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Judges: Biographical Notes

JUDGES PANEL I

Dr. Volker R. Anding
Ambassador (ret.) - Miami/Florida
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
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)

Dr. Anding served as Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to both Panama (from 1993 to1996) and Uruguay (from 2001 to 2007); he was German Consul General in Miami, from 2001 to 2004. He also held posts in San Francisco, New York, Detroit, London, Brussels, and Dakar, Senegal. He is active in the German American Business Chamber and other regional community groups. He is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Miami Bach Society.

Dr. Rebecca Friedman
Associate Professor, History Department
Co-Director, Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence
Director, European Studies, Florida International University

Rebecca Friedman, Co-Director of the MEUCE, is Associate Professor of History and Director of European Studies at Florida International University. Her research focuses on gender and the family in modern Russian in the context of Russia's relationship to modern European institutions and ideologies, with a special emphasis on masculinity, domestic interiors, and childhood. She is the author of Masculinity, Autocracy and the Russian University, 1804-1863 (Palgrave/MacMillan, 2005) and (with Barbara Clements and Dan Healy) the collection Russian Masculinities in History and Culture (Palgrave, 2002), which is the first volume in English to focus on the growing field of Russian masculinity studies. She just co-edited European Identity and Culture (Ashgate, 2012) with Dr. Markus Thiel. She is currently working on a monographic study of gender, childhood and the domestic interior from the middle of the 19th century through the first decades of Bolshevik rule.

Vilma Pesciallo
Students Office
Consulate General of Italy in Miami

Vilma Pesciallo was born in Montoggio/Genova-Italy; She studied painting at the New School in New York; Ceramics at Cooper Union - New York
After a AA in Advertising and Illustration - T. Nelson College – Virginia; she obtained a BA in Art History and French at the College of William and Mary - Williamsburg, Virginia; and pursued Graduate work in applied linguistics at New Orleans University.
From 1979 to 1981, she was the owner and curator of Cape Gallery-contemporary art - in New Orleans From 1992 to now, she is the owner and curator of Garabaghi Ethnographic Art - african art Field Work: Textiles: Iran, Guatemala, Indonesia.
Lecturer: Ethnographic art and textiles: Loyola University, New Orleans; Lowe Art Museum: Miami; UM/Tribal Art Society, Miami; Central Library: Miami; New School of the Arts: Miami.
1981-1982 - Italian Consulate General - New Orleans: Responsible of Students Office and Cultural Events
A native Italian, she is fluent in English, French, Spanish, and has rudiments of Farsi
Kasper Zeuthen  
*Senior Press Officer*  
*Delegation of the European Union to the USA*

Kasper Zeuthen is the Senior Press Officer in the Press & Public Diplomacy Section at the Delegation of the European Union to the United States, where he is responsible for the media strategy and analysis; the press inquiries and media outreach, the press briefing/conferences, articles, interviews and blogs; and the radio underwriting.

**JUDGES PANEL II**

**Juan José Cogolludo Díaz**  
*Education Advisor*  
*Consulate General of Spain in Miami*

Juan José Cogolludo Díaz was born in Madrid (Spain) on May 7, 1960. His wife is Irish and they have two children aged 16 and 19.  
He moved to Canada in 1973 with his family and continued his formal education in Glashan Public School, Glebe Collegiate Institute and finally in Ottawa Technical High. On return to Spain he obtained his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in English language and literature at the Complutense University in Madrid.  
Between 1984 and 1987, while living in Ireland, where he taught Spanish language and History, he did his doctorate on the poetry of the Irish Nobel Laureate, Seamus Heaney, at the UNED (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia).  
From 1987 until 1990 he lived in Miami, where he held the post of principal in a Spanish school which belonged to a privately owned educational organization with other centres in several European countries.  
Prior to taking up his current position at the Consulate General of Spain in Miami, he was vice-principal of the Official School of Languages in Pamplona (Spain). He also taught English for nine years at the Pamplona campus of the UNED.

**Sophie Delporte**  
*Head of the Public Affairs Department*  
*Consulate General of France in Miami*

Ms. Sophie Delporte is a former student of the Regional Institute of Administration of Lille, France and a Graduate of the Institute of Political Studies -Sciences Po- of Paris.  
As a Foreign Secretary, she has been appointed on August 7, 2009 at the central administration in the Department of French Citizens overseas and Consular Administration (Paris, France), where she was in charge of anti tax evasion agreements.  
Ms. Delporte served in the Cabinet of the French Foreign Minister from February to May 2012, as an advisor for Legal and Judicial Affairs, Human Rights and the French Citizens overseas.  
In September 2012, she joined the Consulate General of France in Miami as the Head of the Public affairs Department.

**Simone Filippini**  
*Consul General*  
*Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Miami*

Consul General Simone Filippini arrived in Miami Florida on August 1, 2011. In the past four years she served as the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Skopje, Macedonia. She started her career in the Foreign office in 1988 in The Hague, after having worked as a conference manager in a commercial company.  
As a career diplomat Ambassador Filippini previously served as the Head of the Gender Department; Leader of the Project Team responsible for setting up a governmental communication strategy on European Integration issues; Coordinator of EU Enlargement; Senior Staff in the Political Department supporting the Director-General for Political Affairs; Deputy Head of the Desk for the Middle East and Gulf Regions; and as desk officer special programs with NGOs.  
The Consul General received an MA in Slavic Languages and Literature from Utrecht State University in the Netherlands. She is also an accredited communication and public information expert. Ambassador Filippini has also been active as an elected member of the National Board of one of the Dutch political parties, holding the international portfolio; as member of the Board of the Netherlands Institute for Multi-Party Democracy, and as President of the Board of NOVA International School in Skopje, Macedonia. Moreover she was actively involved in the founding of several professional networks.  
In 2010 Ambassador Filippini was awarded the Diversity Award Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the annual MFA management award. Also, she received several awards during her assignment in Macedonia for her personal contributions to the promotion of the environment, film and contemporary dance.
Dr. Edward Glab

Director, Global Energy Security Forum, FIU

Dr. Glab has a background in the international energy business, education, media, and government service, including USAID and the Peace Corps. He was with Exxon-Mobil for more than 25 years and held a variety of positions in public affairs, including political risk; government and community relations; new business development; media relations; corporate and marketing advertising, and emergency response, among others. Glab has a Ph.D. in political science and is currently a Clinical Professor and Director of the Global Energy Security Forum in the School of International and Public Affairs at FIU. He has consulted for numerous governmental agencies, international organizations and the private sector on energy, political risk and emergency response. As a former journalist, he also conducts media training seminars. Glab has traveled in every country of Latin America and lived in Peru, Chile, Argentina, Puerto Rico and Mexico. He has conducted business in 80 countries, in Latin America, Asia/Pacific, Africa and Europe. Glab continues to consult and talk about the energy business to a variety of audiences in the U.S. and overseas and is often quoted in the media. Glab speaks fluent Spanish and frequently appears on Spanish language television and radio.