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Dr Román ÁLVAREZ-RODRÍGUEZ
Vice-President of Alumni, University of Salamanca

Dr Román Alvarez-Rodríguez was a Professor of English Studies at the University of Salamanca, former Dean of the Faculty of Philology, and he was Head of the English Department and Director of the British Council Centre in Salamanca. For many years he collaborated with different Spanish quality assurance agencies in Higher Education.

Currently, he is acting as the Vice-President of Alumni of University of Salamanca.

Dr Pedro Diego Jordano BARBUDO
Research Professor, Doñana Biological Station, Spanish Scientific Council

Prof Pedro Jordano is a research professor at the Doñana Biological Station (CSIC). His research focuses on the study of biological diversity (biodiversity), together from ecological and evolutionary perspectives; how ecological interactions make up complex ecological systems.

As an Associate and Honorary Professor of the Univ. Sevilla; he has directed the master's degree in Biodiversity and Conservation Biology, Univ. Pablo de Olavide. He chairs the area of Environmental Sciences and Technologies at the State Research Agency (Spain) and has chaired the panel of the European Research Council for the IDEAS program (Starting Grants, LS8).

Mr Antonio BONNET
President, Club de Exportadores e Inversores, Member of the Advisory Body, Spanish Institute for Export & Investment Promotion

Mr Antonio Bonnet is the President of the Exporters and Investors Club of Spain, as well as the Vice-President of CITHA (European Federation of Trading Houses Associations). He has a M.A. in Business Administration from the University of Sevilla, Spain and a M.S. in Economy and Finance from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He is the founder and CEO of ACE INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANS S.L., which has implemented projects in more than 150 countries having won more than 900 international tenders. Additionally, he has experience working in various positions in the Ministry of Economy of Spain.

Ms Kirsten BROEKEMA
President, AEGEE (European Students Forum)

Ms Kirsten Broekema has a bachelor’s degree in international relations and international organisation from the University of Groningen and is since 2022 pursuing a Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in Society, Politics, and Culture in a Global Context: Euroculture. Since August of this year, she is acting as the President of AEGEE, one of the biggest interdisciplinary youth NGOs in Europe.

Kirsten is an ASEFYLS5 Participant.
Dato’ Akmal Che Mustafa has been the Ambassador of Malaysia to Spain since November 2019. Before being appointed to the position, he headed the Inspectorate Division and oversaw the Malaysian government administration system in diplomatic missions worldwide. He was also the Director of the ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat during the Chairmanship of Malaysia in ASEAN in 2005. Dato’ Akmal earned his Master’s in International Security and Strategic Studies from the National University of Malaysia, where he was a Public Service Department scholar.

Prof José-Abel Flores is a Professor in the Department of Geology in the University of Salamanca, with a specialisation in Palaeontology, Oceanography, and Climate Change. Currently, he is acting as Director of the Spanish Japanese Center and Coordinator in the Spanish National Agency for Research of Earth Sciences and Water.

Miriam González Durántez holds a law degree from University of Valladolid and a Master’s degree in European politics from the College of Europe in Bruges. She is a lawyer specialising in international trade and the founder and President of Inspiring Girls - a global charity dedicated to raising the aspirations of young girls around the world by connecting school-age girls with women role models – as well as the founder of España Mejor: a non-profit seeking to respond to Spain’s challenges.

Dr. Yuko Harayama is the co-chair of the Board of Directors of the Japanese Association for the Advancement of Science (JAAS). Previously, she served in the Cabinet Office of Japan as an Executive Member of the Council for Science, Technology and Innovation, and at the OECD as Deputy Director of the Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry. Additionally, Dr. Harayama was a Professor at the Graduate School of Engineering of Tohoku University for 10 years and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Economy at the University of Geneva.
Ms Carolin JONCZYK
Deputy Project Lead
UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network – Youth

Ms Carolin Jonczyk has worked for the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network – Youth since 2021 – starting as a Project Officer and now as the Deputy Project Lead.

Additionally, she holds an MBA in Global Public Management from Kwansei Gakuin University, Japan. She has gained professional experiences at the European Commission, UNESCAP, as well as now working on sustainability issues of the private sector as an ESG consultant.

Ms Iris KIMIZOGLU
Vice-President, European Student’ Union

Mr Iris Kimizoglu currently serving as the Vice President of the European Students’ Union (ESU) for the 2023/24 term. Besides her position of trust, Ms Kimizoglu is pursuing an M.A. in Political Management, Public Policy, and Public Administration at the University of Duisburg-Essens’ NRW School of Governance.

Mr Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ WHITE
Member of European Parliament
Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Mr Antonio López-Istúriz White is a Spanish politician and Member of the European Parliament.

Earlier in his career, he studied law at the CEU San Pablo Catholic University, where he also received a degree in economic studies. He later studied at IESE Business School of the University of Navarra.

Dr Christopher MCCARTHY
Associate Professor, Fulbright, Institute of International Education

Dr McCarthy is conducting research on the use of emerging technologies such as drones to assist smallholder farmers improve farm efficiencies. I am also looking into how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted farmer incomes and food security. Additional research explores how social capital has helped farmers cope with COVID-19 restrictions and climate change, and challenges and opportunities for social/environmental entrepreneurship among youth. Chris has a PhD in Global Environmental Studies from Kyoto University and an MBA from Johns Hopkins University.
He Ambassador Ms Sophia MCINTYRE
Australian Embassy in Spain

Ambassador McIntyre holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Sydney and a Graduate Diploma in Foreign Affairs and Trade from Monash University and is currently a senior career diplomat. Prior to her commencement as Ambassador to Spain she was Assistant Secretary, Southeast Asia Regional Engagement Branch. Ms McIntyre has previously served overseas as Chargé d’Affaires, Athens, Deputy Head of Mission in Colombo, and in Brasilia.

Dr Fengchun MIAO
Chief of the Unit for Technology and Artificial Intelligence in Education, Education Sector, UNESCO

Dr Fengchun Miao is the Chief of the Unit for ICT in Education at UNESCO, Education Sector. Under this competence, he is coordinating the cooperation with other UN-agencies in the field of ICT for SDGs.

Before joining UNESCO, Dr Miao was the Director-General of the National Research Centre for Computer Education, Ministry of Education, China. In that capacity, he was responsible for the development of ICT in education policy and ICT curriculum standards for students and managing the National Association for the Use of ICT in K-12 Schools of China.

Prof Carole MUNDELL
Director for Science, European Space Agency

Prof Carole Mundell started her career at the University of Glasgow where she obtained a B.Sc. Double 1st class Hons. in Natural Philosophy (Physics) & Astronomy, followed by a PhD in Astrophysics from the University of Manchester and postdoctoral research fellowships at Jodrell Bank Observatory, UK and University of Maryland in the USA.

Today, she is the Director for Science at the European Space Agency and is an internationally renowned scientist with extensive experience in inclusive leadership, operational management, strategy and international science policy development.

HE Ambassador Mr Takahiro NAKAMAE
Embassy of Japan to Spain

Ambassador Mr Takahiro Nakamae holds a law degree from the University of Tokyo and has worked for many years within the Japanese government. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1985 and since then he has acted as a counsellor in the Embassy of Japan in Argentina, and a Minister at several embassies to name a few of his positions. Currently, he is acting as Ambassador of Japan to Spain.
Dr Long PHAM
Senior Research Coordinator, Insight Centre for Data Analytics, School of CS & IT, University College Cork

Dr Long Pham is an experienced researcher/business development professional with a history of working in both academic research and industry. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy, PhD, Political Science and Government where her thesis analysed mechanisms for citizen engagement in the development and implementation of smart cities in small and medium cities. Since 2019 she is the Senior Research Coordinator at Insight, and in 2021, she founded BluePonum which translates the potential of SR&I into sustainable and impactful outcomes that advance society.

Prof Kiron RAVINDRAN
Professor of Information Systems at IE Business School

Prof. Kiron Ravindran is a teacher and researcher in IE University's business school. Kiron holds a PhD from the University of California, Irvine and Mechanical Engineering degree from Kerala University in India, and is an enthusiastic observer of technology enabled changes to business and society. His publications have been in Outsourcing, Cloud computing, Organizational Networks, Machine Learning and Robotics. He teaches Technology and Innovation Management in the MBA programmes.

Mr Antoine RIPPOLL
Director, ASEAN Antenna in Jakarta, European Parliament

Mr Antoine Rippoll has been working at the European Parliament for 35 years, advising EU Parliamentarians on a wide range of issues such as foreign affairs and defence, environment, migration and mobility. He also has extensive experience as press and media adviser, and he worked as Chief of staff and Spokesman of the main European parliamentary group’s Chairman. He led the first European Parliament’s international presence as Head of the Liaison Office in Washington DC and has through his career established himself as one of the main actors of parliamentary diplomacy within the European Parliament.

Mr Alexis ROIG
CEO, SciTech DiploHub, Barcelona, Spain

Mr Alexis Roig currently serves as CEO of SciTech DiploHub, the Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomacy Hub. He is also a Professor at the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology and has over 10 years’ experience as senior advisor on science diplomacy for ministries of Foreign Affairs, Science, Research, and Education across Asia and Europe. Mr Roig holds a master’s in Computer Science from Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, an MBA from Ecole de Management de Normandie, and a Postgraduate degree in Diplomacy from the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.
Ambassador Stefano Sannino entered the diplomatic service in 1986 after studying political science at the University of Naples. In 2002, he started his career at the European Commission as an adviser for external relations and trade in the cabinet of the then President of the European Commission Romano Prodi.

In December 2020, he was appointed new Secretary General of the European External Action Service, to replace Helga Schmid, starting from 2021.

Ms Katrina Sproge is the representative of the European Students' Union (ESU) in the Steering Committee of the Global Student Forum. She was a member of the executive board of the Student Union of Latvia (LSA) from 2018 until 2021, during her mandate in LSA, she held multiple positions such as officer for international affairs and president. Katrina has served as Membership Coordinator for ESU and during the 2022/23 mandate as Vice President of ESU, Katrina was working on Internationalisation and Mobility of Higher Education, especially more inclusive and affordable Erasmus+ program, Education for Sustainable development, as well as organisational development and capacity building.

Dr Lampros Stergioulas holds a Doctor of Philosophy, PhD in Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering from the University of Liverpool.

Currently, he is a professor for Data Science and AI at the Hague University of Applied Sciences. Since January 2022, he is the holder of the UNESCO Chair 'Artificial Intelligence and Data Science for Society' awarded to THUAS for four years.

Ms Liana Tang has served for over 15 years in the Singapore Public Service. Her experience spans policy, planning, communications, and engagement across various domains such as culture, heritage, digital, and marriage and parenthood policies. Her current role in the Digital Strategy Office (DSO) covers Futures and Strategy in the digital domain. Prior to joining DSO, Liana led the Centre for Strategic Futures at the Prime Minister's Office Strategy Group. Her academic and policy interests lie in the intersections of technology and society, and how identity, community and meaning-making are evolving.
Mr Maxim VANDERCKHOVE
Coordinator Technology Diplomacy, Brussels Diplomatic Academy; Attaché and Policy Advisor at the Belgian Federal Ministry of Social Security

Mr Maxim Vanderckhove gained experience within ASEF as participant of ARC7 and ASEFYLS4, while he started his career as Professional Development Officer for the Master students Interdisciplinary EU Studies at the College of Europe in Natolin, Poland. After that, he shortly worked at the Flemish Government on international biodiversity matters before joining the Belgian Ministry of Social Security, where he is a policy officer at the Strategy and Governance team, working on social rights and inclusion. Next to that, Maxim has been appointed as coordinator of the expert group on Technology, Science and Innovation Diplomacy at the Brussels Diplomatic Academy, which is part of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

Mr Abhishek VATS
Director of Research Development, ASEAN Youth Organization (AYO)

Mr Abhishek Vats is a qualified and registered Advocate practising in Delhi. He is an experienced individual with demonstrated history of working with Socio-Legal and Human rights organisations. Co-Founder of AYO Recent, a Youth lead Research Center for ASEAN countries.

Since 2022, he is the Director of Research Development, ASEAN Youth Organization (AYO).

Abhishek is an ASEFYLS5 Participant.

Mr Joses WONG
Secretary General, ASEANCham EU, Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Mr Joses Wong holds a Master of Business Administration from the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management. Since graduating, he has worked with International Trade and Economic Diplomacy in various positions. Most recently, he is a Senior Advisor at the Africa South Asia Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he is the Secretary General of ASEANCham EU.
Dr Paula Boddington is a philosopher whose work has concerned applied topics in medicine, science, and technology, with a particular focus on ethical and philosophical issues arising from artificial intelligence. She is currently Associate Professor of Philosophy and Healthcare in the Geller Institute of Aging and Memory at the University of West London and has held academic posts at the University of Bristol, the University of Oxford, and the Australian National University.

Mr Anand Chandrasekar has 15 years of experience in research and faculty roles in organisational behaviour and leadership development. At the Center of Creative Leadership (CCL) he expands CCL’s Societal Advancement agenda to deliver leadership development to youth in APAC. He has also worked on a number of research studies and reports at CCL. Prior to CCL, Anand was a graduate student at Nanyang Technological University and worked with the Center for Cultural Intelligence. Anand holds a Doctorate degree in International Management from the University of Hawai‘i, a Master’s degree from Nanyang Technological University and a Bachelor’s degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from University of Madras.

Professor Sr Peter Gluckman is the director of Koi Tū: The Centre for Informed Futures... He was first Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of New Zealand from 2009-2018, the former foundation chair of the International Network of Government Science Advice (INGSA) and is president of the International Science Council. He was Executive Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (1992-2001) and founding Director (2001-2009) of the Liggins Institute of the University of Auckland.

Dr Francesco Mureddu, is a proficient analyst and strategist specialising in innovation and technology policies, boasting a comprehensive understanding of the technical, innovative, and policy dimensions inherent in complex Digital Transformation initiatives within the public sector. At The Lisbon Council he coordinates a team of 20 researchers and project managers involved in 19 European projects for a total of 2M+ yearly budget.
Mr Henrik Pap has a passion for leadership development and design thinking and brings a solution-focused approach to every project he undertakes. Henrik has held various positions, including innovation manager, co-founder of an NGO, leadership development trainer, and business mentor. He has organised corporate innovation programmes and learning and development sessions for companies such as Aegon, Mastercard, and Deutsche Telekom. He has also supported the transformation from NGO to social enterprise of Konnekt Association and has extensive experience working with international incubation programs such as UNICEF-GenU Limited, Social Impact Award, Academy for Women Entrepreneurs, and NESsT.

Dr Paul Wang is currently the Head of Country Business Development for NEC Asia Pacific and also leads the NEC APAC Future Academy to develop new capabilities in NEC’s digitalization drive. Prior to rejoining NEC, Paul was involved in 2 start-ups in Singapore: one as a Founder and another as a CTO. Before embarking on his start-up debut, Paul was the CTO and Head of Strategy & Management for the Global Safety Division, NEC Corporation. Paul also spearheaded NEC’s participation in the Singapore Safety and Security Industry Programme Office (SSIPO) Safe City Test-bed in 2013. Notably, Paul spent more than 10 years in the Singapore healthcare systems and even won two Innovation Awards given out by the Prime Minister’s Office because of his drive towards process-technology interplay.
Mr Shuvro SEN
Head of Innovation Programs, Intrapreneurship, DBS Bank, Singapore

Challenge: Embracing Failure: Creating a Safe Place to Fail, Learn and Innovate

Mr Shuvro Sen has 12 years of experience in planning and executing B2B and B2C marketing initiatives. Specialist in curating partnership programs and leveraging the partner ecosystem to drive brand awareness and product adoption. He also has hands on start-up experience, developing and selling UI/UX services and products. Close working experience with C-suite (concept presentations, data reporting, and networking).

Mr Mayank SHARMA
Associate National Project Officer, UNESCO MGIEP, India

Challenge: Socio-Emotional Health in the Age of Generative AI

Mr Mayank Sharma has a Bachelor of Technology from Delhi Technological University and since 2018 he has been working at UNESCO in various positions. Since 2020 he is the National Project Officer – Data Science at UNESCO.

Ms Catherine FRIDERES
Director, Government and Public Sector Consulting, Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC), Luxembourg

Challenge: Recruiting for the New Equation

Ms Catherine Frideres is an entrepreneur, business coach and communications specialist with over 20 years’ experience in cross-cultural communications, business acceleration, ecosystem building, business matching, stakeholder engagement and in managing international projects. Since this year, she is the Director for Government and Public Sector Consulting at PwC in Luxembourg.

Mr Francesco PANGALANGAN
Misinformation & Disinformation Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross, Switzerland

Challenge: Addressing the Issues of Misinformation and Disinformation in Polarized Situations

Mr Francesco Pangalangan has a Master of Technology Management from the University of Philippines and a Master of Science from Leiden University. Since 2022, he is working as a Misinformation and Disinformation Adviser at the International Committee of the Red Cross.
Mr Michal BRICHTA
Director, Slovak Space Office, Slovakia

Challenge: Encouraging Satellite Data Use

Mr Michal Brichta is a co-founder of the newly-established Slovak Space Office and the head of its Industry Branch working under the Slovak Investment and Trade Development Agency (Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic). He is also the Slovak delegate in the Council of the European Space Agency. He studied in Moscow and Singapore and has a background in international relations, international business, and public policy.

Ms Keopanya SENGSOULIVONG
Project Coordinator, Pakse Youth’s Power, Laos

Challenge: Expanding Leadership Opportunities for Rural Youth in Laos

Ms Keopanya Sengsoulivong has a Bachelor in English Language and Literature from Champasak University and a Master’s degree from Victoria University.

She has worked as a project manager (U.S. Embassy grant-funded project), coordinator (the World Health Organization Lao PDR), professor (the College of Health Sciences Champasak), and MC (meetings and events). Since 2022, she has been working as a Coordinator at the World Health Organization.

Mr Claudiu ȘULEA
Vice-President, Group of the European Youth for Change, Romania

Challenge: Facing Digital Anxiety & Ensuring Digital Wellbeing

Mr Claudiu Șulea has 8 years of experience in growth consulting, digital marketing, and content creation. Since 2019, he holds the position of Vice-President of the Group of the European Youth for Change and since 2022, he is the Ambassador for Romania to UNITE, a programme that strengthens action for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Mr Anban Ashlan RAJ
Founder and President, World Youth Leaders Organisation, Australia

Challenge: Creating A Sustainable Hybrid Leadership Development Course

Mr Anban Ashlan Raj has a background in Computer Science with his Bachelor of Science and Mathematics and Data Science from University of Nottingham in Malaysia and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Computer Science in Data Science from Monash University.

In 2021, Ms Raj founded the World Young Leaders Organisation with the aim of implementing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 – Quality Education – through the Youth Leaders Program (YLP).
Mr Yosea KURNIANTO

Leadership Development and Scholarship Lead, Tanoto Foundation, Indonesia

Challenge: Designing a World-Class Leadership Fellowship Program for Future Leaders in Indonesia

Mr Tosea Kurnianto started off his career with a Bachelor of Education from Sampoerna University and went on to acquire a Master of Science from Alliance Manchester Business School. Since 2019, he works for Tanoto Foundation as the Lead of the Leadership Development and Scholarship department.

Mr Tergel ODGEREL

Chief Executive Officer, Phronesis. Mongolia

Challenge: Nutrition
Challenge: Revolutionizing Nutrition in Developing Countries

Mr Tergel Odgerel has a background in finance and Business Administration. In 2014 he found his passion for project management and since 2020 he works as Chief Executive Officer of Phronesis Enterprises.
# ORGANISERS

**BY ORGANISATION NAME**

## Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

**Ambassador Toru MORIKAWA**

Executive Director

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Ambassador MORIKAWA Toru (Japan) joined the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) as its 8th Executive Director in August 2020. Ambassador MORIKAWA is a seasoned career diplomat bringing decades of experience and expertise to ASEF. His previous postings include serving as Minister, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Japan in Iran; and Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in France where he was in charge of various cultural exchange initiatives. He received his bachelor’s degree in law from the University of Tokyo.

**Ms Reka TOZSA**

Director, Education Department

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Ms Réka Tozsa, a Hungarian national, joined ASEF in 2017 and became Director of Education Department in June 2022. In this capacity she coordinates the youth, secondary school teacher and higher education policy projects of ASEF, which include high level forums, policy dialogues, and capacity-building trainings. Prior to joining ASEF, Ms Tozsa was the Head of International Office at the University of Public Service in Hungary, and a government official, appointed to Chief of Cabinet of the Deputy State Secretary for Higher Education and to staff member of the Hungarian EU Presidency.

**Ms Freya CHOW-PAUL**

Senior Project Executive, Youth Project Lead, Education Department

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Ms Freya Chow-Paul, a British national with Singaporean heritage, joined the Education Department in 2019. She leads ASEF’s Youth Projects, aiming to bring young people, aged 18-30, together from Asia and Europe for Global Citizenship Education, Leadership capacity building, and Intercultural Understanding. Freya graduated from the University of Sussex, England, with a bachelor’s degree in international relations and development. During her studies, Freya undertook exchanges in Taipei at the National Taiwan University, and in Malmö, Sweden. Through her studies, she focused on peace and conflict studies, as well as education in development.

**Ms Linnea REGNELL**

Project Executive, Education Department

Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Ms Linnea Regnell, a Swedish national, joined ASEF and the Education Department in 2023 to work with the Youth Projects. She graduated with a Master of Laws from University of Uppsala in 2022 where she specialised in Public International Law, mediation, and negotiation. Besides her studies – and during the year following her graduation – she worked with student organisations to organise projects for law students to enrich their experience at University. She did this in her role as executive board member of the largest law student organisation in Europe and in cooperation with institutions such as the Council of Europe and the World Trade Organization, universities, law firms and more.
Casa Asia

Mr Javier Parrondo

Director General, Casa Asia
Governor of Spain, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

Mr Javier Parrondo graduated in Law from the Carlos III University of Madrid, and has a Master's Degree in Constitutional Law and Political Science from the Center for Political and Constitutional Studies. He entered the Diplomatic Service in 2004 and has been posted to the Spanish Embassies of several countries and to the Permanent Representation to the United Nations in Geneva. In Madrid he has worked in the Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and for Latin America, and in the General Subdirectorate for the Middle East. Since November 2019 he has been Director General of Casa Asia and Governor of Spain at ASEF (Asia Europe Foundation).

HE Ambassador Emilio de Miguel Calabia

Director – Madrid, Casa Asia
Ambassador, Indo-Pacific at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain

Emilio de Miguel Calabia has a Law Degree by the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Since 1996 he has specialized in Asian affairs. From 2017 to 2021 he was Spanish Ambassador to Thailand and non-resident Ambassador to Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar. Currently he is Director of the Center of Casa Asia in Madrid and Ambassador at large for the Indo-pacific.

Ms Yasmin Paricio

Coordinator of Politics, Society and Education Department, Casa Asia

Yasmin Paricio is the Coordinator of the Politics, Society and Education Department of Casa Asia. Prior to joining Casa Asia in 2007, she worked for a number of NGO’s, working on behalf of the rights of Afghan women, as well as communication rights. Before this, she was Project Manager of a Youth NGO promoting among European Mediterranean countries the European Voluntary Service from the Youth Program of the European Union. She holds a degree in journalism from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) and a Postgraduate in Culture of Peace from the Unesco Chair on Peace and Human Rights and the Peace School of the UAB. Since 2011, she has also volunteered as a communication consultant in NGOs working to promote the health of infants and mothers, such as IHAN-UNICEF.

University of Salamanca

Prof Ricardo Rivero

Rector, University of Salamanca

Prof Ricardo Rivero works as the professor of Administrative Law at the University of Salamanca where he was the Dean of the Faculty of Law (May 2012-May 2017). Additionally, he is a visiting professor at universities and research centers in Germany, France, Portugal, England, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Paraguay.
Dr. David Doncel has a PhD in Sociology and is an expert in applied social research and data analysis by the CIS; in International Relations and Diplomacy by the Diplomatic School, and in Sociology of Education by the Ministry of Education. Currently, he is working as a professor at University of Salamanca, and acting as Head of the East Asian master's degree.

Dr. Teresa I. Tejeda-Martín is an Assistant Professor of Chinese Literature at the University of Salamanca. Her research interest focuses on issues related to the representation of women in Chinese Literature, as well as Literature written by women in China. She has also published works on the representation of violence and trauma in contemporary Chinese writers. Resident in Beijing from 2008 to 2014, she worked as a lecturer at Peking University and Beijing Language and Culture University. Dr. Tejeda-Martín has also translated narrative works from Chinese into Spanish by such important authors as Xiao Hong, Zhou Daxin and Chen Chuncheng.

Prof. Jia Lin is a professor in the Department of Modern Philology at the University of Salamanca. Her main lines of research are education in China, foreign languages teaching (Spanish to Sino speakers and Chinese to Spanish speakers), especially with the use of subtitled audiovisual media adapted to the educational system and the characteristics of students from different backgrounds.

Ms Wenxuan Gao is pursuing a PhD in Linguistics in Spain. In addition to her doctoral studies, she is actively contribute to shaping the academic landscape through her position as a recipient of the title profesora asociada at the university. Her primary research interests lie in the fields of experimental linguistics, social education, and various quantitative research methods.
Ms Nadia Rodríguez Sánchez is a Graduate in Political Science and Public Administration with a specialisation in Political Science and in the Master's Degree in East Asian Studies with a specialisation in Japanese Studies from the University of Salamanca. During the academic year 2020/2021 she was part of the Legal Clinic of Social Action in the Migrants and Rights Line of the University of Salamanca, at the same time, she did an external internship with the Local Group of Amnesty International in Salamanca, writing articles on human rights issues.

Mr Zhang Kaizhen studied at Yanbian University in China where he obtained his undergraduate and master's degrees in history. Since graduating, he has worked at Sanya Medical College and Hainan Medical College as a teacher and in the personnel department management. He has published over 10 papers, for example in December 2016, he published "Archivals Conservation and Science and Technology Archives Management".

Ms Alba Clavijo Rodriguez is a Master’s student who recently graduated from East Asian Studies at the University of Salamanca. She has had an interest in languages for many years and has in the last 4 years focused on the study of Mandarin Chinese. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in teaching Spanish as a foreign language (ELE) at the University of Salamanca.

Mr Elián Viña Schwensen a student who just graduated with a Bachelor in East Asian Studies in the University of Salamanca. His primary field of study was China, having studied both its language and its culture and history. He will continue with a Master course in ELE (Spanish as a foreign language), also in the University of Salamanca.
Mr Javier SALIDO ORTIZ
Director General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU and Cooperation, Spain

Mr Javier Salido has a BA in Economics and Law from Complutense University of Madrid, a Master in Foreign Affairs from Georgetown University and a Master in European Studies from College of Europe in Bruges. Since 2021, he is the Director General for North America, Eastern Europe, Asia and the Pacific. Before his appointment, he was Director General for Sustainable Development Policies in the Secretariat of State for International Cooperation. As a member of the diplomatic corps, he has served in the Spanish Embassies in Brazil, India and Trinidad and Tobago where he was Deputy Head of Mission.

Ms Ana ANDRÉS HERNÁNDEZ
Desk Officer at the Deputy Directorate for Southern and Eastern Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU and Cooperation of Spain

Ms Ana Andrés Hernández has a double degree in Law & Economics at Carlos III University of Madrid. Before becoming a Spanish diplomat, she spent almost ten years in the private sector, working as a corporate lawyer in international law firms and multinationals. In July 2022, she joined the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU and Cooperation. Since January 2023, she works at the Deputy Directorate General for Southern and Eastern Asia in January 2023 as the Desk Officer for Asian countries.

Ms Alexandra Gordillo Guillen
Student at the University of Barcelona

Ms Alexandra Gordillo Guillen is currently a fourth year law student at the University of Barcelona, Spain. She has interned at Casa Asia for the 44th ASEF Board of Governors Meeting. Now she is aiming to specialise in international law as well as a master's degree in diplomatic studies in order to be able to pursue a diplomatic career.

Ms Raquel MARTÍN
Collaborator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU and Cooperation of Spain

Ms Raquel Martín is studying International Relations and Economics in Madrid (Spain). She did an Erasmus+ in Lisbon in 2022, and is currently, a collaborator in the General Subdirectorate of South and East Asia, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation. She also has more than four years of experience in the educational field.
Ms Claudia de Martín Olea is currently carrying out her internship at the Spanish MFA whilst pursuing her double degree in Business and International Relations. She has a particular interest in the latter, having spent a lot of years living and working outside of her own country, having lived in Beijing, Maine in the US, and in Seoul in South Korea.