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Graciana del Castillo is an economic expert on countries in crises, including those affected by conflict, natural disasters or financial collapse. Dr. del Castillo's area of expertise is Latin America, but she has broad experience in working with countries in Africa, Asia, and Europe. She is a co-founding partner of MAG (Macroeconomic Advisory Group), a member of several advisory boards including the Calvo Fund and BiscayneAmericas Advisers, an Associated Fellow of the International Center for Globalization and Development in Chile, an associated scholar in the Department of Economics of the Catholic University in Uruguay, and a frequent participant in CNNespanol economic programs for more than a decade.

With a Ph.D. in Economics from Columbia University she was Senior Research Scholar and Associate Director of the Center on Capitalism and Society, where she organized and mobilized resources for major conferences at the top of the global economic and foreign policy agenda. She was also Adjunct/Visiting Professor there for many years. She is currently working with Jeffrey Sachs at Columbia University and with M. Ishaq Nadiri at New York University on preparing, discussing with the authorities, and mobilizing resources for an integrated rural development project in Afghanistan to deal with displaced populations, food security, job creation and entrepreneurship. She has developed the concept of "reconstruction zones" and has designed specific proposals for Afghanistan, Haiti, and Liberia, based on different strategies for growth, foreign direct investment, and natural resource exploitation in each of those countries.

At the UN, Dr del Castillo was the senior economist in the Office of the UN Secretary General. In this capacity she designed the arms-for-land program for El Salvador, which UN Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs at the time, Marrack Goulding (in his book *Peacemonger*) credited for bringing the peace process back on track. As the Economic Policy Advisor to the special Representative in Kosovo, she played a key role in the design of policies for jumpstarting the Kosovo economy, after the production and the banking and payments systems had collapsed following the war and NATO bombardment in 1999.

While at the UN, she was invited to join the Western Hemisphere Department at the International Monetary Fund in 1995 and later moved to the IMF Institute. She has been a Director at Sovereign Ratings for Latin America at Standard and Poor's, a senior consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank, a visiting scholar at the OECD Development Center, an economic advisor to the Mission of Uruguay at the UN, and the Senior Editor of Project Syndicate's Latin American Column. She has lectured widely in the US, Latin America, and Iran.

She is the author of *Rebuilding War-Torn States* (Oxford University Press, 2008). Her academic articles have been published in top economic and political journals and her press articles, letters to the editor, and opinion pieces have appeared in over sixty newspapers worldwide.

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Curriculum Vitae

Professional Experience

Macroeconomic Advisory Group (MAG)

New York

2002-present (Co-Founding Partner with Mario I. Blejer).

MAG is an international consulting firm established to provide research and policy advice to governments, international organizations, and the private sector on:

- Developing broad public economic policies and strategies to achieve inclusive and sustainable growth as well as macro-economic, financial, debt and risk management;
- Analyzing specific investment, trade and financing issues resulting from the exploitation of natural resources, the development of infrastructure, the creation of food security and the promotion of entrepreneurship and preparing policy recommendations on how to address them.

Other Current Activities

- Associated Scholar, Department of Economics, Catholic University (Montevideo: 2011-)
- Member of the Advisory Board of Global Partnership for Afghanistan (NY/Kabul: 2011-);
- Member of the US Institute of Peace (USIP) Task Force on Business and Peace (DC: 2010-);
- Member of the Advisory Board, Calvo Fund and BiscayneAmericas Advisers LLC (Miami: 2010-);
- Associated Fellow, International Center for Globalization and Development (CIGLOB), Santiago: 2010-);
- Member of the International Advisory Board, WATU Acción Solidaria (Indigenous groups, Madrid: 2010);
- Member of External Advisory Board, The Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies (NY: 2009);
- Interviewed frequently by CNNSp (since 1998) and by TV and press in Latin America.

Columbia University

New York

2008-2010 (Senior Research Scholar, Associate Director Center for Capitalism and Society)

- Research and policy analysis on the many economic and financial factors affecting policymaking in countries in crises—including conflict, natural disasters and financial collapse;
- Together with the Director of the Center, Nobel Laureate Edmund Phelps, organized major conferences with academics and policymakers on issues at the top of the global economic and foreign policy agenda.

1998-2000 (Visiting Professor of Economics) 1990-2007 (Adjunct Professor)

- Taught a new course on Post-Conflict Economic Reconstruction (Fall 2007);
- Taught Economic Development of Latin America; Issues in the Latin American Economic Policy Debate; and International Finance to students at School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) and the Program in Economic Policy Management (PEPM) (several years);
- Member of the University Seminar on Latin America appointed by President of Columbia (May 2009-);
- Organizer and Moderator of the ILAIS/Saltzman Forum on Latin American Policy (2000).

1978-1982 (Assistant to Professor Robert A. Mundell)

- Organized and supervised graduate program in Economics at the Central Bank of Uruguay;
- Organized economic conferences in different countries on various topics;
- Assisted Professor Mundell in his advising work to governments in Latin America and in editing conference volumes.

Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)

Latin America/USA

2002-2007 (Consultant, highest level)

Prepared, led, and/or evaluated policy studies on different countries and participated in policy discussion with governments and IADB officials on various topics:

- “Micro- and Small Enterprises Credit Cooperatives in Brazil: Diagnosis and Possibilities for IADB Involvement” (Brazil: Oct. 2006-Feb 2007) [study with Marcilio Marques Moreira];

- Evaluation of study on “Business Climate in Mendoza, Argentina” to conform with the same methodology developed in her study for Uruguay (March 2006);
- “The Business Climate in Uruguay: Recommendations for Improvement” (Study prepared for the new Government, June 2005-Dic 2005);
- Supported Uruguay’s Ministry of Finance in preparing a “Strategy to Promote Foreign Direct Investment (June-July 2005);
- Discussions with Government of Uruguay on the Competitiveness Agenda (February 2005);
- Diagnosis of Bottlenecks Business Sector Development in Uruguay (Sept-Oct 2004);
- Recommendations to set up an Investors’ Relations Office (IRO) in the Ministry of Finance in Uruguay after studying the cases of Brazil and Mexico (April-May 2004);
- Recommendations on how to issue guaranteed bonds within the constraints of the IMF program (June-July 2004);
- Preparation of a Competitive Strategy Note as the basis for the Competitiveness Agenda (Uruguay and Brazil: April-November 2004);
- “Innovative Methods for Infrastructure Financing: Case Studies” [within/outside Latin America]; Paper prepared for discussion in the framework of IIRSA (*Integration of Regional Infrastructure in Latin America*) (NY and London: May-June 2003) [with Charles Frank];
- “Promotion of Export-Oriented Foreign Direct Investment in Uruguay”, study prepared on the basis of broad discussions in Ireland and Costa Rica on their own experiences with free trade zones (2002-03).

Standard & Poor’s

New York

2000-2002 (Director, Latin American Sovereign Ratings)

- Analyzed economic and political risk of sovereign government bonds and other financial instruments;
- As a senior member of the Sovereign Ratings Group, participated in committees to decide on government ratings worldwide;
- Contributed research pieces to *CreditWeek*;
- Spoke to the press/radio/TV on the creditworthiness and future prospects of all Latin American countries.

International Monetary Fund

Washington, D.C.

1996-98 (Economist, highest level); 1998-2000 (Consultant and Guest Lecturer)

- At the Western Hemisphere Department (WHD), was responsible for analysis and projections as well as for policy dialogue with national authorities on how to improve public policies (Ministries of Finance and Central Banks); contributed to country reports for Board of Directors;
- At the IMF Institute, wrote research papers on various economic/financial issues; trained high-level government officials in countries from Ecuador to Russia on international finance and debt management issues, external sector policies, and financial programming
- Moderated major meeting on East Timor with UN officials and donors at the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings in Prague (September 2000).

United Nations

1999 (Economic Policy Advisor to the UN Special Representative)

Kosovo

- Advised UN Special Representative Bernard Kouchner on policymaking to jump start Kosovo’s economy, including the establishment of a Central Fiscal Authority, a modern, market-based payments and banking system to replace the purely cash-based one and facilitate micro-finance, and a UN-customs office to collect revenue for Kosovo’s budget;

1992-1995 (Senior Officer, Office of the Secretary-General)

New York

- Advised SG Boutros-Ghali on economic, financial, environmental, and energy policy issues, on post-conflict economic reconstruction in Central America and Haiti, Africa and Asia; regional responsibility over Latin America (working with ASG Alvaro de Soto); accompanied the SG in his trips to the region and to economic meetings;
- Was the liaison with the IMF, the World Bank, other UN agencies, and the regional development banks; represented the SG at IMF/World Bank Annual and Spring meetings;

- Was a contributor to major UN publications, including the SG's *Agenda for Development* (1995) and his *Supplement to the Agenda for Peace* (1995);
- Mobilized UN resources for different projects and countries.

1990-91 (*Senior Officer, Office of the Director-General*)

New York

- Advised DG Antoine Blanca and Assistant Secretary General (ASG) Enrique ter Horst on a variety of economic and financial issues;
- Was responsible for many of the functions she later carried out at the SG's Office (writing speeches, clearing reports, accompanying the DG and ASG);
- Was the rapporteur and wrote the report of the UN High-Level Delegation to the "Coordinating Conference on Assistance to the New Independent States" organized by US Secretary of State James Baker (January 1992); mobilized UN resources for these countries;
- Prepared first draft of the Note of the SG to the General Assembly on "Finance and Development: The Global Need for Capital," (July 1991).

1982-1987 (*Various consultancy assignments*)

New York

- Worked with the Director of Research, Pedro Malan, on various issues related to foreign direct investment and debt during the Latin America debt crisis;
- Wrote the chapter on the role of transnational corporations in capital formation and the balance of payments of developing countries for *Transnational Corporations in World Development: Fourth Survey*;
- In charge of UNCTC study on the role of transnational corporations in trade among developing countries; selected consultants for case studies, determined the methodology to be used, wrote final report and presented it at UNCTAD (Geneva, 1984);
- Consulted for UNCTC on various investment and trade-related issues.

Other Past Activities

- Member of the Afghanistan Study Group, New America Foundation (Washington, D.C.: 2010);
- Frequent participant on Afghanistan at MSNBC (2009);
- Member of the Board of Directors, Centennial Group Latin America (Washington, DC, 2006-2010);
- Visiting Lecturer Universidad Católica (Uruguay, 2004-05), Universidad del Externado (Colombia, 2004);
- Visiting Scholar at the OECD Development Centre (Paris, 2002);
- Senior Editor in charge of the Latin American Column of Project Syndicate (NY: 1999-2000);
- Economic Advisor to the Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations (NY: 1987-1990);
- Taught international economics at New York University and Hunter College (Adjunct) (NY: 1985-86), Hofstra University (Assistant Professor) (NY: 1987-89);
- Developed cases and taught them to MBA students, Harvard Business School (Tehran, Iran: 1977-78).

Education

Columbia University

New York

Ph.D. in Economics (1986): Specialized in macroeconomics /international finance/development

- Ph.D. dissertation: "Balance of Payments Analysis: An Empirical Test of Uruguay"; Adviser: 1999 Nobel Laureate Robert A. Mundell.
- M.A. thesis: "Adjustments for Inflation in the Corporate Income Tax"; Adviser: 1996 Nobel Laureate William Vickrey

Citizenship

Dual citizenship (Uruguay/U.S.A.)

Languages

Spanish, English, French (good), Portuguese (fair)

Book

Rebuilding War-Torn States: The Challenge of Post-Conflict Economic Reconstruction (Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, December 2008).

Endorsements and Reviews

“Rebuilding War-Torn States is that rare book that brilliantly combines the insights of an experienced practitioner with the disciplined argument of a meticulous researcher.

Michael W. Doyle, Harold Brown Professor of International Affairs, Law and Political Science, Columbia University and Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General (2001-2003).

“A must read for policymakers, academics, practitioners and those interested in the political economy of peace.”

**Dr. Jacob A. Frenkel, Chairman, J.P. Morgan Chase International and Chairman G30.
Former Economic Counselor and Director of Research, IMF**

“Extremely valuable tool for consolidating peace in other countries around the world.”

Alfredo Cristiani, Former President of El Salvador

“Graciana del Castillo makes an important contribution to debates about peace-building and postwar reconstruction...”

Gregory Kent, “Rebuilding War-Torn States,” Times Higher Education (March 5, 2009)

“Del Castillo ... picks apart the reasons why orthodox approaches to rebuilding postconflict countries have not succeeded, and recommends alternatives. ... Without doubt, if the international donors and financial bodies had followed del Castillo’s advice, they should have done a better job.”

Alex de Waal, “Afghanistan: the Natural State,” Times Literary Supplement (November 4, 2009)

Academic Articles/Reports

- “Foreign Direct Investment Profile of Uruguay” (Vale Columbia Center on Sustainable International Investment, Volume on FDI Country Profiles, forthcoming 2011) [with Daniel García];
- *“Reconstruction Zones as a Driver for Investment, Trade, Employment, Food Security and Improved Human Security”* (Volume on *The Role of Business in Conflict Zones* (CSS Zurich, Swisspeace, PRIF), forthcoming 2012).
- “Rebuilding War-Torn States: Tomorrow’s Challenges for Post-Conflict Reconstruction” (Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre for Excellence, Volume on Civil-Military Interaction in Crisis-Affected Countries, forthcoming 2012).
- “Aid and Employment Generation in Conflict-Affected Countries: Policy Recommendations for Liberia” in *Foreign Aid and Employment* (Helsinki, Finland: UN/WIDER, forthcoming 2012).
- “The Economics of Peace: Military vs Civilian Reconstruction – Could Similar Rules Apply? In *Expeditionary Economics: Toward a Doctrine for Enabling Stabilization and Growth* (NY: West Point United States Military Academy, 2012, forthcoming).
- *Reconstruction Zones in Afghanistan and Haiti: A Way to Enhance Aid Effectiveness and Accountability* (Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace, Special Report #292, October 2011).
- *The Economics of Peace: Five Rules for Effective Reconstruction* (Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace, Special Report #286, September 2011).
- “Rebuilding From War: Economic Reconstruction in Post-Conflict States,” *World Politics Review*, May 31, 2011.
- “The Bretton Woods Institutions, Reconstruction and Peacebuilding,” in *Ending Wars, Consolidating Peace: Economic Perspectives* (London, UK: Adelphi Series of Books, IISS) by Mats Berdal and Achim Wennman (eds) (September 2010).
- “Peace Through Reconstruction: An Effective Strategy for Afghanistan,” *Brown Journal of World Affairs*, XVII/II (Spring/Summer 2010).
- “Book Review: Christopher J. Coyne, *After War: The Political Economy of Exporting Democracy* (Stanford: Stanford

Economics and Finance, Stanford University Press, 2008), *Perspectives on Politics*, 8 (March 2010).

- “Economic Reconstruction of War-Torn Countries: The Role of the International Financial Institutions,” *Seton Hall Law Review*, 38/4 (December 2008).
- “Uruguay en el Nuevo Contexto Internacional,” *Revista de Economía*, 2 (December 2007).
- “Auferstehen aus Ruinen: Die Besonderen Bedingungen des Wirtschaftlichen Wiederaufbaus nach Konflikten,” *der Überblick* (Germany’s *Foreign Affairs*) (4/2006, Dezember). [“Post-Conflict Economic Reconstruction: A Development-PLUS Challenge”].
- “Mexico’s Public Sector Debt and Debt Management”, in L. Randall (ed.), *Changing Structure of Mexico: Political, Social, and Economic Prospects* (N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe Publishers, 2006). In Spanish: Siglo XXI Publishers.
- “El Clima de Negocios en la República Oriental del Uruguay” in Eduardo Fernández-Arias and Silvia Sagari (eds), *Una Nueva Era de Crecimiento Económico en Uruguay* (Interamerican Development Bank, 2006).
- “Assessing Sovereign Risk”, in Anya Schiffrin and Amer Bisat (eds.), *Covering Globalization: A Reporter’s Handbook* (NY: Columbia University Press, November 2004). In several languages.
- “Economic Reconstruction in Post-Conflict Transitions: Lessons for the Democratic Republic of Congo,” *Working Paper No. 228* (Paris: OECD Development Centre, 2003).
- “Afghanistan—The Way Forward”, *Global Governance* (April 2003).
- “Determinants of the Nominal Exchange Rate: A Survey of the Literature”, in M.S. Khan, S.M. Nsouli and C.H Wong (eds), *Macroeconomic Management: Programs and Policies* (Washington, D.C.: IMF, 2002).
- “External Sector: Accounting, Analysis, and Projections”, in E. Croce, M. Da Costa, and H. Juan-Ramón (eds), *Programming and Financial Policies: Application to the Colombian Case* (Washington, D.C.: IMF, 2002) [original in Spanish].
- “Contagion: From Higher Risk to Risk Aversion and the Danger of Protectionism”, in F. Rivera-Batiz and A. Lukauskas (eds), *The Political Economy of the East Asian Crisis: Tigers in Distress* (Edward Elgar Publishers, 2001) [with Mario I. Blejer].
- “Post-Conflict Reconstruction and the Challenge to the International Organizations: The Case of El Salvador,” *World Development*, Vol. 29, No. 12 (December 2001).
- Book Review of *Distributive Justice and Economic Development: The Case of Chile and Developing Countries* by Andres Solimano, Eduardo Aninat, and Nancy Birdsall, *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. XXXIX, No. 2 (June 2001).
- “Economic Reconstruction in Post-Conflict Transitions”, in M. Malan and C. Lord (eds), *Prague to Pretoria: Towards a Global Consensus on the Doctrine of Peace Support Operations* (Prague: Institute of International Relations, 2000).
- “Arms-for-Land Deal: Lessons from El Salvador,” in M. Doyle and I. Johnstone (eds), *Multidimensional Peacekeeping: Lessons from Cambodia and El Salvador* (Cambridge, U.K., Cambridge University Press, 1997).
- “Déjà Vu All Over Again? The Mexican Crisis and the Stabilization of Uruguay in the 1970s”, *World Development*, Vol. 26, No. 3 (March 1998) [with Mario I. Blejer]. Translated into Russian as IMF Working Paper (WP/96/80), July 1996.
- “Privatization in Latin America: From Myth to Reality” (Santiago, Chile: CEPAL, Series on Public Policy Reform, 1995).
- “Post-Conflict Peace-Building: The Challenge to the UN”, *CEPAL Review*, 55 (October 1995). Translated into Spanish in *Revista de la CEPAL*, 55 (April 1995).
- “Implementation of Comprehensive Peace Agreements: Staying the Course in El Salvador”, *Global Governance* (Spring, 1995) [with Alvaro de Soto].

- “Obstacles to peace-building”, *Foreign Policy*, 94 (Spring 1994) [with Alvaro de Soto]. Translated into Spanish in *Revista Tendencias*, 32 (julio/agosto 1994).
- “Foreign Direct Investment, Capital Formation and the Balance of Payments of Developing Countries”, in Lehman, C. and R. Moore (eds), *Multinational Culture: Social Impacts of a Global Economy* (Conn., Greenwood Press, June 1992).
- “Policy Fundamentals, Interest Rates Differentials and Expected Devaluation in the presence of an Active Crawling Peg System”, *Journal of International Money and Finance*, 12/3 (June 1992).
- “Expectations of Devaluation, the Real Rate of Interest and the Private Sector in a Dual Currency Economy”, in Fischer, K. and G. Papaioannou (eds), *Business Finance in Less-Developed Capital Markets* (N.Y.: Quorum Books, May 1992).
- “El Enfoque Fiscal de la Balanza de Pagos”, *Estudios de Economía* (Universidad de Chile), 17/2 (Diciembre de 1990).
- “The Role of Transnational Corporations in South-South Trade: Issues and evidence”, in V. Ventura-Dias and A. McIntyre (eds.), *South-South Trade: Trends, Issues and Obstacles to its Growth* (NY: Praeger, 1989).
- “The MGRC Model: A Test of the Gulliver Effect,” in Universidade de Sao Paulo, 7th *Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society: Abstracts and Papers* (Brazil: USP, FEA, FIPE, Vol 1, 1987).

Recent Press Articles

- “La Mujer Uruguaya y el Poder,” *El Observador* (December 8, 2011).
- “The Economics of Peace in Afghanistan” (Project Syndicate, September 13, 2011).
- “In Cautious Praise of Latin America” (Project Syndicate, March 21, 2011) [with Mario I. Blejer].
- “Innovación Para el Desarrollo,” *ABC Madrid, Sunday Business Supplement* (April 11, 2010).
- “Rebuilding Haiti: Getting It Right This Time,” *Letter to the Editor, New York Times, Week in Review* (April 4, 2010).
- “True Cost of Reintegrating Taliban,” *Letter to the Editor, Financial Times* (February 11, 2010).
- “Peace Through Reconciliation in Afghanistan” (Project Syndicate, February 11, 2010).
- “What Afghanistan Needs: Job Creation,” *Christian Science Monitor* (February 10, 2010).
- “Dead Wrong: If it is to Become ‘the Next Big Thing,’ Africa Will Need Aid,” *Argument, Foreign Policy* (July 6, 2009) [with Edmund Phelps].

Opinion Pieces in the *Latin American Advisor*

- “Factors impeding open regionalism in Latin America,” October 2011.
- “Key differences in policymaking and performance in Argentina and Uruguay,” June 2011.
- “How Will Drought Affect the Economies of Argentina and Uruguay,” January 29, 2009.
- “How is Uruguay Positioned to Weather the Economic Storm,” December 4, 2008.
- “Will Growth Carry Uruguay’s *Frente Amplio* to Victory Next Year?” August 5, 2008.
- “Are Food Prices Agreements a Good Response to High Costs?” July 3, 2008.
- “What are the Prospects for Foreign Direct Investment in the Region in 2008 and Beyond,” May 13, 2008.

Work in Progress

- “Reconstruction Zones in Cuba: Focalized Effort to Capture Foreign Direct Investment to Special Economic Zones and to Create Links to the Domestic Economy” (paper for discussion in Cuba);
- “Earth Institute Proposal for a Millennium Villages Project in Afghanistan” (Working with Jeffrey Sachs at Columbia University and M. Ishaq Nadiri at New York University prepared the draft proposal. In May, discussed it in Kabul with government and UN officials and potential donors; visited the villages and discussed the project with local shuras/councils).

Selected Speaking Engagements

- Workshop on the Role of Business in Conflict Zones (organized by the Center for Security Studies (CSS Zurich), Swisspeace (Berne), and the Peace Research Institute (PRIF, Frankfurt), presentation on *“Reconstruction Zones as a Driver for Investment, Trade, Employment, Food Security and Improved Human Security”* (Basel, November 13-14, 2011).
- Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre for Excellence, Civil-Military Interaction Seminar 2011 (CMIS 2011), presentation on *“Rebuilding War-Torn States: Tomorrow’s Challenges for Post-Conflict Reconstruction”* (Sydney, 7-10 November 2011).
- Vale Columbia Center on Sustainable International Investment, Sixth Columbia International Investment Conference on *“The Resource Boom and FDI in Africa,”* Moderator of Session on *“Upstream and Downstream Linkages from FDI in Natural Resources”* (NY, October 26-27, 2011);
- United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Public Event for the presentation of her publication on *“The Economics of Peace: Five Rules for Effective Reconstruction”* (Washington, D.C., October 26, 2011);
- The Africa Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Facilitator at the Seminar on *“Managing Security Resources in Africa,”* Washington, D.C., October 16-21, 2011;
- UNU/Wider, Project Meeting on Foreign Aid: Research and Communication, presentation on *“From Enclaves to Reconstruction Zones: A Strategy for Employment and Improved Aid Utilization,”* Panel on Aid, Structural Change and Employment, Helsinki, Finland, September 30, October 1st, 2011;
- World Bank, presentation on *“Aid, Growth and Employment in Liberia: A Proposal for Reconstruction Zones”* (Monrovia, Liberia: August 29, 2011);
- Catholic University of Uruguay, Seminar on *“Países que Salen de Crisis Profundas”* [“Countries Coming out of Deep Crises”] (Montevideo, July 28, 2011);
- United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Discussion by Members of the *“Task Force on Business and Peace”* of the Final Report (Washington, D.C., June 15th, 2011);
- World Public Forum, Dialogue of Civilizations, presentation on *“Integration in the Context of the Global Economy: A View from Latin America”* (Berlin, 30-31 May 2011);
- Investment Support Agency, presentation on *“A Focalized Strategy for the Creation of Reconstruction Zones in Afghanistan”* (Kabul, May 16, 2011);
- United States Military Academy, West Point, Panel discussion on developing a Doctrine on Expeditionary Economics (Second Senior Conference on Expeditionary Economics: Toward a Doctrine for Enabling Stabilization and Growth (NY: May 24-26, 2011);
- Inter-University Consortium on Security and Humanitarian Action (IUCSHA), Panel on *“Innovation and Humanitarian Action”* (NY: Fordham University March 30);
- Columbia University, lecture on *“The Role of the IMF in the Global Economy”* (NY: Professor Dirk Solomons’s class, March 3, 2011);
- United States Military Academy, West Point, presentation on *“Expeditionary Economics: Do the Rules for Effective Reconstruction Apply?”* (NY: Senior Conference on Expeditionary Economics: Toward a Doctrine for Enabling Stabilization and Growth, February 15-17, 2011);
- United Nations Peacebuilding Commission, *“Economic Revitalization in Peacebuilding and the Development of Service Based Infrastructure”* (Presentation via teleconference, Nov. 22, 2010);
- World Public Forum, Dialogue of Civilizations, presentations on *“Resource-Based Growth, Economic Dynamism and Social Inclusion in Latin America”* and *“Ideas Para Reactivar el Empleo, la Inversion y el Crecimiento Sostenible en Cuba”* (Rhodes: October 7-11, 2010);
- The Netherlands, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, presentation on *“Growth and Equity in Fragile States”* (The Hague, Seminar jointly sponsored with Wageningen University, October 5, 2010);
- United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Panel Discussion on *“A Fresh Look at Post-Conflict Economics: Theory, Experience, and Reality”* (Washington, D.C., Sept 22, 2010);
- United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Panel Discussion on *“High-Value Resource Contracts, Conflict, and Peace in Afghanistan”* (Washington, D.C., July 13, 2010);
- United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), invitation by the President of ECOSOC to address the High-Level Segment of the Council on the topic *“The Role of Women in Countries in Special Situations”* (NY, June 30, 2010);

- Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs, “Effective Policymaking During Reconstruction” (NY: June 17, 2010);
- Columbia University, Reunion PEPM Class of 2000, “Panel Discussion on the Global Economy” with Francisco Rivera-Batiz, Richard Nelson, Ron Findlay, and Guillermo Calvo (NY: May 22, 2010);
- Columbia University, University Seminar on Latin America, “Reconstruction in Haiti and Chile: Striking Differences, Similar Challenges, Important Lessons” (NY: May 6, 2010);
- Center for Hemispheric Policy, University of Miami, “Fifth Annual Latin America Conference,” presentation on “The Economic Agenda for Latin America” (Miami: April 27, 2010);
- Columbia University, United Nations Studies Program Conference on “Peacekeeping, Statebuilding, and the Private Sector in Haiti” (NY: April 20, 2010);
- The George Washington University, The Elliott School of International Affairs, National Security Studies Program, presentation and policy discussion with participants from the three forces on “An Economic Reconstruction Strategy to Support Military Efforts” (DC: March 29, 2010);
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, “Book Presentation” to the International Fellows, Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies (SPUR) (Cambridge, Mass.: March 1st, 2010);
- New America Foundation, Retreat on “Policy Alternative to the Obama Administration Policy in Afghanistan” (Amelia Island, Fl: February 26-28, 2010);
- Kozmetsky Center of Excellence in Global Finance, St. Edward’s University, presentation at a luncheon with community and university leaders on “The Financial and Foreign Affairs Crises Nexus.” Participation in a panel on “The Obama Administration’s Economic Initiatives,” with James Galbraith, Claudio Loser and Seamus O’Cleireacain (Austin, Texas: February 22-23, 2010);
- Columbia University, lecture on “The Role of the IMF and the World Bank in Reconstruction and Development” (NY: Professor Dirk Solomons’s class, February 11, 2010);
- U.S. Department of Defense, presentation and policy discussion on Afghanistan as President Obama’s strategy was under review (Washington, D.C.: December 3, 2009);
- U.S. State Department, presentation and policy discussion on Afghanistan as President Obama’s strategy was under review (Washington, D.C.: December 2, 2009);
- Austrian National Defense Council, lunch presentation and policy discussion on Afghanistan, Africa, the Balkans, and other post-conflict countries at the Ministry of Defense, with participation of other Ministries (Vienna, Austria: December 15, 2009);
- Institute for Integrative Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding (IICP), Workshop on “Issues Regarding Reconstruction and Development in the North and East of Sri Lanka.” Invited as keynote speaker in meeting with Tamil Tiger leaders from Sri Lanka and from the diaspora to prepare strategy to negotiate with the government on a reconstruction strategy for the Tamil areas (Vienna, Austria: December 13-14, 2009);
- UN Bookstore, book launch (NY: October 29, 2009);
- Embassy of Uruguay, Book Presentation with the presence of Ambassadors from war-torn countries (Washington, D.C.: October 27, 2009);
- Columbia University, Conference on Peace Through Reconstruction (jointly sponsored by the Center on Capitalism and Society and the Earth Institute). Presentation on Panel 2: “A Change in Strategy for Afghanistan” (NY: Casa Italiana, October 23, 2009);
- RAND Corporation, Workshop on “Security, Stability, Transition, and Reconstruction,” participated with Roger Myerson and Michael Intriligator as one of three economic experts invited to the discussion, sponsored by the Ministry of Defense (Washington, D.C.: September 25, 2009);
- OECD, Book Presentation to the staff and Ambassadors (Paris: June 29, 2009);
- The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), Inaugural Roundtable Meeting on “The Role of Economic Instruments in Resolving Conflicts: Priorities and Constraints”. Presentation at the Opening Session on “Ending Wars and Consolidating Peace” (Washington, D.C.: May 6, 2009);
- Harvard Club, “Book Presentation” (NY: May 5, 2009);
- Social Science Research Council (SSRC), “Breaking New Ground Retreat on Gender and War,” in which 25 leading scholars, practitioners and policy shapers were invited to help shape the Center’s vision, scope of activities and research priorities (Duin Kruidberg, The Netherlands: April 26 – May 3, 2009);
- The Clingendael Institute, Book Presentation and policy discussion on financing, environmental and gender issues

- relating to war-torn states (The Hague: April 24, 2009);
- University of Amsterdam, “Book Presentation” followed by discussion with graduate students writing theses on the topic of post-conflict reconstruction (Amsterdam: April 23, 2009);
- The Netherlands, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, “Book Presentation” (The Hague: April 22, 2009);
- UN Economic Commission for Latin America (CEPAL), “Book Presentation” (Chile: March 6, 2009);
- Columbia University, Center on Capitalism and Society Conference on “Emerging from the Financial Crisis”, chaired Panel 4 on “Adjustment of International Imbalances” with the participation of Robert Mundell, William McDonough, Martin Wolf, Robert Aliber and Guillermo de la Dehesa (NY: Italian Academy, February 20, 2009);
- Columbia University, Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD) and the International Institute for Journalists (IIJ), lecture on “The Role of the Rating Agencies in the Present and Past Crises” (NY: Feb. 19, 2009);
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), policy discussion on specific countries including Georgia, Bosnia, Kosovo and other CIS countries (London, UK: February 6, 2009);
- Oxford University, Department of Politics and International Relations and the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law, and Armed Conflict, ELAC), “Book Presentation” (Oxford, UK: February 5, 2009);
- DFID (UK Department for International Development), with teleconference participation of some of their officers in post-conflict countries, Book Presentation and policy discussion on Kosovo and Bosnia (London, UK: February 4, 2009);
- International Development Research Centre (IDRC), “The Peacebuilding Roundtable” [my presentation and book findings were discussed in absentia due to bad weather] (Toronto, Canada: 10-11, Dec. 2008);
- Bankinter Foundation, presentation on “Financial and Post-Conflict Crises” at the *XI Future Trends Forum*, sponsored by the (Madrid: December 3-5, 2008);
- Fride (Spanish Think Tank), in collaboration with the Club de Madrid and *Foreign Policy*, Book Presentation (Madrid: December 2nd, 2008);
- Yale University, dinner speaker, Yale Global Leaders Dinner (New Haven: December 10, 2008);
- Columbia University, Center on Capitalism and Society, Conference on “Economic Dynamism and Inclusion in Latin America,” chaired Introductory Session with Edmund Phelps and Guillermo Ortiz, President of the Bank of Mexico (Mexico City, Club de Industriales: November 24, 2008);
- The UN Office of the Secretary-General, Peace-Building Support Office, “Book Presentation” (NY: November 6, 2008);
- The Ralph Bunch Institute and the CUNY Graduate Center, Book Presentation (NY: Nov. 5, 2008);
- Columbia University, Initiative for Policy Dialogue (IPD) and the International Institute for Journalists (IIJ), Book Presentation (NY: October 24th);
- Louise T. Blouin Foundation for their *Global Creative Leadership Summit 2008*, panel presentation with Edmund Phelps, Richard Robb and the Prime Minister of Croatia (NY: Sep. 21, 2008);
- The John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, “Book Presentation” (Washington, D.C., Oct 23, 2008).