

IFCU's New Frontiers Forum : Speakers' Biographies
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Fr. Friedrich BECHINA, F.S.O.

Born in Vienna in 1966. After training and service as an officer in the Austrian army, he studied Economics, Philosophy and Theology in Vienna. He was awarded the "Bellarmino Award" for his PhD in "The Church as the Family of God" at the Pontificia Università Gregoriana in 1997.

After years of pastoral service in the Diocese of Feldkirch and various positions in the Spiritual Family The Opera, he was appointed to the Congregation for Catholic Education and in February 2013 he became Undersecretary of the Congregation itself.

Since 2005, he has managed the Congregation's international activities in the area of higher education and represented the Holy See in relevant organizations and international initiatives.

He is a former elected member of the Bologna Process Follow Up Group (BFUG, 2008/2009) and is currently elected member of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Higher Education and Research (CDESR) at the Council of Europe

H. E. Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia

Vincenzo Paglia was born in Italy, and obtained the degree in theology and philosophy from the Lateran University and another one in pedagogy from the University of Urbino.

He was ordained as priest and from 1981 to 2000 served as parish priest in Rome; he was also the ecclesiastical assistant of the Community of Sant'Egidio and was the postulator of the cause of beatification of the Archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

On 2 April 2000 he was ordained as Bishop of Terni Narni Amelia in the Cathedral of St. John Lateran. Since 2002, he is president of the International Catholic Biblical Federation and, from 2004 to 2009, he was also chairman of the Commission Ecumenism and Dialogue of the Italian Episcopal Conference.

He has played an important role in the dialogue between the Vatican and the Russian and Romanian Orthodox Church, and followed with particular care the situation in the Balkans. His action was particularly intense in matters concerning the Kosovo, where he succeeded in reaching the only agreement between Milosevic and Rugova for the standardization of the school-education system in the region and obtaining the release of Rugova during the war of 1999.

For his work in peace he received, in 1999, the UNESCO's Gandhi Medal in 2003 the Mother Teresa Prize of Albanian Government. On 26 June 2012, Pope Benedict XVI elevated him to the dignity of archbishop and appointed him president of the Pontifical Council for the Family. On 17th August 2016 he has been appointed President of the Pontifical Academy for Life and Grand Chancellor of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family. On 4th October 2017 he has been appointed member of Congregation for evangelization of people and on 11th January member of Congregation for Causes of Saints.

Dr. Isabel CAPELOA GIL

IFCU President and Rector the Catholic University of Portugal

Isabel Capelo Gil is Full Professor of Culture Studies at the School of Human Sciences and Rector of the Catholic University of Portugal (UCP). She studied in Lisbon (U. Lisbon), Munich (Ludwig Maximilian

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Dr. Pierre Vercauteren

IFCU Board Member, Université Catholique de Louvain

Pierre Vercauteren is a political scientist and professor of political science who teaches at UCLouvain FUCaM Mons. He has a degree in international relations and public administration (UCLouvain, 1984), a degree in European studies (UCLouvain, 1984) and a doctorate in political and social sciences (ULB, 1998). He is mainly known for his interventions in various Belgian media including RTL-TVI, RTBF, La Libre Belgique, Le Soir, etc. Like other Belgian political scientists, he has been a regular consultant on television programmes since the negotiations for the formation of a Belgian government in 2003, 2007 and 2010, as well as in their various activities. From 2000 to 2008, he was a guest lecturer at the Free University of Brussels where he taught the « Global Governance » course. He is Secretary General of the international research network REGIMEN (Réseau d'Étude sur la Globalisation et la Gouvernance Internationale et les Mutations de l'Etat et des Nations). He is a member of the LARGOTEC research laboratory at the University of Paris Est.

Dr Carl Amrhein

Provost & Vice President, Academic

Dr Carl Amrhein joined as AKU's Provost and Vice President, Academic on October 8, 2017.

Dr Carl Amrhein's academic career began at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1980 as a graduate student. He worked for a brief period at the University of Kentucky. In 1993, he joined the University of Toronto as an Assistant Professor, became the Chair of the Department of Geography and Graduate Program in Planning and later rose to the position of Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science in 1997.

In 2003, Dr Amrhein joined the University of Alberta as its Provost and Vice President (Academic), a post he held until 2014. During this period at the University of Alberta, Dr Amrhein played a critical role to guide the university to achieve international ranking. Throughout this period and to the present, Dr Amrhein has maintained his academic activities. He achieved the rank of full Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Toronto, and later, at the University of Alberta, in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. Dr Amrhein was instrumental in the success of the AKU-University of Alberta relationship during his tenure as Provost.

Dr Amrhein has contributed significantly to the development of governance and professional development in education and health services. He has been the Chair of the Alberta Universities Association, a member of the Board of Directors of Fulbright Canada and of the international board of the IB organization. He was seconded for one year to the Conference Board of Canada to lead the effort to examine the future of tertiary education in Canada and to make recommendations on changes to respond to the changing economic, technological and social landscape. He is a member of the International Review Team of the Higher Education Evaluation Commission (HEEC) in China and has been a visiting professor at Peking University and Zhejiang University in Huangzhou.

In 2015, the Government of Alberta engaged Dr Amrhein to join Alberta Health and lead them through a series of highly complex changes towards a renewed health system that is more patient and family-centred, engaging citizens, health-care providers, research into new practices and innovations to evolve a better provincial health system. Dr Amrhein has been serving as the Deputy Minister of Health in the Government of Alberta, the senior public servant in the provincial health system.

Dr Amrhein has been extensively involved in the development of an integrated health system in the Province of Alberta, together with leading the planning and acquisition of the associated electronic health records and informatics systems. Throughout this period, not surprisingly, he has also been an active leader in interdisciplinary provincial matters, and in federal-provincial activities in health policy.

Dr Amrhein was awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit from the Federal Republic of Germany in 2011. He received an Eagle Feather to honor his contributions in advancing the role of Traditional Knowledge of the First Nations in university programming in 2014. Also in 2014 he was awarded the Alberta Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration.

Chris Van Geet

Chris Van Geet is a professor at the Faculty of Medicine of Leuven, Belgium. She is vice-rector of the Biomedical Sciences Group and head of the Services of Cardiovascular Sciences. She belongs to the Department of Cardiovascular Sciences of the Centre for Molecular and Vascular Biology.

Pr. Pedro Simas

Pedro Simas, is an Associate Professor at both Faculdade de Medicina, Universidade de Lisboa and Universidade Católica Portuguesa, and a Principal Investigator at Instituto de Medicina Molecular, Lisboa. He joined Universidade Católica Portuguesa in 2019 as part of the Católica Medical School project as head of the Biomedical Research Sciences Centre.

He obtained both his DVM at University of Lisbon and MSc from Newcastle-upon-Tyne University in 1991 (UK), and PhD from University of Cambridge (UK) in 1994, in the field of viral pathogenesis.

His research activity is focussed on the molecular and cellular mechanisms of herpesvirus induced B-lymphocyte proliferation and associated cancers.

Dr. Fernando Felipe SÁNCHEZ CAMPOS

Rector, Universidad Católica de Costa Rica, IFCU Vice-President

Fernando Felipe Sánchez Campos has worked in the public sector as a diplomat, representing the Republic of Costa Rica as Ambassador to the Holy See (The Vatican), to the Sovereign Order of Malta, and as Permanent Representative to the United Nations Rome-based agencies (Food and Agricultural Organization—FAO—, International Fund for Agricultural Development—IFAD—, and the World Food Program—WFP—). Moreover, he was elected by popular vote as a Deputy to the Legislative Assembly, where he served as President to several central legislative commissions such as: the Permanent Commission for Social Affairs and the Special Permanent Commission on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

In terms of academic experience, he has served as rector, professor, tutor, researcher, guest speaker, and consultant at several academic institutions such as the University of Costa Rica and INCAE

Business School, as well as at the University of Oxford, the University of Salamanca, and the Catholic University of Valencia. In addition, he has worked as a consultant for the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH), specifically at the Centro de Asesoría y Promoción Electoral (CAPEL). Nowadays he serves as Rector of the Catholic University of Costa Rica (UCAT), the official university of the Costa Rican Episcopal Conference (CECOR). Likewise, he is currently the Second Vice-President of the Organización de Universidades Católicas de América Latina y el Caribe (ODUCAL), and—just recently—member of the Board of Directors of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU).

Mr. Sánchez holds a Ph.D. in Politics by the University of Oxford (UK), a Master's degree in Business Administration by INCAE Business School (Costa Rica), and a BA in Political Science by the University of Costa Rica. He has published eight books and has another one in progress, and has also written several chapters in different books and various academic articles. Likewise, he is a regular contributor for different newspapers of national scope in Costa Rica, and has been awarded several prizes, distinctions and honors (in Costa Rica and abroad). Fernando Sánchez is a Spanish native speaker and also has fluent knowledge of English and Italian.

Dr. Tomás Barrientos Fortes

Dr. Tomás Barrientos Fortes graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the Universidad Autónoma de México with honorable mention. Residency in General Surgery at Wright State University, Ohio, USA. He also has a specialty in Digestive Surgery. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons. In 1999 he was appointed Director of the School of Medicine of the Anahuac University in Mexico City, which progressed under his charge to the School of Health Sciences in 2005, and later, in 2011, to the Faculty of Health Sciences, including undergraduate and graduate training in the six main professional areas of health including the clinical professions such as Medicine, Nutrition, Dentistry, and Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, as well as non-clinical as Management and Administration of Health Institutions and Biotechnology.

In the field of medical administration he obtained his superior administrative formation in the Ibero American University in 1985, at the same time that he served as Medical Director of the Escandón IAP Hospital, a position he held for 11 years from 1984 to 1995. In 1995 he participated as Director of Corporate Pharmacovigilance at Lilly Laboratories in Indianapolis. He returned to Mexico to occupy the position of Medical Director of Ángeles Mocol Hospital from 1997 to 1998.

His vocation as a manager of change in the medical profession with a social vision coupled with professional performance, generated the opportunity to be elected President of the International Association of Faculties and Schools of Medicine.

As part of his institutional strategy to bring Administrative Management closer to the clinical sciences, Dr. Tomás Barrientos Fortes created the Public Health Institute of the Anahuac University in 2005, which is part of the innovation tools in the management of health programs and services for the open population of Mexico. It also supported the development of the Mexico Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives. The work of innovator in the non-governmental vision of the provision of health services with a special interest in the training of professionals in the administration of health services and their resources for professional practice, has earned him to be a speaker in various forums organized by firms such as SAP, Price Waterhouse Coopers. He also participated as a member of the Consultative Council of the Mexican Association in Human Resources Management, AMEDIRH. Since 2005 he has been a trustee of the Monica Pretelini Foundation and Medical Missions Network Mexico. He is currently a member of the advisory board of Laboratorios Roche, S.A. de C.V.

He has been appointed to act as the CEO of the Anahuac University Health System (Sistema Universitario de Salud Anáhuac, or **SUSA**), starting on January 2020.

François Mabile

IFCU Secretary General, Director of the International Center for Research and Decision Support

François Mabile is Professor of political science at the Université Catholique de Lille and statutory researcher of the Societies, Religion and Secularism Group of the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS). He started his career at the Institut Catholique de Paris in 1998 where he founded the Research Centre on Peace with Joseph Maïla, thus contributing to the introduction in France of the Peace Research movement. In this perspective, in 2000, he founded, again at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Economics, the master's degree in International Solidarity and Actions of which he was the director until 2005. François Mabile was Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Economics for five years during which were created amongst others: the master in economic intelligence, a master in political science, a master in social economics, a master in environmental sciences and also the first University Diploma for the training of religious dignitaries (more especially imams and future imams). In 2010, François Mabile joined the Université Catholique de Lille where he teaches international relations at the Faculty of Law. In 2011, he created the chair 'social stakes and prospective', of which he is the holder, and took part in the activities of the International Institute of prospective on innovative ecosystems created in 2014. He also provided expertise documents for the International Organisation of La Francophonie and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He collaborated for many years with the Charles Leopold Mayer Foundation. He was appointed Secretary General of IFCU for a 3-years mandate effective September 2016.

Isabelle Wachsmuth-Huguet

World Health Organization

Isabelle Wachsmuth-Huguet, MSc, MPH has been working for World Health Organization (WHO) since 2003 and has 20 years of expertise on international network promoting and implementing knowledge management solutions in both high and low income countries. She is currently Project manager, Health Systems and Innovation Cluster, Service Delivery & Safety (SDS), Emerging Issues, Quality Universal Health Coverage (QUHC), at WHO Geneva. She is also the coordinator and lead moderator of the WHO-HIFA Global Francophone Forum – Health Information For All (HIFA-Fr).

Sister Ekaete Ekop

Sister Ekaete Ekop was elected Assistant Congregational Leader of the Medical Missionaries of Mary. Born in Ibadan, Nigeria, Sister Ekaete qualified as a medical doctor before joining MMM. She obtained a certificate in tropical medicine and community health in Liverpool. After her first assignment to a new MMM mission in the Republic of Benin, Sister Ekaete studied for her Fellowship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology from the West African College of Surgeons and National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria. Sister Ekaete was asked to give up her beloved maternity and gynae work when she was appointed MMM Area Leader for West Africa at the end of 2012. Among other missions, she gave advice to MMMs and staff in the face of the Ebola outbreak in 2014.

Dr. Ordetta Mendoza

Dr. Ordetta is a Co-Ordinator of the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India and an associate of the Congregation of the Franciscan Servants of Mary. She was an associate professor at the Stella Maris College for 32 years. Currently she organises and conducts workshops and seminars for all of the Catholic Colleges in India on various themes. As a Biologist / Bioinformatician she is deeply concerned about the ethical issues that humanity faces in the future especially with respect to human life, reproductive health and associated issues. Ethical issues, family life and technology driven medical interventions are themes she deems crucial.

Earlier in her career, she was a member of the Science Sectorial Group and communicated with Prof. Pierre Becker.

Raúl Martínez Rubio

Raúl Martínez Rubio is Rector General of the Universidad Vasco de Quiroga.

He was born in Ciudad Hidalgo, Michoacán in 1957, and married 28 years ago to Rocío del Carmen Ramírez Vázquez, parents of five children. He holds a Master's degree and has a degree in Administration from the Universidad Vasco de Quiroga. He is also a graduate of Harvard Extension School and of the Universidad de Monterrey. He is a member of the Mondragón Corporativo de Cooperativas en el país Vasco España by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (Chapter Mexico) and of the Unión Social de Empresarios Mexicanos. The Universidad Popular Autónoma de Puebla and the Universidad de Monterrey and the International Federation of Catholic Universities FIUC (Leadership training) are also happy to count him as a member. He was a high school teacher for 20 years, including 10 years at the Universidad Vasco de Quiroga. He was Academic Coordinator of High Schools at the Universidad Vasco de Quiroga, and Rector of the Universidad Vasco de Quiroga from 2011 to 2018. He has lectured on various themes like Youth Values, the History of Mexico, Social problems in Mexico in different educational institutions. He contributes to "Political Reading" in diocesan newspapers.

Dr. Franco Anelli

Franco Anelli is an Italian academic and rector. He has been a Professor of private law since 1993. In 1991 he won the state exam to become a lawyer, becoming a cassationist in 1998. He graduated in law at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. After a PhD in commercial law, he became an associate professor of institutions of private law at the Faculty of Economics and Business. He has dealt mainly with the law of obligations and contracts and property rights of the family. He also updates the Torrente-Schlesinger Manual of Private Law published by Giuffrè. Full Professor of Civil Law at the Piacenza campus of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart up to the academic year 2011/2012, he currently teaches private law institutions at the Milan office, where he holds the office of rector. He also edited the "Private Law Manual" by Andrea Torrente and Piero Schlesinger, published by Giuffrè.

Prof. Vincent Han-Sun Chiang

Professor Vincent Han-Sun Chiang is a Taiwanese physician, medical professor and the president of Fu Jen Catholic University.[1] He was also the president of the Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia (ACUCA) during 2012 to 2014.

He was graduated from the National Taiwan University (NTU). He obtained a doctoral degree at the Technische Universität München (Doktors der Medizin). At present, he serves in Fu Jen, NTU and Taipei Medical University.

University) and Chicago and holds a PhD in German Studies from UCP. Previously, she was Vice-Rector for Research and Internationalization (2012- 2016) and the Dean of the School of Human Sciences (2005-2012) of the Catholic University of Portugal (UCP). Having grown up in Asia (Macao), Isabel Gil has been especially interested in researching issues of diversity and conflict and has structured her work around the exploration of the disciplinary boundaries between literature, the arts and other disciplines.

She is a passionate advocate of international education and works consistently to develop international research networks, exploring the different ways in which the practice of the arts and humanities is pivotal to advance a more sustainable and intellectually robust global education agenda. Her research is currently published in Portuguese, English, German, French, Italian and Spanish. She is the author of over 140 publications, bridging cultural theory, interarts studies, visual culture, culture and conflict and her work has been published in *New German Critique*, *Dedalus* or *Colloquia Germanica*, amongst many others journals. She was a founding member and is a senior researcher at the Research Centre for Communication and Culture (CECC), where she coordinated the research group Culture, Art and Citizenship (CULTCIT). Isabel Gil is furthermore Honorary Fellow at the IGRS, School of Advanced Studies, University of London and holds a position as Invited Professor at USJ (Macao). An advocate of strengthening doctoral education, she has been involved with the Council for Doctoral Education at the European University Association.

Fr. Terry Kersch, CSB

President of St. Joseph's College, Canada, IFCU Board Member

Fr. Terry Kersch, CSB, PhD has been serving as President of St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta since July 1, 2011. Born and raised in Montreal, Quebec, Canada he encountered the Congregation of Priests of St. Basil (the Basilian Fathers) while competing his Doctorate in Political Science at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. As a Basilian he has served in Canada, United States of America, Mexico, and Colombia. While serving as Chaplain at the University of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto he taught as a sessional instructor in the areas of Catholic Social thought, the Church in Latin America, and Equity and Diversity in Education. He has served on the Collegium of the University of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, the Board of Governors of St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan and Assumption University in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. His current research interests include Modern Hebrew, and the Politics and Society of Israel.

Ronald A. DePinho, M.D.

Ronald A. DePinho, M.D. is past president and distinguished university professor at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. He studied biology at Fordham University, where he graduated salutatorian, received his M.D. degree with distinction from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and performed his residency and postdoctoral training at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. His research career began at Einstein as the Feinberg Senior Faculty Scholar in Cancer Research and an ACS Research Professor. He then joined the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School where he was the founding Director of the Belfer Institute for Applied Cancer Science.

During his 6-year tenure as MD Anderson's president, Dr. DePinho conceived and launched the Cancer Moon Shots Program, dramatically enhanced MD Anderson's research and training excellence, recruited many world class faculty, and expanded its global network to reach one-third of the human

population. His research program has made fundamental contributions to our understanding of cancer, aging and degenerative disorders, and the translation of such knowledge has led to clinical advances.

For his significant contributions to cancer, aging and healthcare, Dr. DePinho has been recognized with numerous honors and awards. He is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and the National Academy of Science, and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association of the Advancement of Science and the American Association of Cancer Research.

Pauline Nugent

Professor Pauline Nugent, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), has been appointed to the inaugural position of Provost at Australian Catholic University (ACU), commencing June 2012.

Professor Nugent has a background in nursing and trained at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne. She holds a Master of Education from Monash University and a Bachelor of Applied Science from Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences.

Her scholarly record includes publications, public lectures and conferences in nursing education, rural health, clinical research and health curriculum development as well as public funding of research development and evaluation projects worth more than \$5 million.

Professor Nugent was appointed to the inaugural Chair of Nursing Development at Deakin University in 2003, after serving as the Head of School of Nursing since 1997. In 2007, she took up the role of Dean of Health Sciences at ACU. From 2007 to 2010 Professor Nugent facilitated a 37 per cent increase in student load for health sciences, introduced new courses in physiotherapy and paramedicine, and established new research centres and domestic and international partnerships.

In 2009, Professor Nugent was named Victorian Telstra Businesswoman of the Year, and in 2011 was appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at ACU.

Frédéric Houssiau

Professor Frédéric Houssiau is Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain who specializes in Rheumatology, Lupus and Polyarthritis.

Professor Frédéric Houssiau was born in Brussels. After graduating with a doctorate in medicine from the Catholic University of Louvain in 1983, he opted for a specialization in internal medicine/rheumatology.

During and after this training, he obtained several mandates from the National Fund for Scientific Research which allowed him to work, as a researcher, in the Experimental Medicine Unit of the Institut de Duve, under the direction of Professor Jacques Van Snick. He obtained the Diploma of Higher Education Certificate in 1993, defending his thesis entitled "The role of interleukin-6 in T-cell activation". After a stay in London in the Lupus Clinic at St. Thomas' Hospital, directed by Professor Graham Hughes, he developed a clinical expertise centre in the field of systemic rheumatism, particularly systemic lupus erythematosus. He is leading three European controlled academic studies on the treatment of lupus nephropathy. He has (co-)authored more than 130 publications. He has been Head of the Rheumatology Department of the Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc since 2004 and Ordinary Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain since 2002.

Rev. Prof. Zeljko TANJIC

Rector of the Catholic University of Croatia, IFCU Board Member

Born in Bjelovar (Croatia), Zeljko TANJIC has been a priest at the Archdiocese of Zagreb since 1994. He obtained a doctorate in fundamental theology (Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome). He taught at the Catholic Faculty of Theology, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia, and was the CEO of Kršćanska sadašnjost d.o.o., Publishing House of the Archdiocese of Zagreb. In 2011 he was appointed Rector of the Catholic University of Croatia. He published various books and articles in the field of fundamental theology. In 2014 His Sanctity the Pope Francis appointed him a member of the International Theological Commission.

Firoz Rasul

President of the Aga Khan University

Mr Firoz Rasul has served as President of the Aga Khan University since May 1, 2006. The Aga Khan University or AKU is a private, autonomous, not for profit, international standard, needs blind university in the developing world. Today, the University has more than 2,500 students across campuses in six countries on three continents. As part of its health sciences program, the AKU operates 7 teaching hospitals and 300 outreach medical centres in South Asia and East Africa, which collectively treated over two million people in 2016. Yet its growth over the last 10 years will pale beside that to come in the decade ahead, as AKU transforms itself into a comprehensive university offering liberal arts and graduate professional degrees that prepare students from the developing world to lead their societies towards a better future.

Prior to his engagement with AKU, President Rasul was involved in building several business enterprises and the development of social and community institutions. He served as Chief Executive Officer and then Chairman of Ballard Power Systems, a world leader in fuel cell technology from December 1988 until May 2004. Before that he was Vice President of Marketing and Sales for Mobile Data International (MDI) in Vancouver from 1981 until its takeover by its largest competitor, Motorola, in 1988. In both cases, at Ballard and MDI, Mr. Rasul led the development of start up ventures into world leading technology companies with deep and sound intellectual property positions, and through strategic partnerships and innovative financing.

Mr Rasul has served as a member of the University of British Columbia's Board of Governors and as a Director on the Board of Science World, British Columbia. Between 2000 and 2006, he was President of the Aga Khan Council for Canada, where he led the development of several large-scale projects for the Aga Khan Development Network, including The Global Centre of Pluralism in Ottawa and the Aga Khan Museum in Toronto.

As a business leader, Mr Rasul has shared his knowledge and experience as a member of the Board of TELUS Corporation and the Royal Bank Capital Corporation. He was named the 2001 National Transportation Person of the Year by the Government of Canada, and Wilfred Laurier University's School of Business and Economics recognized him with its Outstanding Business Leader award.

Mr Rasul received a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom and an MBA from McGill University in Montreal. Mr Rasul was conferred with the Degree of Doctors of Laws, honoris causa, by Simon Fraser University in 2001 and an honorary Doctorate of Science in 2017 by the University of Alberta.

Maria Lourdes Domingo Maglinao

Taking her premed course at the University of Santo Tomas and belonging to the Accelerated Class of BS Biology in 1982, it is no wonder that Lady Doctor Ma. Lourdes Pena Domingo-Maglinao finished her degree in Doctor of Medicine in 1986 with a Benemeritus award. Continuing her post graduate medical internship at the University of Santo Tomas Hospital, she became a member of the Most Outstanding Medical Interns Group in 1987. Further walking the road less taken, she took her residency in Neurosurgery also in UST, making her the first female neurosurgeon trained in the Asian Region.

During her training years in Neurosurgery, she consistently won first place, no less in all scientific research contests she participated both nationally and internationally. She was awarded Most Outstanding Surgical Resident given by the Philippine College of Surgeons in 1991 and the UST Medical Alumni Association in 1992 and was accorded the Young Neurosurgeons Award twice by the Asian Australasian Congress of the Neurological Surgeons.

After completing her Neurosurgical Training, Dra. Odette as she is fondly called, pursued fellowship programs: Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery in Singapore General Hospital and Stereotactic RadioNeurosurgery in Prince of Wales, Sydney, Australia. As if she had not enough of studying, she took up a Masters Degree Program in Health Professions Education at the University of the Philippines in 2001 for which she was awarded University Scholar, twice. She has authored and co-authored numerous scientific research papers published both nationally and internationally.

She held numerous positions. To name a few: Board Examiner of the Philippine Board of Neurological Surgery from 2004-2010, President of the Academy of Filipino Neurosurgeons, Inc in 2007 and 2008 and given recognition as the only woman to become president of the Academy of Neurological Surgeons, Inc and the first president to be reelected twice from office.

She excels in the field of Neurosurgery not only in the Philippines but abroad, as well, being Chair of the Women in Neurosurgery Section of Asia in 2009-2011.

The College of Immaculate Conception awarded her in 2002 as the Most Outstanding Alumna in Science and Technology. Furthermore, she was awarded as the Fun, Fearless Female of Cosmopolitan Magazine in 2003 and has been featured and has written numerous articles in medical magazines. She was designated a citation for excellent leadership by the Philippine board of Neurological Surgery in 2009.

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Mr. Pierre FRANCOIS, SwissLife CEO

CEO SwissLife Welfare and Health since March 2012, Vice-President of the Inter-AMC association, Pierre François also held the position of CEO SwissLife Property Insurance and Executive Committee member of Swiss Life France in June 2010.

Aged 51, Pierre François is a graduate of Ecole Polytechnique, ENSAE and holds an actuarial degree (IAF). He started his career in 1991 at the Union des Assurances de Paris (UAP), where he was responsible for operational control at the Life Technical Department.

In 1997, he joined Allianz-France-AGF. He holds various management positions in the fields of life insurance, property and casualty insurance, and distribution. Pierre François joined in 2001 Union Federal Insurances (then Predica) as Financial Director, member of the executive committee. In 2003, the Information Systems, Management and Management Control Department was entrusted to it. In the Pasteur Mutualité Group from 2005 to 2010, he successively held the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer and then CEO.

José Manuel Durão Barroso

José Manuel Durão Barroso is a Portuguese politician and former President of the European Commission (2004 - 2014). Under his leadership, the Social Democratic Party (PSD) won the Portuguese general election in 2002, and he was appointed Prime Minister of Portugal in April of that year. He remained in office until July 2004 when he was nominated by the European Council and elected by the European Parliament to the post of president of the European Commission. A number of important issues were on the Commission's agenda during his first presidency, including the implementation of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology. Since 2015, he teaches the seminar on "The Dynamics of European Union Institutions" for the Law in a European and Global Context and the International Business Law Program at the Católica Global School of Law. José Manuel Durão Barroso has been awarded numerous honorary degrees and has received many international awards and honors.