

1st Round of the Local Miami-Dade Euro Challenge Competition
Judges: Biographical Notes
Wednesday, April 1st, 2009

JUDGES PANEL I

Dr. Volker R. Anding, PhD

Ambassador (ret.) - Miami/Florida

2001 - July 2007 Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, Montevideo/Uruguay
2001 - 2004 German Consul General, Miami/Florida
1998 - 2001 Head of Section for Constitutional and Administrative Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn and Berlin/Germany
1997 Member of the Royal College of Defense Studies, London/United Kingdom
1993 - 1996 German Ambassador to the Republic of Panama
1990 - 1993 Deputy Consul General, German Consulate General, San Francisco/California
1986 -1990 Deputy Director for European Affairs, Federal Chancellor's Office, Bonn/Germany
1984 -1985 Resident Fellow, Institute for East-West Security Studies, New York/N.Y.
1982 - 1984 Deputy Ambassador, German Embassy, Dakar/Senegal
1979 - 1982 Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn/Germany
1976 - 1979 German Permanent Mission to NATO, Brussels/Belgium
1973 - 1976 Consul, German Consulate General, Detroit/Michigan
1971 - 1973 Diplomatic Academy, Bonn/Germany
1969 - 1970 Scientific Assistant, University of Marburg/Germany; Doctoral thesis on constitutional law (Ph.D.)
1964 - 1969 Studies of Law, Universities of Marburg and Freiburg/Germany
1962 - 1964 Military service in the Bundeswehr (Lieutenant of the Reserve, German Air Force)
Married to the former Erin McKenna; one daughter

Marycela Diaz-Unzalu

Public Information and Education

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta – Miami Branch

Marycela is a Public Information and Education Specialist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. She has over thirteen years of commercial banking experience in South Florida and is an adjunct professor at Miami Dade College and Carlos Albizu University. She received her Masters Degree (MBA) from Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Astrid-Christina Koch, PhD

Senior Economist, Delegation of the European Commission

Astrid-Christina Koch is Science Counselor of the "Science, Technology and Education" section at the Delegation of the European Commission (EC) in Washington DC. She works towards better awareness of funding opportunities, bringing teams together to strengthen transatlantic research cooperation and promotes networking and mobility of researchers. Prior to this assignment she was employed as Program Officer for Advanced Materials in Research Directorate of the European Commission. Before joining the Commission she worked as senior managing scientific officer in the German Ministry of Finance and as lecturer and chemist at the German Customs Science & Training Center. Astrid holds a Ph.D. in Natural Sciences from Kiel University.

JUDGES PANEL II

Dr. Alan Melchior, PhD

Economic and Financial Education Specialist

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta - Miami Branch

Alan Melchior is an Economic and Financial Education Specialist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and he works out of the Bank's Miami Branch office. In this capacity, he coordinates and conducts workshops for teachers in disciplines ranging from economics to business to human geography. Dr. Melchior is also involved in the development of curriculum and tools for assessing the effectiveness of curricula and other educational materials and programs.

Prior to his appointment with the Federal Reserve, Dr. Melchior taught social studies courses at MAST Academy, a marine sciences magnet high school in Dade County. He has also been a member of the full-time faculty at several universities, including Emory University, University of Mississippi, Towson University and Florida International University. His research on public finance has been published in *Journal of Politics and Public Budgeting* in addition to other scholarly journals. Dr. Melchior received his doctoral degree in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1994.

Dr. Elisabeth Prügl, PhD

Co-Director, Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence,

Professor, Department of International Relations and Geography,

Florida International University

Dr. Elisabeth Prügl is an Associate Professor in the Department of International Relations and geography. Her research focuses on global economic governance with a special focus on international organizations, the European Union, and women's labor. Her articles on gender in international relations, women in European agriculture, home-based workers, and women in development have been published in top journals of the field. She also is the author of *The Global Construction of Gender: Home-based Work in the Political Economy of the 20th Century* (Columbia, 1999), co-editor of *Gender Politics in Global Governance* (Rowman and Littlefield, 1999) and of *Homeworkers in Global Perspective: Invisible No More* (Routledge, 1996).

Hon. Philippe Vinogradoff

Consul General of France

A Graduate of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques with a degree in the Practice of Consular Administration, Mr. Vinogradoff entered the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris, serving initially in the Department for Economic Affairs and the Department for Europe (1978-1979). Mr. Vinogradoff completed his military service in the Service de la Coopération – Embassy of France in Nairobi (1979-1980). Since 1980 he has served in France's embassies and consulates in Brazil, Panama, Mexico, Chile and Los Angeles returning to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris in 1988-1991 and 1999-2002. Prior to his appointment as Consul General of France in Miami in August 2005, Mr. Vinogradoff served as "Second Counsellor" at the Embassy of France in Santiago, Chile. He has the distinction of Knight of the National Order of Merit.

JUDGES PANEL III

Hon. Pilar MÉNDEZ JIMÉNEZ

Deputy Consul General of Spain in Miami

Pilar MÉNDEZ JIMÉNEZ, was born in Madrid in January the 11th 1973. In 1997 she obtained a Law Degree from the Universidad Pontificia de Comillas-ICADE in Madrid and in the year 2000 became diplomat for the Foreign Service of Spain.

As a diplomat Ms. Méndez Jiménez has served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in different periods in positions where she has worked on the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe –OSCE-, development and co-operation with Latin-America and Justice-Home Affairs of the European Union.

Abroad she has served as Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of Spain in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Consul in the Consular Section of the Embassy of Spain in Tokyo and since September 2006 is Deputy Consul General of Spain in Miami.

Dr. Minehalea Pinte, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Economy

Florida International University

Ph.D., Economics, University of Washington, (December 2003)

Fields of specialization: Macroeconomics and Econometrics.

Thesis: Essays in Economic Growth and Economies in Transition

Areas of interest: Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, Growth and Technology, Computational Economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Development Economics: Theory (Ph.D. level at Florida International University)

Fundamentals of Graduate Macroeconomics (Ph.D. level at Florida International University)

International Macroeconomics (at Florida International University)

Intermediate Macroeconomics (at Florida International University)

Introductory Macroeconomics (at University of Washington and FIU)

Introductory Microeconomics (at University of Washington)

Teaching Assistant at University of Washington

Econometrics (Ph.D. level)

Introductory Microeconomics

John Yearwood

World Editor

The Miami Herald

John Yearwood is World Editor of The Miami Herald. In the position, he supervises reporters and editors covering national and international news. Under his leadership, World desk staffers have won numerous awards, including a McClatchy Company's President's Award and the Arthur Ross Award for best coverage of Latin America.

John previously served as National/International Editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and was a senior writer for The Dallas Morning News. He also was founding editor and publisher of IBIS, a general lifestyle magazine in Trinidad & Tobago.

John is very active with the National Association of Black Journalists, the largest organization of journalists of color in the world. He is a former two-term national treasurer and has served as president of the Dallas chapter and as chairman of the organization's Council of Presidents. He is former treasurer and current board member of Unity: Journalists of Color, an umbrella organization for the four minority journalists organizations in the United States.

John has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Connecticut. He lives in Biscayne Park, Florida with his wife Robin and daughter, Asha.