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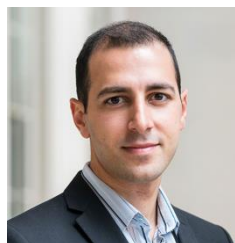
Roundtable Participants: Biographical Notes

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Peter is Minister-Counsellor for Digital Economy Policy at the Delegation of the European Union to the United States and resides in Washington DC since 2018. Since then, digital economy policy became a top-priority in the EU-US relations. He is instrumental in defining the US relations in the Trade & Technology Council, drives the US narrative on European key policies such as the Digital Services Act or on AI. He is the go-to person for the EU's digital diplomacy here in DC and with multi-lateral institutions. A senior manager at the European Commission since 1998 he is committed to a positive European vision of a society and economy increasingly driven by technology. Prior to the EU he worked on international assignments for the strategy consulting firm American Management Systems, and for the European Space Agency, in the Netherlands. Peter holds a master's degree in communication engineering from the University of Technology in Graz, Austria, is a senior member of the IEEE and alumni of the '93 class of the International Space University.



Rami Abi Akl, PhD
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Rami joined the Consulate General of France in Atlanta in March 2020, as Attaché for Science and Technology. Prior to this appointment, he was a project lead at the Ministry of Economy and Finance of France focusing on the growth of the French innovation and startup ecosystem. He has led several Government initiatives to foster deep tech entrepreneurship and nurture innovative ventures across the country, through a dual appointment with La French Tech. He also participated in the interministerial efforts aiming to develop growth strategies for the ecosystem, design funding and training programs for deep tech startups, and implement funding initiatives in cooperation with Bpifrance.

During his tenure as Attaché for Science and Technology to the Southeast of the United States (MS, AL, FL, GA, NC, TN, SC, PR), Rami seeks to build strong partnerships in science, research, and technology between the two countries, and to cultivate transatlantic innovation and technology transfer.

Rami holds a PhD and MSc in Mechanical Engineering from MIT, a Diplôme d'Ingénieur from Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole des Mines de Paris and is a government official of the Corps des Mines. He has explored a wide range of industries and led various entrepreneurial programs, especially the MIT Global Startup Workshop in India (2016), Chile (2017) and Thailand (2018), as organizer, managing director then advisor.



Jeffrey E. Brown
Technology & Science Policy Executive
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Jeff builds government affairs strategies and thought leadership around emerging technologies, including advanced semiconductors, hybrid cloud, AI, and quantum computing. He then engages with national and international government agencies — including members of Congress — to navigate the impacts of emerging technologies on government and international affairs. His writing and videos have been featured in Axios, Politico, Forbes, Euractiv, The Christian Science Monitor, and The Wilson Quarterly.

Jeff holds an M.A. in Political Science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, for which he completed one year of study — in French — at Sciences Po Paris. He holds a B.A in Political Science from St. Olaf College. Jeff’s career interests lie at the nexus of emerging technologies, public policy, and international relations. He speaks fluent French and some Portuguese and has lived in five countries.”



Matthias Haury, PhD
Chief Operating Officer
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Dr. Matthias Haury is in charge of the scientific infrastructure and operations at the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience.

His responsibilities include establishing and managing the laboratories and scientific services at the new 100,000-square-foot facility, as well as ensuring efficient operation and budget management.

Dr. Haury received his PhD in Immunology from the University of Paris VI, worked at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, and performed his postdoc work at the University of California, San Francisco.

Prior to joining MPFI in February 2013, Dr. Haury spent two and a half years as Head of Science Operations at COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology), coordinating and managing a European Commission funded research networking program in Brussels.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the Gulbenkian Institute of Science (IGC) in Oeiras, Portugal, where he built the institutional infrastructure, core facilities, and technical services before becoming Chief Technology Officer and a member of executive management of the IGC.

He subsequently took on the position of Coordinating Manager of the EMBL International Centre for Advanced Training (EICAT) at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg, Germany, where he contributed to the planning and opening of the €40 million Advanced Training Centre, and helped to establish the EMBL Corporate Partnership Program, raising more than €1.2 million from corporate supporters.

Dr. Haury has authored over 30 publications and, due to his extensive expertise in scientific grant and program evaluation, frequently serves on scientific review panels on behalf of the European Commission and national research organizations



Fernando Nardi, PhD

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Fernando Nardi is associate professor of hydrology and director of the [Water Resources Research and Documentation Center](#) (WARREDOC) at University for Foreigners of Perugia (Italy). His scientific interests pertain to water resources management, water distribution systems, hydro-informatics, flood risk, remote sensing and GIS, sustainable urban planning. Dr. Nardi's research outcomes, featured in major international journals, focus on hydrologic-hydraulic modelling, hydrologic prediction in ungauged basins, geomorphic floodplain mapping, geospatial information systems and algorithms, Open/Big Data and Citizen Science. He has relevant international experience with coordinating and principal investigator roles of research programs, technology transfer, scientific communication and outreach initiatives funded by European programs (e.g. Climatic-KIC, Water JPI) and by United Nations agencies (e.g. UNESCO, FAO, UNEP, UNECE). Since 2017 Dr. Nardi is chair of the [Citizens and Hydrology](#) (CANDHY) working group by the International Association of Hydrological Sciences (IAHS).

Since 2019 he is a courtesy affiliate professor at the Institute of Environment of Florida International University (FIU) and Sustainable Communities theme coordinator of the FIU [UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Water Security](#).

Dr. Nardi (1975), hydraulic engineer (2000) holds a PhD in hydrology (2006) from Sapienza University of Rome. He was visiting scholar at Columbia University of New York (2001) and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge (2002-2004).

MODERATOR



Paul Griebel

Director of Miami

Venture For America

Paul Griebel serves as Director of Miami at Venture For America, a non-profit organization that trains recent college graduates and young professionals who work for startups across the U.S. Prior to this role, Paul was the Executive Director of the World Strategic Forum, a forum developed by the International Economic Forum of the Americas. In this role, Paul built the growth strategy of the event, which brings together on an annual basis public and private sector thought leaders from around the world to discuss issues related to the global economy. His work included attracting new corporate and institutional partners to support the Forum; promoting the event on the local and international level; and providing insight regarding themes and topics in the development of content that will meet the interests of the Forum's 1,400-plus attendees.

Prior to this role, Paul spent two years as Director of Economic Development at the Miami-Dade Beacon Council, managing projects and initiatives related to the Life Science and Healthcare industry sector. Key efforts in this area include the expansion, retention, and recruitment of a wide array of life science companies to the Miami-Dade area, with an overarching goal of creating new jobs in the County.

Paul's background in international economic development began in 2015, when he commenced serving as the Associate to the President and CEO of Enterprise Florida and Florida Secretary of Commerce Bill Johnson. Paul has also spent time teaching English to students of different ages and backgrounds in Chile, Turkey, and South Florida. Paul earned his bachelor's degree at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and earned a Master's degree in International Administration at the University of Miami.



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