

## Speaker Biographies

### Mark Holt

Energy Policy Specialist, Congressional Research Service (CRS)



Mark Holt has been a Congressional Research Service policy analyst specializing in nuclear energy since 1988. He was head of the CRS Energy and Minerals Section in the Resources, Science, and Industry Division from 1997 to 2008. His recent CRS reports include *Fukushima Nuclear Crisis*, *Advanced Nuclear Power and Fuel Cycle Technologies: Outlook and Policy Options*, *Nuclear Energy Policy*, and *Nuclear Waste Disposal: Alternatives to Yucca Mountain*. Before joining CRS, he covered energy issues for four and a half years with the Environmental and Energy Study Conference, a bipartisan, bicameral congressional caucus. He was a reporter for Washington-based publications from 1980 to 1983. Holt graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park, in 1980 with a BS in Journalism.

### Kiichiro Sato

President, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) New York



Kiichiro Sato assumed the post of President of JETRO New York, head office in North America of Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), in August 2010. After receiving a Bachelor of Economics degree from Tokyo University in 1980, he entered the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) which became the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). Mr. Sato has held a variety of key positions at MITI/METI and related governmental organizations including Director-General, Chubu Bureau of Economy Trade and Industry; Vice President, Research Institute of Economy Trade and Industry (RIETI); and Director-General for Small and Medium Enterprise Policy, Small and Medium Enterprise Agency, METI.

### Hon. Eva Alexandra Countess Kendeffy

Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany



German Consul Eva Countess Kendeffy has served as Germany's representative to the State of Florida, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands since August 2010 and previously from 2004-2007. With degrees in Law, English, Roman Language and Literature, Consul General Countess Kendeffy has led a distinguished Foreign Service career with posts at the German Embassy in Washington, DC and Costa Rica. She previously served as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Dominican Republic from 1999-2004.

**Hon. Gaël de Maisonneuve**

Consul General of France in Miami



Consul General de Maisonneuve graduated from Paris' Institute of Political Studies (Science Po Paris) and ESSEC Business School (Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales). His foreign posts have included the French Embassy's Cultural Affairs Bureau in Singapore; Second Secretary to the French Embassy in Tokyo and Deputy Ambassador of France in Sri Lanka. Gaël de Maisonneuve was appointed Consul General of France in Miami in August 2009.

**Moderator**

**Dr. Jerry Brown**

Founding Professor of Global and Sociocultural Studies at FIU



Dr. Jerry B. Brown, Ph.D., is Founding Professor of Global and Sociocultural Studies at Florida International University, where he specializes in renewable energy, energy policy, and the impact of technology on society.

He is co-author of "Freedom from Mid-East Oil" (World Business Academy, 2007) and "Profiles in Power" (Simon & Schuster, 1997), and of multiple journal articles and technical reports on nuclear power and U.S. energy policy.