

Roundtable Participants: Biographical Notes**PANELISTS****Alex Alibrandi**

FIU Alumni (Spring 2019)

BA in International Relations & Political Science

Certificate in European & Eurasian Studies

Sales & Marketing Associate**Bozzuto Group**

My name is Alex Alibrandi, and I am a proud FIU alumnus. I studied International Relations and Political Science, with a focus on European and Eurasian Studies and graduated in 2019. That same year, I embarked in a 7-month journey to Madrid, Spain, where I taught English as a North American Language and Culture Assistant through the Spanish Ministry of Education. During the first stages of the unfortunate Covid-19 pandemic, I returned to Miami and began my career in property management with the Bozzuto Group.

Growing up, I had the privilege of living in different countries, namely Spain, Italy, Argentina, and the United States. My international background paved my path to many opportunities such as an internship in Washington, D.C. at the US Department of Commerce, and my involvement with the FIU European Student Association, serving as President. I had the opportunity to experience living and working as a young professional both in the United States and Europe and I hope to inspire more people to go through this as well.

**Juan Debesa**

FIU Alumni (Spring 2020)

BA in History and Minor in International Relations

Certificate in European & Eurasian Studies

Graduate Student

**Master of Science in Information & Communications Technology
at University of Denver (Spring 2023)**

Born in Cuba and raised in Miami, FL, Juan Debesa is a recent graduate from Florida International University where he completed his undergraduate studies in History and International Relations, and a Certificate in European & Eurasian Studies in Spring 2020. He is pursuing a Master of Science in Information & Communications Technology at the University of Denver, specializing in Information Systems and Cybersecurity. Prior to being a HACU intern and overseeing the management of a portfolio of 80 programs at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C., and being a fellowship at the Department of States, he worked as an intern at the Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at Florida International University.



Ian Schreiber-Altamirano

FIU Alumni (Summer 2017)

BA in International Relations, Minor in French & Marketing
Certificates in Latin American & Caribbean Studies, and European & Eurasian Studies

Renewal Manager at DocuSign

MBA Candidate at Nova Southeastern University

Ian graduated from FIU with a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations, a double minor in French and Marketing, and a certificate in Latin American & Caribbean Studies and EU & Eurasian Studies. During his undergraduate career, Ian studied abroad in Paris, France where he attended Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and lived with a French host family. At the end of the academic year, Ian interned at MICEFA (Mission Interuniversitaire de Coordination des Échanges Franco-Américains) in Paris, France for 3 months where he also partnered alongside the Embassy of the United States in France. When Ian returned to the United States, he interned at the Consulate General of France in Miami for a year where he worked with the Cultural Attaché to promote French culture in South Florida. Shortly after, Ian joined American Airlines and began his career in aviation where he started as a Customer Service Representative and worked his way up to Management and then as an Enterprise Account Manager. Ian then transitioned into the world of Tech and Relationship Management where he joined UKG as a Consultant and DocuSign as a Renewal Manager based in San Francisco, California. Currently, Ian is pursuing his MBA at Nova Southeastern University and expects to graduate in 2022.



Isabella Venturini

FIU Alumni (Fall 2019)

BA in International Relations

Minor in Spanish, French, and Business Communications

Certificate in European & Eurasian Studies

Graduate Student in a Master's in security studies Program at
Georgetown University (Fall 2023)

Isabella Venturini graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in International Relations from FIU in December 2019. She also minored in Spanish, French, and Business Communications and obtained a certificate in European & Eurasian Studies the same year. As an undergraduate student, she interned for the Department of Justice's Office of International Affairs and the French Consulate in Miami. During the Spring 2018 semester, she became an international exchange student and studied at Sciences Po Aix for five months. After she graduated, she interned for the European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington DC, the Office of Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. Currently, she is a second-semester graduate student at Georgetown University's Security Studies Program, concentrating in Terrorism and Substate Violence and a spring intern for United States Global Leadership Coalition.

MODERATOR



Renata Urban

Intercultural Coach, Language and Communication Skills Trainer
Urban Training and Services

Renata is a German national and a US resident who has lived in South Florida for more than a decade. She has more than 25 years of experience working for global corporations such as adidas in HR Training and Development, Public Relations, and Marketing/ Communications as well as a trainer, coach, and consultant working with executives, professionals, private individuals, businesses, training institutions, and relocation firms. Renata has extensive international living and working experience. She has lived in Germany, the UK, Italy, and the US, and she has worked in many other countries and with a global clientele. Renata is a native speaker of German and English. She also speaks Italian, French, and basic Spanish. Her multi-lingual ability and multi-cultural mindset allow her to adapt to her clients' unique situation and tailor her courses and services to their needs. She is an empathic training professional and consultant who is passionate about languages and intercultural communication, helping clients achieve their goals and making a difference in people's lives. Renata's growth mindset, invaluable skills, knowledge, and experience help clients thrive in a global business environment and build successful international and virtual teams. Renata is the founder of URBAN Training and Services and a licensed partner of ICQ Global DISC.



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