

Social protection systems, public policies and the social challenges of age

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29th and 30th of May, 2024



The symposium “Social protection systems, public policies and the social challenges of age in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean” is organized by the Institut des Amériques, in collaboration with the Europe-Latin America and Caribbean Foundation (EULAC), the French Development Agency (AFD), Expertise France and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE), in the framework of the Latin America and Caribbean Weeks.

Discussions will be held in French, Spanish and English, with simultaneous translation.

Scientific coordination

Blandine DESTREMAU (CNRS), research director, sociologist, Latin America and the Caribbean

Julie TRÉGUIER (DIW Berlin), post-doctoral student, economist and demographer, Europe.

Scientific argument

Most countries in Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe are experiencing an accelerated process of demographic aging, characterized by an increase in the proportion of elderly and very elderly people in the population. According to Cepal's 2022 report, the Latin American and Caribbean region has experienced a more rapid aging process than other regions of the world: in 1950, people aged 60 and over represented 5.2% of the total population; by 2022, this figure had risen to 13.4%, a proportion expected to reach 16.5% by 2030. In Europe, the aging of the population has been more precocious and, according to the European Commission, by 2020, 20% of the population will already be aged 60 and over.

Demographic aging is the result of intertwined dynamics: declining fertility and mortality at younger ages (aging at the bottom of the pyramid), extended longevity or a delay in the average age at which older people die (aging at the top), and net migration. Emigration of adults and young men and women has played a major role in the aging of the populations of various Latin American and Caribbean countries, whereas in Western Europe, immigration tends to slow down the aging process, contributing to the renewal of young and adult populations, and thus to the birth rate.

Life expectancy for both sexes has risen significantly, from 48.6 years in 1950 to 75.1 years in 2019 in Latin America and the Caribbean, and from 62.8 to 79.1 years, respectively, in Europe. With advancing age, the feminization of the elderly asserts itself, due to the greater longevity of women, who nevertheless live more years in poor health. Despite the setback caused by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, life expectancy should continue to rise in both regions in the future. While the "young-old" regularly engage in useful family and social activities, the growing numbers of very old people, who are more likely to suffer from reduced autonomy, and chronic or degenerative conditions, represent a major challenge to national and territorial public social protection policies and to local and family arrangements for support and social inclusion.

The aging process encompasses a multitude of situations, and regional averages mask marked differences between countries, both in terms of the speed of the transition from a young to an aging society, and the intensity of the process. Nor is the situation homogeneous on a more individual or local scale, due to inequalities in life expectancy gains for the elderly, their state of health (particularly to the detriment of women and the poorest groups or those exposed to environmental risks), their material living conditions (housing, food, employment conditions, access to quality public services, territory) and the support they receive from their social and family environment, which can amplify their vulnerability or help to reduce it.

Taken at an individual level, aging is accompanied by a growing demand for social benefits, healthcare and assistance, which raises questions about how to cover the risk of survival at advanced ages and the level of protection to be provided (round table 1), and how to organize care for people losing their independence (round table 2). Taken on a population scale, aging raises questions about the financial sustainability of public policies for the elderly, but also about regional planning and the maintenance of social cohesion (round table 3).



29th May
French Development Agency
Auditorium Mistral, 3 Pl. Louis-Armand,
75012 Paris

Welcoming
13h30-14h00

Inauguration
14h00-14h35

Marie-Pierre BOURZAI, Director of the Latin American
Department
An Expertise France Representative
Blandine DESTREMAU y Julie TRÉGUIER, scientific
coordinators

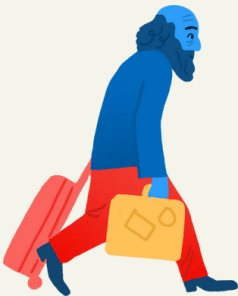
Round-table 1

Social protection and coverage
14h35-16h15

Coffee break
16h15-16h30

Round-table 2

Care and Public Health
16h30-18h30



Round-table 1

Social protection and coverage

14h35-16h15

Since the 1990s, the social protection systems historically established in both regions have undergone significant reform. While the extension of social coverage and the strengthening of protection levels have been common objectives, much remains to be done. In Latin America and the Caribbean, it is estimated that 40% of workers and their families do not benefit from any form of social protection, due to the characteristics of labor markets and migratory flows, particularly to the detriment of women. In most European countries, almost the entire population is covered by one or more forms of social protection, but some groups remain poorly protected, and there are considerable differences in levels of protection. For example, the average retirement pension for women is 39% lower than for men. Moreover, universalization strategies have often been implemented at the cost of reducing levels of protection and fragmenting coverage. Tax-advantaged private insurance products exacerbate inequalities in levels of protection. What's more, despite reforms to make social protection systems more solvent, these protection schemes present limited institutional performance in terms of management, unstable financing modes and maintain strong inequalities, particularly in terms of gender and ethnic origin: elderly working-class women, especially when they belong to ethnic minorities, remain the most vulnerable.

This round-table will discuss the advances and challenges facing public policies to extend social coverage for the elderly, whether contributory (contributory retirement pensions) or financed by public budgets (minimum social benefits, specific services and other benefits offered by local authorities).

Moderator:

Alfonso MARTINEZ-SAENZ, coordinator of gender and social protection projects, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean at Expertise France

Speakers:

- Anne-Marie GUILLEMARD, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Université Paris Cité, Researcher at the Centre d'Etude des Mouvements Sociaux, EHESS/CNRS/INSERM
- Yorlery LEÓN MARCHENA, Minister of Human Development and Social Inclusion of Costa Rica
- Anne LAVIGNE, Professor of Economics, Université d'Orléans
- Anthony MARINO, Head of the Pensions Office, DREES
- Jeannette SÁNCHEZ, Representative of the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, CAF, in Bolivia

Coffee break

16h15-16h30

Round-table 2 Care and Public Health 16h30–18h30

In the countries covered by this symposium, the organization of care provision has emerged in recent years as a public issue, especially in those countries most affected by demographic aging and those with the most advanced social policies, whether Latin American and Caribbean or European. Despite the recognition, more or less asserted, of the co-responsibility of public institutions in satisfying the care needs associated with aging, these needs remain largely referred back to family responsibilities or met by the unequal dynamics of the market. The progress of public policies, the degree of political consensus and the financing methods implemented thus reveal vast disparities. In particular, these disparities concern the effective capacity of families – and especially women – to share care responsibilities with professionals and public institutions. They also concern the regulation of the commodification of long-term care through private or social insurance systems and demand- or supply-side subsidies, and the professionalization and social protection of care providers.

These public policies and programs are grafted onto healthcare systems whose organization, quality and accessibility for various social and economic groups vary from one country to another (public health services, privatization and commercialization, services linked to social or private insurance schemes, programs targeting vulnerable social categories).

Yet the more difficult or exclusive access to quality healthcare services becomes, the greater the burden on families. Considerations of gender and ethnic origin are at the heart of the issue of health care (cure) and personal care (care), since women demonstrate a longer longevity than men, but more years in poor health; they are the main providers of care in the family and institutional setting; and women of foreign origin, or marked by their ethnic origin, make up the bulk of the professional or informal care workforce.

This round table will look at how the provision of health care (cure) and personal care (care) for people losing their autonomy is organized socially and economically, at the intersection of public policy, the market, and the social, moral and gender norms prevalent within families and societies.

Moderator:

Olivier GIRAUD, Political scientist and sociologist

Speakers:

- Merike BLOFIELD, Professor of Political Science at the University of Hamburg, specializing in health and social policy issues
- Alexandre FARNAULT, Deputy Director of Supply, Caisse nationale de solidarité pour l'autonomie
- Alfredo GONZALEZ REYES, Political scientist and former executive secretary of the National Council for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the Mexican government
- Karolin KILLMEIER, Analyst at the Directorate for Employment, Labor and Social Affairs of the OECD

30th of May
Palais du Luxembourg
15 Rue de Vaugirard, 75006 Paris



Welcoming
14h00-14h30

**Round-table 3 – Citizenship, social cohesion
and territories**
14h30-16h10

Coffee break
16h10-16h30

Conclusions
16h30-17h15

Blandine DESTREMAU et Julie TRÉGUIER, scientific coordinators
Françoise MOULIN CIVIL, President of the IdA
Dr Adrián BONILLA, Executive director of the EU-LAC Foundation
An MEAE Representative

**Closing conference – The social challenges of
the age: the need to rebuild the democratic
contract**

17h15-18h00
Marisol TOURAINE

Cocktail
18h00-20h00

Round-table 3

Citizenship, social cohesion and territories

14h30-16h10

The local area plays a crucial role in the daily lives of older people, whether they live in urban or rural areas. While intergenerational cohabitation remains a model of household organization, it is tending to decline, and in all the countries covered by this symposium, there is a growing proportion of older people living alone or in households composed exclusively of seniors.

The challenge of their social inclusion and citizenship on a territorial level is thus increasingly posed independently of the mediation of intergenerational families. New generations of older people are often more independent, better educated and more committed than their predecessors, even though many of them are frequently caught up in difficult everyday life and family demands (participation in domestic and care tasks).

It is above all in their proximity, vicinity and surroundings that these people satisfy their supply needs, find relational resources and solidarity or suffer from loneliness, move around in conditions of comfort or insecurity, feel included and considered or encounter explicit or negligent discrimination, and enjoy quality public services or suffer from their inadequacy and remoteness. It is also at this spatial scale that they manage to maintain active civic participation, engage in collectives and associations, develop integrative and intergenerational activities, and benefit from adequate services and resources offered by civil society organizations and national or local public policies. Numerous initiatives have emerged to integrate, socialize and maintain the citizenship of the elderly, many of them generated by their mobilization and commitment, whether formalized in schemes such as Age-friendly cities or local policies, or remaining informal in social practices rooted in local cultures or deliberate solidarity movements.

This round-table discussion will highlight the social and citizenship issues raised by aging and the presence of older people at local level, and will highlight the initiatives and projects emerging in response.

Moderator:

Isabelle CHARIGLIONE, Professor at the Institute of Psychology, coordinator of the Laboratory of New Epistemologies and Human Development (LabNEDH) at the University of Brasilia

Speakers:

- Barbara BRINGUIER, Overseas and International Regional Director, Les Petits Frères des Pauvres association
- Sandra HUENCHUAN, specialist in aging at the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) - Population Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Pierre-Olivier LEFEBVRE, General Delegate, Réseau Francophone des Villes Amies des Aînés (French-speaking Network of Age-Friendly Cities)
- Diana MEJIA DE MORONTA, representative of the "Familias de Cariño" government program in the Dominican Republic



Coffee break
16h10-16h30

Conclusions
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Cocktail
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Scientific coordination



Blandine DESTREMAU, sociologist, director of research at the CNRS

Blandine Destremau is a sociologist, director of research at the Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), member of the Institut de Recherche Interdisciplinaire sur les enjeux Sociaux (Iris / EHESS) and associated with the Centre de recherche sur les Amériques de l'Institut des hautes études de l'Amérique latine (CREDA / IHEAL). Her research focuses on social policies, solidarity and the family. Over the past fifteen years, she has conducted research in Cuba, focusing on aging and its temporal and social effects. Her latest work focuses on a crucial issue in Cuba today: the provision of care for the elderly population, in a context of economic crisis and intensified emigration, and the family arrangements that are forged around housing, intergenerational cohabitation and forms of interdependence. She collaborates regularly with the Grupo de investigación sobre cuidado del adulto mayor (GICAM) of the Department of Sociology at the University of Havana and other institutional and academic partners in Cuba. Since 2021, she has been lead expert on the VITAL project: *Facilidad sobre envejecimiento en America Latina y el Caribe* led by Expertise France and the Agence française de développement (AFD).

Recent books: *Aging and Generations in Cuba, Lexington Series on Cuba*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2023; *Pensando las temporalidades en Cuba*, coordinated with Ana Vera Estrada and Mildred De La Torre, Havana, Editorial Temas, 2022; *Vieillir sous la révolution cubaine. Une ethnographie*, Paris, éditions de l'IHEAL, 2021.



Julie TRÉGUIER, PhD in Economics from the University of Paris Nanterre and currently post-doctoral fellow at the German Institute for Economic Studies (DIW Berlin)

Julie Tréguier holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Paris Nanterre and is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the German Institute for Economic Studies (DIW Berlin). Her research focuses on the relationship between social protection, work and family. She completed her thesis between the Institut national d'études démographiques (Ined) and the Institut des politiques publiques (IPP) on gender inequalities in retirement, with a specific analysis of conjugal pension entitlement schemes in the French and Dutch contexts. As a post-doctoral researcher, she is more generally interested in the dynamics of income inequality throughout the life-course, focusing in particular on biographical events such as entry into informal care for the frail or widowhood.

Final conference



Marisol TOURAINE, Former French Minister of Health, Social Affairs and Women's Rights, President of Unitaid, international expert on social, health and gender issues

Marisol Touraine has led a political career in France, holding various local and national mandates between 1997 and 2017. She was President of the Indre-et-Loire Departmental Council, Member of Parliament and Minister of Social Affairs, Health and Women's Rights from 2012 to 2017. In these roles, she focused in particular on strengthening social protection in France, reforming the pension system, reorganizing the French healthcare system and developing public health policies. She has enhanced women's rights (notably abortion) and developed home care for the elderly. Marisol Touraine is a graduate of the Ecole Normale Supérieure and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, and holds an agrégation in economics and social sciences. Marisol Touraine has been President of the Unitaid Board of Directors since June 2019. Unitaid is an international partner organization of the World Health Organization that promotes equal access to healthcare in low-income countries.

Moderators



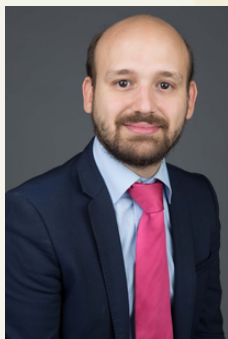
Isabelle CHARIGLIONE, Professor at the Institute of Psychology, coordinator of the Laboratory of New Epistemologies and Human Development (LabNEDH) at the University of Brasilia

Isabelle Chariglione is a psychologist, neuropsychologist and teacher. She is a specialist in gerontology with the Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (SBGG). She is currently a professor at the Institute of Psychology, as part of the Graduate Program in Developmental and School Psychology (PGPDE), and one of the coordinators of the Laboratory of New Epistemologies and Human Development (LabNEDH) at the University of Brasilia (Brasília - Brazil). She is currently working on her post-doctorate in collaboration with the Université Paris Cité (Paris - France) on a project entitled "Développement de la personne âgée et différences culturelles: une analyse cognitive et intersectionnelle". The project aims to produce reflections on how different cultural experiences can impact on the cognitive and psychological development of older people; to carry out a literature review on the development of older people in their cultural differences; to carry out a partnership study between Brazil, Canada, France and French Guyana.



Olivier GIRAUD, Political scientist and sociologist

Olivier Giraud is a political scientist and sociologist. A specialist in the comparative analysis of public action in the field of social policies (training, employment, social protection), he has been working on autonomy policies (loss of autonomy in old age and disability) for several years. He co-directs the Aurelia [2023-2027] project (Autonomy Regimes in Long-Term Care: Instrumentation and Territories) with Loïc Trabut (Ined). Funded as part of the PPR Autonomie program, the Aurelia project compares the political and cultural aspects of the autonomy norm in France, Germany, Canada, Japan and the UK. With Gwenaëlle Perrier, he recently coordinated the book *Politiques sociales : l'état des savoirs*, Paris, La Découverte.



Alfonso MARTINEZ-SAENZ, coordinator of gender and social protection projects, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean at Expertise France.

Alfonso Martinez Saenz is currently coordinator of gender and social protection projects, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean at Expertise France. Until a few months ago, he was deputy coordinator of the gender equality policies component of the European program for social cohesion in Latin America, EUROSocial. He has been working in this program for over 12 years. In this program, he has organized and participated in over 50 work missions in more than 15 countries in the region, more than 25 study visits to Europe and Latin America, and 120 actions to strengthen public policies. Alfonso Martinez Saenz holds two master's degrees, the latest in international cooperation and development, and a diploma in political science from the Tec de Monterrey in Mexico. Having also worked for the OECD, he has extensive experience in international projects on issues relating to social protection, care, gender and general public policies for inclusive development.

Speakers



Merike BLOFIELD, Professor of Political Science at the University of Hamburg, specializing in health and social policy issues

Merike Blofield is Professor of Political Science at the University of Hamburg, where she focuses on comparative social, health and family policies. Her research focuses on the conditions under which governments produce more equity-friendly policies, with an empirical focus on Latin America. Her collaborative work has recently been published by Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, The Lancet and other policy publications. She has received awards for her research and institution-building at previous institutions. She is currently working on maternal and child health policies and policy efforts in relation to domestic and gender-based violence.



Barbara BRINGUIER, Overseas and International Regional Director of Les Petits Frères des Pauvres

After studying communications in France and the United States, Barbara Bringuier turned her professional career towards community work. She began by joining a Guiding and Scouting movement as national leader of an age group, then spent 7 years supporting teams of AFM-Telethon volunteers. For more than 15 years, she has joined the Petits Frères des Pauvres association as international coordinator and today as director of international and West Indies.

As International and West Indies Director, she supports the development of 25 associations that combat the isolation and loneliness of people over 50 on 4 different continents.

Her professional life and associative commitments have enabled her to build up a wealth of expertise on the living conditions of elderly people throughout the world, and on the demographic and social changes that many countries will have to face in the future.



Alexandre FARNAULT, Deputy Director of Supply,
Caisse nationale de solidarité pour l'autonomie

Alexandre FARNAULT joined the Caisse nationale de solidarité pour l'autonomie (CNSA) in November 2022 as Deputy Director of Supply and previously with the General Secretary of the Social Ministries in March 2021, he led an expert mission on the issues of the "Grand Age" and autonomy, concerning the creation of a new territorial public service for autonomy. Prior to this, he worked for the Agence Régionale de Santé d'Île-de-France (ARS) as Director of Digital Health Policy Deployment, and previously as National Project Manager for the PAERPA program (Parcours de santé des personnes âgées en risque de perte d'autonomie) from 2016 to 2020 at the Ministry of Health's Social Security Department. Previously, Alexandre FARNAULT held the positions of Head of the Ambulatory and Innovation Unit at the Paris delegation of the ARS IDF (from 2013 to 2016) and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Deputy in charge of Health and President of the AP-HP at the City of Paris (from 2007 to 2013). In addition, he regularly participates in, organizes and leads international conferences and expert appraisals (China, Europe, Africa, etc.) and at universities and higher education establishments. In 2022, he co-authored the report "Vers un service public territorial de l'autonomie" and the "Code des droits contre l'exclusion" published by DALLOZ (October 2006).



Alfredo GONZALEZ REYES, Political scientist,
internationalist and public policy specialist.
General Coordinator of Strategic Projects of
CIIDIS and advisor on Sustainable Development
of the United Nations System in Mexico.

Former Executive Secretary of the National Council of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Director General of the Ministry of Economy, Government of Mexico; Director of Civil Society Programs at local and national level; and Executive Coordinator of Human Development research for Mexico and Program Specialist for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Development Program.

He has operated and coordinated government programs, initiatives and publications on issues of territorial deployment of procedures and services; support to micro, small and medium enterprises; microfinance; energy transition; circular economy; access to natural common goods; disaster preparedness and response; poverty and inequality reduction; paid and unpaid household and care work.



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Honorary member of the Institut Universitaire de France

Qualified member of the Haut Conseil de l'Âge

Recognized specialist in international comparisons of policies on old age and aging, social and health protection, pension systems and employment of senior citizens.

Her areas of research cover the sociology of ages, generations and aging, as well as the recomposition of life courses, pension reform, employment of seniors and age management. Her most recent work focuses on the societal challenges posed by increasing longevity and population aging worldwide, and on the ways in which these challenges can be met, based on international comparisons. Her publications and translations into English and Japanese attest to her international reputation.

Her most recent publications include:

(2024) « Apories d'une réforme de la retraite reposant sur l'unique paramètre de l'âge pour prolonger la vie active » Revue de l'OFCE, n°184 (2024/1), <https://www.ofce.sciences-po.fr/pdf/revue/2-184OFCE.pdf>.

(2023) « Loi grand Âge et blocages français à la lumière des comparaisons internationales », Revue *SERVIR*, Novembre 2023 N°524 p.16-20.



Sandra HUENCHUAN, specialist on aging at the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Center (CELADE)-Population Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Dr. in Latin American Studies, mention in Anthropology, from the Universidad de Artes y Ciencias Sociales, Chile; with a Post-Doctorate in Anthropology from the Universidad de Chile.

Sandra Huenchuan Navarro has worked since 2002 as a specialist on aging at the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). She was coordinator of the regional follow-up of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Aging between 2002 and 2018. She has provided technical assistance on aging and public policies in Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Cuba, Costa Rica, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Uruguay. She has published 6 books in ECLAC. She has also published numerous documents in other ECLAC series, as well as in international books and journals. She participated as an advisor to the OAS Working Group in charge of elaborating the draft Inter-American Convention on the Human Rights of Older Persons, adopted in 2015.



Karolin KILLMEIER, Analyst, Directorate for Employment, Labor and Social Affairs, OECD

Karolin is an analyst at the OECD's Directorate for Employment, Labor and Social Affairs. She works in the team analyzing the growing demand for dependency services in the context of population aging. Her research interests include social protection for elderly dependency, workforce issues and integrated care. She also provides technical support for the implementation of healthcare system reforms. In her previous role at the OECD, she analyzed the impact of skills supply and demand on labor markets and adult training systems.



Anne LAVIGNE, Professor of economics at the University of Orléans

Anne Lavigne received her doctorate in economics in 1990, and has been a professor of economics at the University of Orléans since 1993. At the time, her research focused on monetary and banking economics and insurance economics, and then on pension economics from the 2000s onwards. From 2016 to 2022, she was seconded to the General Secretariat of the Conseil d'Orientation des Retraites, in charge of monitoring pension systems abroad and retirement savings issues. One of her latest articles, published in the *Revue de droit sanitaire et social* in July-August 2023, entitled "Retraites: une exception française?", analyzes the recent pension reform in France in the light of reforms in the main European countries. She has been a member of the Comité de suivi des retraites since August 2023 and a member of the Board of Directors of the Établissement de retraite additionnelle de la fonction publique since December 2023.



Pierre-Olivier LEFEBVRE, General Delegate of the Réseau Francophone des Villes Amies des Aînés

Pierre-Olivier Lefebvre is General Delegate of the Réseau Francophone des Villes Amies des Aînés® (RFVAA). He has been leading this network since its creation in 2012. RFVAA currently has over 300 members in France and Europe. Specialized in social gerontology for nearly 30 years, he started out as a gerontology coordinator, then pursued a professional career in municipalities, getting particularly involved in social participation dynamics with elderly residents. Then, by managing services and establishments for the elderly, he developed his skills in supporting the very old and socially fragile. With a master's degree in sociology, he has worked on the technical, strategic and political aspects of age policy. He is the author of numerous articles and books on aging and the age-friendly cities approach. He is a member of various scientific councils and boards of directors of longevity-related organizations (SFGG, FIAPA, ILC France, etc.).



Yorleny LEÓN MARCHENA, Minister of Human Development and Social Inclusion of Costa Rica

Ms. León Marchena holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Inter-American University of Costa Rica.

She holds a Master's degree in Local Economic Development from the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (Flacso).

Among her professional experiences, she has worked as an entrepreneur and consultant in various fields, served as Executive Director of the Local Development Agency of Pococí, as an advisor to the Presidency of JAPDEVA and as a professor at the University of Costa Rica (UCR) and the National State Distance University (UNED).

She has been an active leader, supporting communities in Limón. In 2018, she was elected Deputy of the Republic and, since the Legislative Assembly, has worked in areas of interest for the development of public health and environmental sanitation, entrepreneurship, reactivation of the economy and infrastructure, job creation, improving the quality of education, sports and security.



Anthony MARINO, Head of Pensions Office, DRESS

Anthony Marino is an administrator at INSEE, with a degree from ENSAE and a DESS in statistics. He worked for the Public Finance Department, then spent a large part of his career working on pension issues, in a variety of environments. He worked at INSEE's economic studies department on the Destinie microsimulation model and was rapporteur for the Moreau Commission on the future of pensions, ahead of the 2014 reform. He subsequently worked at the Caisse des Dépôts social policies department as a scientific advisor, as well as at the general secretariat of the Conseil d'orientation des retraites. He is currently Head of the Pensions Office at DREES.



Diana MEJIA DE MORONTA, representative of the "Familias de Cariño" government program in the Dominican Republic

Diana Mejia de Moronta holds a Magister Notable in Democracy and Government from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), and a Magna Cum Laude in Law from the Pontificia Universidad de Madrid (UAM), Spain.

Ms Mejia is a specialist in the design and implementation of participation and management models in the implementation of participation and management models in the application of social policies.

She has 6 years' experience in the design and implementation of participation and management models in the application of social policies and the guarantee of services for the elderly population, in accordance with Law 352-98 on the protection of the elderly.

She has obtained 6 certifications in international courses and diplomas on integral care for the elderly.

Diana Mejia is a member of the Human Rights Committee at the University of Salamanca, and a member of various committees such as:

Family, Quality, Basic Standards of Internal Control, Care, Letter of Commitment and Risk Management of the National Council for Human Rights.

She has been responsible for the Social Development Department and the Monitoring and Evaluation Department.

She is currently Director of Integral Development and Protection of the Elderly, and Coordinator of CONAPE projects.



Jeannette SÁNCHEZ, Representative of the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean, CAF, in Bolivia

From 2007 to 2013, she was Minister of the Ministry of Economic and Social Inclusion, President of the National Institute for Children and the Family, Minister for the Coordination of Social Development, Minister for the Coordination of Economic Policies and President in charge of the Central Bank of Ecuador.

From 2017 to 2023, she was Director of the Natural Resources Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

She is currently the representative of the Development Bank for Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF) in Bolivia.

Jeannette Sánchez has been a professor and researcher in economics and development at the Central University of Ecuador, the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Ecuador, the Universidad San Francisco de Quito and ECLAC's Escuela Latinoamericana de Estudios del Desarrollo.



Publication from the 2023 symposium

“Challenges of the raw materials trade, Europe – Latin America – the Caribbean”

This publication is the result of the symposium "The challenges of commodity trade. Europe – Latin America – Caribbean", held in May 2023 as part of the Semaine de l'Amérique latine et des Caraïbes (SALC). This annual event is organized by the Institut des Amériques (IdA) in partnership with the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE), the EU-LAC Foundation and the French Development Agency (AFD).

Each year, the symposium helps strengthen bi-regional relations between Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean, bringing together specialists from academia, science, diplomacy, public administration, business and civil society to discuss contemporary issues. This twelfth edition focuses on the trade in non-renewable raw materials, in the face of discourses on energy and socio-ecological transition, while armed conflicts are emerging and reinforcing the need to secure supplies.

Under the scientific coordination of **Yvanne BOUVET** and **Audrey SÉRANOUR**, this book presents some perspectives and explores avenues for cooperation.

A stylized illustration of a woman in traditional attire, possibly a dress with floral patterns, reading a book. The illustration is rendered in a soft, muted color palette of light blue and peach tones, serving as a background for the text.

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