. He was Director of the Transnational Crime Unit in the Australian Attorney-General's Department, and led Australia's extradition practice. He has served as an advisor on organized crime to the International Policing Advisory Council, the United Nations Department of Political Affairs, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, and the International Forum on the Challenges of Peace Operations. He has worked on war crimes trials in Tanzania and Sierra Leone and, in 2007–2008, he was Chair of the Editorial Committee of the *Journal of International Criminal Justice*.

Mr Jermyn Brooks

Jermyn Brooks is currently Chair of TI's new Business Advisory Board after acting both as Executive Director and CFO after he joined the organisation in 2000 and subsequently as a member of the international Board. Until mid-2009 he led for Transparency International's private sector initiatives which included the involvement on the design of the AML standards of the Wolfsberg banking group, the Business Principles for Countering Bribery and other specific industry-focused initiatives. For the same period he was a member of the board of PACI (Partnering against Corruption Initiative) that has been initiated by leading CEO's at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Discussant: Mr Alfredo Cristalinas Kaulitz

Alfredo Cristalinas is a Member of the Governmental Accounting and Auditing Commission of the College of Public Accountants of Mexico, and lectures on accounting, oversight and public administration in Mexico and other countries.

From 1999–2009, he was Director of the Unit for the Oversight of Political Parties Funding at IFE, and he served in various capacities at the Tax Administration Service (SAT). He has followed courses in Accountability, Control and Assessment of Public Management at the National Institute of Public Administration (INAP) as well as in Tax Automation at the Technological Autonomous Institute of Mexico (ITAM).