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Mathias Vicherat

President of Sciences Po



Mathias Vicherat, was appointed President of Sciences Po and Administrator of the Fondation nationale des sciences politiques (FNSP) on 20 November 2021. A graduate of Sciences Po, he holds two master's degrees (in Political Science and Public Administration) and is an alumnus of the École nationale d'administration.

He started his career as Chief of Staff to the Prefect of the Picardy Region (2004 to 2006), before taking the position of Deputy Prefect of Bobigny in 2006. In 2008 he became the advisor to the national chief of Police. In 2010, Mr Vicherat joined the Paris City Council as Deputy Director of the Mayor's office before taking the role of Chief of Staff two years later. He was in charge of the city's international policy and crisis management and was responsible for overseeing all municipal policies and services, including university policies. He remained in this position until the end of 2016, under the successive mandates of Bertrand Delanoë and Anne Hidalgo.

In 2016, Mathias Vicherat joined the SNCF as Deputy CEO in charge of strategy and communication. He served as Secretary General of Danone from 2019 to 2021.

Arancha González

Dean of Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po



Arancha González is the third Dean of PSIA at Sciences Po and the first woman to lead the world's third school for Politics and International Studies.

Prior to joining PSIA, Ms González served as Spain’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation (2020-2021). She previously was Assistant-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (2013-2020). Between 2005 and 2013 she served as Chief of Staff to the Director-General of the World Trade Organization, Pascal Lamy. Before that, she held senior positions at the European Commission in the areas of international trade and development. Ms González started her career as a lawyer in the private sector.

Ms González has been a member of PSIA's Strategic Committee since 2017. A Spanish national, Ms González holds a degree in law from the University of Navarra and a Postgraduate Degree in European Law from the University Carlos III of Madrid.

Txai Suruí

Young Leader, Brazil



Txai Suruí is a 26 years old indigenous youth activist from the Amazonian town of Rondonia and a member of the Paiter Surui tribe.

At the COP26 in Glasgow, she made a powerful and inspiring speech against climate change and in support of indigenous land protection and recognition.

She started a young people's organisation and is one of six young climate activists suing the Brazilian government for changing its 2005 carbon baseline to fulfil the Paris Climate Agreement's carbon reduction objectives. In addition, Txai Suruí has led numerous mobilizations against deforestation and mining in the Amazon. She studied law and now worked with the Kanindé legal team to preserve the rights and land of indigenous tribes.



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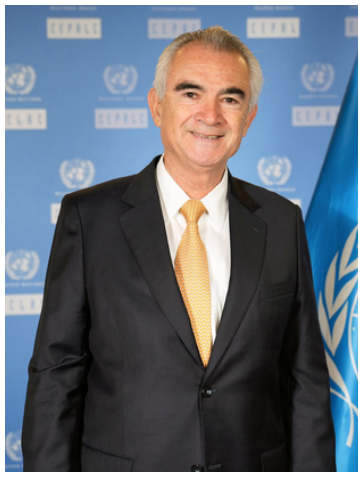
How to avoid economic fragmentation

José Manuel Salazar

Executive Secretary,
Economic Commission for Latin America,
United Nations



Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs was appointed Executive Secretary of ECLAC by the United Nations' Secretary-General on September 1, 2022. He took office as from October 3, 2022. Previously he served as Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Labour Organization (ILO) from 2015-2018. He joined the ILO in 2005 as Executive Director of its Employment Sector and served as Assistant Director General for Policy from 2013 to 2015.

Prior to joining the ILO, he served from 1998 to 2005 as Director of the Trade Unit of the Organization of American States. Mr. Salazar was Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica from 1997 to 1998, Executive President of the Costa Rican Development Corporation from 1988-1990 and Chief Economist and then Executive Director of a Central American private sector think tank (FEDEPRICAP) from 1990-1996.

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In the academic sphere, he is also the author of numerous journal articles on development, trade, productive transformation, competitiveness and employment policies, and has written and edited several books. He has taught at the University of Costa Rica, the National University of Heredia, Cambridge University and Georgetown University.

He holds a master's degree in Development Economics and a doctorate in Economics from Cambridge University and a bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Costa Rica.

Julie Biem

First year, International Economic Policy student at PSIA



Julie Biem is a student of PSIA's International Economic Policy master. She focuses her studies on the threefold of economic and security policy, as well as foreign policy analysis. Her special interest lies in market impacts, as well as Europe and the Middle East region.

Before coming to Sciences Po, Julie studied International Business at Lancaster University and ESB Reutlingen. She further worked at the German Federal Foreign Office, where she supported the department for crisis prevention, early warning, and visualisation (PREVIEW). Notably, she was responsible for organising the minister-level PREVIEW conference on sustaining peace amidst the climate crisis.

Katarina Körner

First year, International Economic Policy student at PSIA



Katarina Körner is a master's student in International Economic Policy concentrating on Global Economy and Gender Studies at Sciences Po. She holds a BSc in International Business - Emerging Markets from Maastricht University.

Prior to her master's degree, Katarina gained valuable work experiences in Entrepreneurship, FinTech, and Consulting across Israel, Chile, and Germany. She is passionate about socio-economics, specifically gender and inequality; financial inclusion, and policy making.

Liz Alderman

Chief European Business Correspondent,
The New York Times



Liz Alderman is the Paris-based chief European business correspondent for The New York Times. She reports from around Europe on economic, social and policy developments through stories that highlight the impact on people's everyday lives. Her coverage since 2010 has included the European economic and refugee crises, the Paris terrorist attacks and the war in Ukraine. Ms. Alderman is a recipient of The Times's Nathaniel Nash Award for her "excellence in business and economics journalism." She was part of a team honored by the Society of American Business Editors and Writers in 2013 for international breaking news coverage of the European financial crisis.

From 2008 to 2010, she was an assistant business editor at The Times in New York, editing coverage of Wall Street and the financial crisis. Before joining, she was the business editor of the Paris-based International Herald Tribune for five years, overseeing European coverage. She previously headed the Paris bureau of the U.S. financial news agency BridgeNews, directing European economics reporting, and prior to that was the chief Federal Reserve correspondent from 1995 to 1999 in Washington D.C., covering the U.S. economy and monetary policy.

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How to govern artificial intelligence

Beatriz Botero Arcila

Assistant Professor,
Sciences Po Law School



Beatriz Botero Arcila is an assistant professor of law at Sciences Po and an affiliate at the Berkman Klein Center at Harvard University. She holds an SJD and an LLM from Harvard Law School and is a lawyer from Universidad de Los Andes, in Bogotá, Colombia. Her research and expertise focus on data governance in urban environments. privacy law, data governance policy, municipal law, platform governance, and legal theory. Recent work has explored modes of data governance in smart city projects, the sharing economy, and Covid contact tracing apps. Her current research explores how surveillance technologies are adopted to provide public security both in Europe and the US and how they interact with other public interests (i.e. civil liberties) and institutional frameworks and incentives.

Professor Botero Arcila has worked with and advised fintech companies, human rights and civil society organizations and has lectured in law and the digital information economy at several universities. She is also co-founder of The Edgelands Institute, a pop-up institute incubated at the Berkman Klein Center focused on studying digital surveillance and cities.

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Gabriela Ramos

Assistant Director-General,
UNESCO



Gabriela Ramos is the Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO, where she oversees the institution's contributions to building inclusive societies. Her mandate includes tackling economic inequalities of income and opportunity, and promoting social inclusion and gender equality. She also oversees the youth support agenda, promotion of values through sport, fight against racism and discrimination, and ethics of science, including of neurotechnology and the internet of things.

She has overseen the development and adoption of the first global instrument to promote the ethics of artificial intelligence, adopted by acclamation in 2021 by UNESCO's General Conference. She also launched the Global Forum against Racism, to catalyse the political support that member countries have given to this cause. On gender, she has advanced several initiatives, particularly to combat gender stereotypes and biases, including in new technologies.

Previously, Gabriela Ramos worked as Cabinet Director and Sherpa for G20/G7APEC at the OECD, contributing to increasing the OECD's global impact and leading key initiatives such as "Inclusive Growth", "New Approaches to Economic Challenges", "Climate Change and Growth", the gender strategy and work on well-being and children. At the G20, she contributed to the international reform of tax systems; the adoption of the gender quota (to reduce the labour gap) and the establishment of the W20; and the adoption of the principles of artificial intelligence, among others. She also oversaw Global Relations and the OECD's membership enlargement process. She is a member of the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council (GEAC) for 2022, an independent advisory body that develops recommendations on gender equality issues across the entire G7 agenda. In 2019, she launched the Business for Inclusive Growth (B4IG) platform, bringing together 40 multinational companies committed to reducing inequalities.

Previously, she was Director of the OECD Office in Mexico and Latin America where she supported reforms in education, telecommunications, gender and health. She was a member of the Mexican Foreign Service. In 2013 she was awarded the Order of Merit (Ordre du Mérite) by the President of France. Her work to promote gender equality has earned her several awards including from Forbes and Apolitico. She has been a Fulbright and Ford McArthur Fellow. She is an alumna of Harvard University's Masters in Public Policy and Universidad Iberoamericana's BA in International Relations. She is a board member of the "Paris Peace Forum"; the "UNICEF Advisory Board"; as well as the "Lancet Commissions on COVID and on Men's Violence against Women", and member of the Danone "Entreprise à Mission" Committee.

Marc Mossé

Senior Counsel, August Debouzy Law Firm



From 2019 to 2022, Marc Mossé was President of the French Association of In-house lawyers (AFJE). He has been Director of Legal and Government Affairs at Microsoft Europe for 6 years from 2016 to 2022, and prior to that he served as Secretary General of Microsoft France for 10 years.

Before that, he was the Director of Public and Regulatory Affairs at Philip Morris France. At the beginning of his career as a lawyer, he practised in the Public and Regulatory Department of our firm, after having been the Parliamentary advisor of Senator Robert Badinter and associate lawyer at the Conseil d'Etat and the Cour de cassation. He is also the former 2nd “Secrétaire de la Conférence des Avocats aux Conseils“.

Marc Mossé is an Associate Professor at the University of Aix-Marseille where, within the Institute of Business Law, he teaches the regulation of digital platforms, privacy and cybersecurity law, and intellectual property law. He is a member of the Copyright Council.

He holds a post-graduate degree (DEA) in European Law from the University of Paris I and in Public Law from the University of Paris V.

Ricarda Seitz

First-year, International Governance and Diplomacy student at PSIA



Ricarda is a Master's student in International Governance and Diplomacy at PSIA. Ricarda has experience as a research assistant for the Chair of Sustainable Business where she worked on projects involving software biases and was chosen to partake in the New York Unfinished Live conference on ethical AI governance by the McCourt Institute.

She has supported the organization of conferences on the implications of AI for the entrepreneurship world and its long-term consequences. Ricarda is interested in the intersection of AI with privacy, surveillance, and the possibilities for business and policy-making cooperation.

William Yee

First-year, International Governance and Diplomacy student at PSIA



William Yuen Yee is the 2022 Michel David-Weill Scholar at Sciences Po, where he is pursuing a master's degree in International Governance and Diplomacy. He graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Columbia University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and East Asian Studies.

He currently serves as a research assistant for Professor Thomas Christensen with the Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program and a research consultant for the Rhodium Group. His writing on Chinese and Indonesian foreign policy has appeared in The Center for Strategic and International Studies, The Diplomat, The Jamestown China Brief, and The China Project. Upon graduation, he will attend Harvard Law School.


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Alexander Schallenberg

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Austria



On 6 December 2021, Alexander Schallenberg was appointed Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria.

Alexander Schallenberg was born on 20 June 1969 in Bern as the son of an Austrian diplomat. From 1989 - 1994 he studied law at the University of Vienna and at the Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas. He also holds a degree in European law from the College of Europe in Bruges.

Alexander Schallenberg joined the diplomatic service of the Republic of Austria in 1997. He completed his training at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in various departments, primarily in the Section for EU Affairs. Alexander Schallenberg was first posted abroad as an EU legal expert to the Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union in Brussels.

In December 2005, Alexander Schallenberg returned to Vienna, where he served as spokesperson to Foreign Minister Ursula Plassnik as well as to her successor Michael Spindelegger. He held further functions in the diplomatic service of the Republic of Austria including head of the Strategic Foreign Policy Planning Unit and head of the EU Affairs Section. Since March 2018, he served as head of the EU Coordination Section at the Federal Chancellery.

In June 2019, Alexander Schallenberg was appointed Foreign Minister in the Austrian Federal Government of Brigitte Bierlein. At the same time, he was entrusted with the management of the agendas for the EU, arts, culture and media. From January 2020, Alexander Schallenberg was Federal Minister for European and International Affairs in the Second Government of Sebastian Kurz until he assumed the office of Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria on 11 October 2021.

Clément Masselin

First year, International Governance and Diplomacy student at PSIA



Clément is a first-year student at PSIA currently pursuing a Master's in International Governance and Diplomacy, with a concentration on Global Risks. He completed a Bachelor's Degree at Sciences Po Paris on the Reims Campus under the Euro-American Program and spent a semester in exchange at the University of British Columbia.

He is interested academically in international security issues, international relations, and the challenge of the energy transition. His main area of focus is nuclear weapons policies, with an emphasis on the impact they have on international relations and the extent to which they shape the diplomatic and military strategies of nuclear-armed and non-nuclear-armed countries.

Steven Erlanger

Chief Diplomatic Correspondent for Europe,
The New York Times



Steven Erlanger is the chief diplomatic correspondent in Europe for The New York Times, a position he assumed in 2017. He is based in Brussels. Mr. Erlanger was previously the bureau chief in London, from 2013 to 2017; in Paris, from 2008 to 2013; in Jerusalem, from 2004 to 2008; in Berlin, from 2001 to 2002; in Prague, from 1999 to 2001; in Moscow, from 1994 to 1996; and in Bangkok, Thailand, from 1988 to 1991. Mr. Erlanger has also served as the newspaper's editor of cultural news, from 2002 to 2004; as the chief diplomatic correspondent in Washington, from 1996 to 1999; and as a Moscow correspondent, from 1992 to 1994. He joined The Times in 1987, as a metro reporter.

Before coming to The Times, Mr. Erlanger worked for The Boston Globe for 11 years. At The Globe, he was a European correspondent, based in London, from 1983 to 1987, and the deputy national and foreign editor for three years before that. He also served as assistant national editor and assistant foreign editor, and reported from Eastern Europe, Canada and revolutionary Iran. From 1975 to 1983, Mr. Erlanger was a teaching fellow at Harvard University, first in the College and then at the Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He also was the assistant editor of the Nieman Reports, the journal of Harvard's Nieman Foundation for Journalism, in 1975.

Mr. Erlanger shared the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting for a series about Russia and was part of a team awarded the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for explanatory reporting, for his work on Al Qaeda. In 2016, Mr. Erlanger was made a Chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur by the French government for his long career in journalism. He shared and received the American Society of News Editors' Jesse Laventhol prize for deadline reporting on 2001 for his work in the former Yugoslavia.

He received the German Marshall Fund's Peter Weitz Prize in 2000 for excellence and originality in reporting and analyzing European and transatlantic affairs and the Robert Livingston Award for international reporting in 1981 for a series of articles about Eastern Europe. Mr. Erlanger graduated from the Taft School in Watertown, Conn., and received an A.B. degree, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Harvard College in 1974. He majored in political philosophy in the government department. He also studied Russian as a senior fellow at St. Antony's College, Oxford. Mr. Erlanger has published articles in The Economist, The Spectator, The New Statesman, The New Republic, The Financial Times, Foreign Policy, The National Interest, the Columbia Journalism Review and other publications.

Tarja Cronberg

Executive Board Member,
The European Leadership Network



Dr Tarja Cronberg was a Member of the European Parliament where she chaired the European Parliament's delegation for relations with Iran. Previously, she was a member of Parliament in Finland and served as the Minister of Labour. She has also held the post of the Chair of the Green League Party and currently works as Distinguished Associate Fellow with the European Security Programme at SIPRI.

Throughout her career, Dr Cronberg specialized in defence and security issues, working as a Special Advisor on nuclear disarmament for the Finnish Institute for International Affairs and was the former Director of Copenhagen Peace Research Institute.

She has a long record of activities both as an academic in security and peace studies and as a politician in foreign and security policy, with a special focus on non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament.

Veronika Kvietkova

First year, International Security student at PSIA



Veronika is a first-year student at PSIA pursuing a Master's degree in International Security. She completed a Bachelor's in Social Science with a regional concentration on Europe-North America at Sciences Po campus of Reims with an exchange at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her current academic concentrations are Human Rights and Middle Eastern Studies and she speaks Slovak, English, French, and basic Turkish. She has experience with lobbying for legislative and systemic changes in Slovak education as the Vice President of Alliance of High School Students and, since 2015, has been engaged in youth activism and politics in Slovakia.

She co-found a youth initiative Flowers of Democracy (Kvety Demokracie), an activist group aimed at combating xenophobia and discrimination and fostering tolerance across society. She currently leads the Central and Eastern European Students Association (CEESA), an on-campus student initiative, fostering intercultural exchange and representation of the region on campus.

Vincent Desportes

Major General (r),
Faculty member at PSIA



After an operational career that led him to exercise multiple commands, Vincent Desportes turned to higher education and strategic thinking. From 2008 to 2010, he directed the French War College, the institute of higher training of the armed forces.

Engineer, PhD in history, and winner of the 2016 Prize of the Académie française, Vincent Desportes has published numerous works on strategy and praxeology. An international speaker, he speaks on the themes of strategy, leadership and geopolitics. A recognized specialist in strategic and military affairs, he participates in major radio and television debates in France and abroad. University professor at Sciences Po, he teaches strategy at several universities.

Vincent Desportes is now Chairman of Stratforce Conseil, a training and business consulting firm.



How to protect our ocean

Charlee Heath

First year, International Security student at PSIA



Charlee Heath is a first-year Master's student studying International Security at Sciences Po's Paris School of International Affairs. She is also a government relations advisor for clean technology clients in Ottawa, Canada. She previously worked in Arctic policy for several years and is honoured to have helped launch a UN Oceans Decade-endorsed research funding program with the ArcticNet research network.

As part of her work with the Canadian International Arctic Centre, she co-authored a chapter on human security in the Arctic for the NATO Science for Peace and Security Series. Through her work, she is passionate about climate action, the energy transition, and clean tech.

Glen Wright

Senior Research Fellow,
International Ocean Governance, IDDRI



Glen Wright works on various aspects of marine policy and ocean governance, specialising in the high seas/areas beyond national jurisdiction, regional ocean policy, and marine spatial planning.

Glen studied law at the Universities of Nottingham (UK) and Texas (US) and has a master's in environmental law from the University of New South Wales (Australia). He is currently pursuing his PhD part-time with the Australian National University, studying the legal and policy implications of large-scale ocean energy developments. Prior to joining IDDRI, Glen worked at REN21 on renewable energy policy. He has previously worked on electricity regulation at the Total Environment Centre, one of Australia's leading environmental NGOs, and as a paralegal in the energy team at Freehills, Australia's biggest law firm.

Glen is a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental law and the founder of Little Blue Letter, an uplifting ocean newsletter curated each week by a young ocean leader. In his spare time, Glen runs a blog about the lighter aspects of academic life and recently published the book, Academia Obscura: The Hidden Silly Side of Higher Education.

Monika Verbeek

CEO,
Seas at Risks



Co-founder of the Varda Group, a consultancy specialized in strategic development and advocacy, Rémi Parmentier is a veteran ocean advocate with a trajectory that goes back to the mid-1970s. He develops projects and campaigns in partnership with foundations, NGOs, governments, intergovernmental and corporate alliances.

He has served over the years since the early 1980s on the delegations of several governments and organizations at many international policy fora. A prolific columnist, Rémi wrote in 2022 From Blue Food for Thought to Blue Food for Action, an essay on innovative approaches to ocean protection.

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Vivienne Dosoo

First year, Environmental Policy student at PSIA



Vivienne Dosoo is a Swiss graduate student, pursuing a Dual Degree in Finance and Environmental Policy at the Stockholm School of Economics and Sciences Po. Vivienne gained professional experience in investment management and financial audit and spent 1.5 years in China as an exchange student and intern.

She is passionate about diplomacy and geopolitics and she is deeply concerned about the climate crisis. Vivienne wants to accelerate the translation of climate-related risks into quantifiable financial risks, to help create the momentum necessary for private sector climate action.

Acknowledging the need for global interdisciplinary cooperation in this matter, she wishes to combine her financial, political and linguistic knowledge to contribute positively to solving the climate crisis.



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How to succeed in the energy transition

Charles Reinhart

First-year, International Energy student at PSIA



Charles Reinhart is a Master Student at PSIA in International Energy. Charles was born and raised in France and integrated Sciences Po right after his Baccalaureate.

His fields of interest are energy, geopolitics and history. He did an internship last year at the Association Nationale des Elus du Littoral (ANEL) in Paris and he is the current vice-president of the Sciences Po Energy Association (SPEA), in charge of partnerships and networking.

Damilola Ogunbiyi

Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General,
Sustainable Energy for All



Damilola Ogunbiyi is the CEO of Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and Co-Chair of UN-Energy. She is also a Commissioner for the Global Commission to End Energy Poverty and the Co-Chair of the COP26 Energy Transition Council. She is a global leader and advocate for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7), which calls for access to reliable, affordable, sustainable and modern energy for all by 2030, in line with the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Prior to joining SEforALL, Mrs. Ogunbiyi was the first female Managing Director of the Nigerian Rural Electrification Agency where she was responsible for successfully negotiating the Nigerian Electrification Project which is a USD 550 million facility (World Bank USD 350m and African Development Bank USD 200m) to rapidly construct solar mini-grids and deploy solar home systems across Nigeria to close energy access gaps.

She also conceptualised the Energizing Economies Initiative, which provides sustainable and affordable off-grid power solutions to economic clusters, including markets and industrial clusters in Nigeria, that is estimated to impact 1.2 million SMEs. Mrs. Ogunbiyi previously worked as the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Power and Head of the Advisory Power Team in the Office of the Vice President of Nigeria. She was responsible for the Power Sector Recovery Programme, which is a series of policy, operational, governance and financial interventions to be implemented by the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN).

Before joining the FGN, Mrs. Ogunbiyi was the first female to be appointed as the General Manager of the Lagos State Electricity Board. Under her leadership, five independent power projects were completed to deliver over 55 megawatts of power to Lagos State hospitals, schools, streetlights, and the Government secretariat. She entered public service as the Senior Special Assistant to the Lagos State Governor on Public Private Partnerships (PPP). Prior to her appointment, she was a consultant for the UK Department for International Development (DfID) on public-private partnerships.

Mrs. Ogunbiyi maintains a keen interest in mentoring and empowering young people through skills acquisitions. She created the Lagos State Energy Academy to build the capacity of young people in renewable energy technology, and the Energizing Education Programme (EEP) which launched a Female STEM Student Internship Programme to provide hands-on practical experience in designing and constructing power systems for 700 female undergraduates.

SMrs. Ogunbiyi is one of the Commissioners for the Global Commission to end energy poverty which is an initiative driven by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and The Rockefeller Foundation. She is the Co-Chair of the COP26 Energy Transition Council aimed at driving action to accelerate the shift to clean energy ahead of COP26 and to bring together leaders in the power sector across politics, finance and technology to speed up the transition from coal to clean renewable energy in developing countries. She is also a member of the Development Advisory Council of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), member of the clean cooking alliance advisory board and a member of the Advisory Board of the University of Oxford – Future of Cooling Programme.

Ditte Juul Jørgensen

Director-General,
Energy, European Commission



Ms Ditte Juul Jørgensen became the Director-General for Energy at the European Commission on 1 August 2019. In this capacity, she leads the Directorate-General and its efforts to ensure access to affordable, secure, reliable and clean energy for all Europeans; to promote efficient production and use of energy; and to drive the process of becoming the first climate-neutral continent while contributing to Europe's sustainable growth and job creation.

Before assuming this role, Ms Juul Jørgensen served as the Head of Cabinet for Commissioner Margrethe Vestager. During this time, Ms Juul Jørgensen steered work to ensure that all companies compete equally and fairly on their own merits to benefit consumers, businesses and the European economy as a whole.

A committed civil servant in the European Commission since 1992, Ms Juul Jørgensen also held Head of Unit and Director positions in the Directorate-General for Trade. It was here that she managed European Union policy and negotiations in the World Trade Organization, provided legal advice and led dispute settlement work.

Ms Juul Jørgensen has almost twenty years of experience in multilateral trade policy and World Trade Organization matters. As Head of Unit, she has also worked on sustainable development, sanitary and phytosanitary issues and European Union trade relations with partner countries.

Ms Juul Jørgensen's career also includes service as the Head of the Economic Section of the European Union Delegation to the United Nations in New York, where she represented the European Union on trade, sustainable development, international partnerships, finance and legal issues. Other formative experiences include work in the Directorate-General for Competition and at the European Court of Justice.

Ms Juul Jørgensen is a law graduate from the University of Copenhagen and the College of Europe.

Farah El Yacoubi

Advanced Global Studies student at PSIA



Farah is a student in the Master in Advanced Global Studies at PSIA, with a track in Governance and Diplomacy. Farah is a qualified lawyer, and prior to starting her Masters at Sciences Po, she advised public bodies and private entities on the development and financing of international energy and infrastructure projects.

She is passionate about energy transition and believes in a collective responsibility to respond to the climate crisis.

Shiv Someshwar

Visiting Professor,
Sciences Po and Columbia University



Dr. Someshwar is a Visiting Professor at Columbia University, New York and at Sciences Po, Paris. He recently stepped down from directing the European Chair for Sustainable Development and Climate Transition at Sciences Po to create Development Clinic: Diagnosing Development for cities and nation-states. Dr. Someshwar teaches and conducts research on sustainable development and on climate change policies and risks.

His publications cover a range of issues: planning, institutions and governance of sustainable development; climate change mitigation, adaptation, risks and offsets; and ecosystem resilience and management. He edited Re-living the memories of an Indian forester: Memoirs of S. Shyam Sunder (2020) and is working on 'Realizing Development: Mismatch of research and institutions.'

He convened and chaired the Independent Task Force on Creative Climate Action (2021-22). The report of the Task Force was recently shared with the G-20 leadership. Dr. Someshwar received a Ph.D. in urban planning from the University of California, Los Angeles, and he was a Bell-MacArthur fellow at Harvard University. He has two masters' degrees, on housing and on environmental planning, and is also trained as a professional architect. He has previously worked at the Earth Institute, Columbia University, the Rockefeller Foundation in New York, and the World Bank in Washington D.C.



Student Artists

Guillermina Loyola Pelaez

First Year, Environmental Policy student at PSIA



Guillermina Loyola Pelaez is a Chilean American. She is pursuing an MSc in Environmental Policy from PSIA as a Fulbright scholar. Guillermina has an Honors Bachelor of Arts in Urban Ecology and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from the University of Utah.

She is a singer and a songwriter. During her undergrad, she began a music project with her best friend under the name First Daze. A female-fronted project, First Daze transformed into an indie folk pop band with a knack for harmonization and lyricism. Over the years FD released singles, an EP and an album. While First Daze is on hiatus due to her studies she is continuing her passion for music through solo acts and collaborations.

Among other things, Guillermina Loyola Pelaez is inspired by music from the 70s, Chilean folk and a desire to process the world around her. Outside of music and academia, she is a lover of travel, an amateur cook and an urban enthusiast.

Verena Märker

Dual Master Humanitarian Right and Humanitarian Action student at PSIA



Verena Märker is a dual master's student at PSIA in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action. She started with photography ten years ago. At first, she focused on aesthetics and then more and more on socially engaged photography.

For Verena, photography means lending others her view of the world and inviting them to take different perspectives. She is convinced that exchange and compromise are the only way to solve today's manifold problems.