

# Luis García Montero, Director, Instituto Cervantes



Luis García Montero (Granada, 1958) is Professor of Spanish Literature at the University of Granada, where he has held various positions such as the director of the Secretariat of University Extension.

As a poet, narrator and essayist he has received, among others, Premio Nacional de Literatura (1994), Premio Nacional de la Crítica (2003), Premio del Gremio de Libreros de Madrid (2009), Premio Poetas del Mundo Latino (México, 2010), Premio Ramón López Velarde (México, 2017) y Premio Paralelo 0 (Ecuador, 2018).

He has studied the work of Spanish and Latin American authors such as Gustavo Adolfo Bécquer, Rosalía de Castro, Rafael Alberti, Federico García Lorca, Luis Rosales, Rubén Bonifaz Nuño, Francisco Ayala o José Emilio Pacheco. He is also an honorary professor at the University of Mar del Plata (Argentina) and in 2017 he was named Favorite Son of Andalusia.\*

# José Pintor Aguilar, Director General of Casa Asia



Degree on Law and Political Sciences.

Spanish diplomat from 2003. Posted in Malabo, Agadir, Managua, Mexico and Paris. Positions at the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean and Casa Asia.

Director of Casa Asia from 2025.



## Luis Fonseca Sánchez,

Director General for North America, Eastern Europe, Asia and the Pacific, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation



Madrid, 1981. Career diplomat since 2006. Previously posted in Seoul, Tallinn, Muscat, and Ankara. DG ANEOAP since January 2025.

# Luis Marina Bravo

Head of International Relations Department, Instituto Cervantes



Luis Marina Bravo (Cáceres, 1978) is Head of the International Relations Department at Instituto Cervantes. He is a poet, essayist, translator.

As a career diplomat, he has held various positions at the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), the Spanish Government's Presidency, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union, and Cooperation, as well as in Spain's diplomatic missions in Argentina, Mexico, Portugal, and Tunisia.



# Francisco Moreno

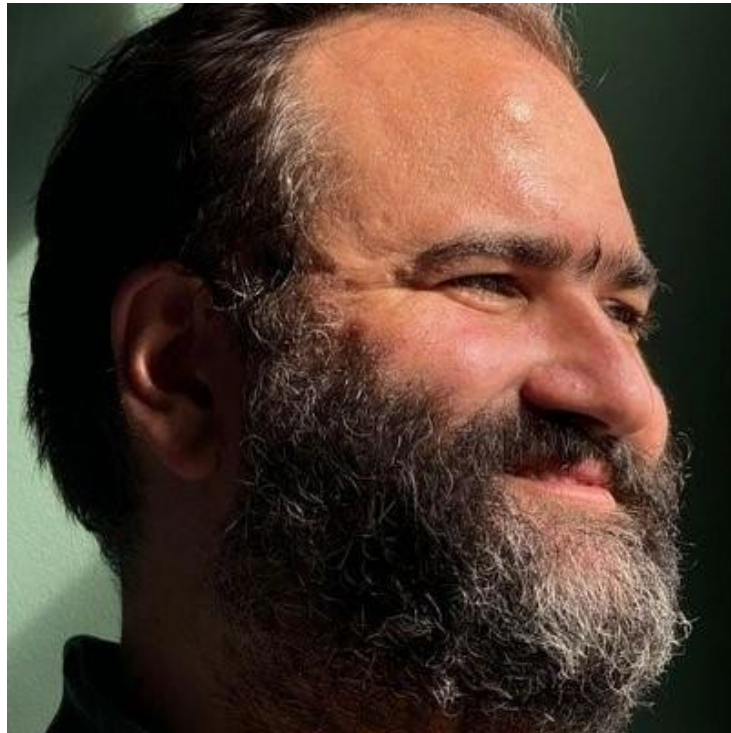
Director of the Global Observatory for the Spanish Language



Moreno-Fernández holds a PhD in Hispanic Linguistics, is Alexander von Humboldt professor at Heidelberg University and Director of the Observatorio Global del Español at the Instituto Cervantes. He has been founder and director of the Heidelberg Center for Ibero-American Studies (HCIAS). He pursues research in sociolinguistics, dialectology, and applied linguistics. He has been Academic Director of the "Instituto Cervantes" (2008-2013). He is Full Member of the North American Academy of the Spanish Language (since 2017) and of the Academia Europaea (since 2022), and Corresponding Member of the Cuban Academy of the Language (since 2013), the Spanish Royal Academy (since 2015), the Chilean Academy of the Language (since 2017), and the Mexican Academy of Language (since 2018).

# Carlos G. Navarro

19th-century painting curator, El Prado Museum



Doctor in Art History (Summa Cum Laude) from the Complutense University of Madrid.

He is an expert in 19th-century art, particularly painting and drawing. He joined the Prado Museum in 2009 as a Curator of 19th-century painting. For years, he has been researching the figure of Juan Luna Novicio, as well as other artists from the generation of 1872 who built their careers in Europe, such as Felix Resurrección Hidalgo. He has curated exhibitions at the Prado Museum such as Ingres (2015), La mirada del otro (2017), and Invitadas (2020).

# Jaime Montalvo

International Director. Spain Chamber of Commerce



He currently serves as the International Director of the Spain Chamber of Commerce.

He was also Economic and Commercial Counselor in United Arab Emirates and Malaysia.

Throughout his career in the General State Administration, he has held senior positions, including Deputy Assistant Director General of Foreign Investment in Spain and Deputy Director General of Trade Policy with Latin America and North America.

He has also served as Deputy Secretary General at the Presidency of the Government, specializing in international trade and investment policy.

# Julian Conthe

General Director of Trade Policy, Ministry of Economy



Julián Conthe has been a member of the civil service corp of State Economists and Trade Specialists since 2010. He is a Telecommunications Engineer from the Polytechnic University of Madrid, and Telecommunications Engineer specializing in aerospace telecommunications from the École Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications de Bretagne.

Prior to joining the General State Administration, he worked for the Airbus Group, in its aerospace subsidiaries EADS Astrium in Toulouse and Construcciones Aeronáuticas (CASA) in Madrid.

Since joining the administration, he has dedicated a large part of his professional career to international trade, initially within the Ministry of Economy. He has also been a national expert in the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission, where he served as coordinator of the EU's trade and investment negotiations with Singapore and Vietnam.



# Marta Blanco

President International Relations Committee CEOE



She belongs to the State Economists and Trade Experts Division (1992).

She has worked for 27 years in the Public Administration where she has held numerous positions, always in the field of international economic relations. She has been a member of the Boards of Directors of public companies and is a regular speaker at courses and seminars on internationalization.

Since 2019 she chairs the International Relations Committee of CEOE and is Vice-President of the Trade Committee of Business at OECD, Vice-President of the International Relations Committee of BusinessEurope and the Spanish representative in the Empower network of the G20. Member of the CUNEF University Advisory Board, as well as member of the Board of the European Council of Foreign Relations (ECFR Madrid).

# Julio Carlos Fuentes Gómez

Deputy Director General for Maritime Regulation and International Cooperation in the Ministry of Transport



Degree in Law and Master in Maritime Law in 1999. Since 1997 he has been a member of the body of civil administrators of the State. He has worked at the General Technical Secretariat of the Ministry of Public Works (area of patrimonial responsibility and regulatory development advisor), the support unit of the General Directorate of Programming and Economic and Budgetary Control of the Ministry of the Environment.

Since July 7, 2017, he has been Deputy Director General for Maritime Regulation and International Cooperation in the Ministry of Transport.\*

# Laura Mayoral

Deputy Director General for South East Asia, the Pacific and the Philippines



Degree in Political Science and Administration, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona. Master in International Relations, Instituto Ortega y Gasset (Universidad Complutense) Career Diplomat since October 2010. She has served in the Embassies of Spain in The Gambia (2014-2017), Pakistan (2017-2018) and Peru (2018-2022). In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs she has held different positions: Technical Advisor in the Cabinet of the Secretary of State for the European Union; Head of Area at the Diplomatic Information Office; Advisor to the Directorate General for North America, Asia Pacific and Eastern Europe; and Deputy Director General for Southeast Asia, Pacific and Philippines, Madrid since August 2024.

# Juan Pablo Pérez

Head of Port Planning Dept., Port of Algeciras



Juan Pablo Pérez has a degree in Civil Engineering from the UPM and has developed his professional career in the Port of Algeciras Bay, the first port of the state system by total volume of traffic with 104.1 million tons and 5.95 million passengers in 2024.

Since 2015, it has been coordinating the development of alternative fuels (Clean Fuels) within the APBA's Green Strategy in the energy transition line of action.

He is currently the Head of the Port Planning Department. Among other projects, he is working on the development of the Port of Algeciras Bay as an Energy Hub focused on new energies, and the programme of actions for the implementation of the Port Readiness Level and Terminal Readiness concept in relation to alternative fuels in the Port of Algeciras Bay, developed by the Clean Fuels working group of the IAPH.



# Margarita Pery

Port Infrastructure Director, IDOM



MSc. Civil Engineer with 26 years of professional experience in the planning, design and construction of transport infrastructures. He has collaborated with Public Administrations and private companies worldwide in the development of port, road and railway infrastructures, holding the positions of Project Manager, JV Steering Committee Member, Contractor Manager, Procurement Manager and Technical Manager. Her experience related to ports includes the development of master plan, design of on-shore and off-shore infrastructure, refurbishment and adaptation of existing infrastructure, technical and financial due diligences and studies related to sustainability, resiliency and climate change adaptation.

# Javier Nieto

Global Business Development and Strategy Director, Acciona



Francisco Javier Nieto holds a 2015 - 2017 Executive M.B.A. IESE Business School.

Francisco Javier Nieto brings experience from previous roles at ACCIONA and Acciona Agua, S.A.

Global Business Development and Strategy Director of Acciona since 2024.\*

# Cecilia García Gasalla

Director of Cooperation with Africa and Asia, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)



Madrid, 1975. Degrees in Geography and History and in Law. Master's degree in International Law and International Relations. Member of the Spanish Diplomatic Service since 2005.

Before joining AECID's Directorate of Cooperation with Africa and Asia, she served as Deputy Head of Mission at the Spanish Embassies in Ivory Coast (2009-2012) and Zimbabwe (2018-2021), and as Counsellor in Algeria (2012-2015) and temporarily in Mauritania and Senegal. At headquarters, she has held the positions of Head of Area in the Directorate General for Development Policies (2005-2008), Assistant Deputy Director for Sub-Saharan Africa in the Directorate General for Africa (2008-2009), and Deputy Director of the Human Rights Office (2015-2018).

Until her appointment as Director of Cooperation with Africa and Asia, she was Counsellor at the Spanish Embassy in Dublin (2021-2024).

# Miguel Utray

Ambassador of Spain to the Philippines



Ambassador of Spain to the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.\*



# Inmaculada Riera

MANAGING DIRECTOR, Spanish Chamber of Commerce



Law Degree from the University of Barcelona. Diploma in Comparative Law from the University of Strasbourg, has postgraduate studies in International Politics and Economics from the University of Florence, a High Business Administration Programme from IESE Barcelona and an International Forex diploma in financial markets from the Association Cambiste International. From September 2015, she is in charge of Spain Chamber of Commerce as Managing Director, as well as Vice President of the INCYDE Foundation.

# Emilio De Miguel

Director of the Center of Casa Asia in Madrid



Degree in Law by the Universidad Autónoma in Madrid. Joined the diplomatic service in 1990. Expert in Asian Affairs. Has been Deputy Director for the Pacific, Southeast Asia and the Philippines and SOM ASEM. Has been Ambassador to Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar. Has been Ambassador at large for the Indo-pacific.

# Manuel Fontán del Junco

Director, Museums and Exhibitions, Fundación Juan March



He holds a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Navarra and Münster (Germany). He publishes texts and essays on aesthetics and art theory, cultural philosophy, and modern and contemporary artists. He also translates texts by Martin Heidegger, Franz Marc, Walker Percy, Peter Sloterdijk, Boris Groys, and Paul Klee into Spanish.

Between 1995 and 2005, he served as director of three European branches of the Instituto Cervantes: Bremen, Lisbon, and Naples. Since January 2006, he has served as Director of Museums and Exhibitions at the Juan March Foundation, as well as director of the Museo de Arte Abstracto Español (Cuenca) and the Museu Fundación Juan March (Palma). He has directed and curated more than 100 exhibitions. In 2016, he was a Clark Fellow at the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts.\*