

Dr. Emilio Rabasa Gamboa, Consul General of Mexico in Boston



Dr. Emilio Rabasa-Gamboa was appointed by President Enrique Peña-Nieto as Consul General in Boston Massachusetts, assuming responsibilities from May 16th 2016.

In the Mexican Foreign Service he served as Mexico's Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States (OAS) since July 2013, to May 15th 2016. In the public sector, he was Secretary General of the Mexican Social Security Institute, Director of the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies and Secretary General of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security. In the Ministry of Interior, he served as Undersecretary of Civil Protection, Prevention and Social Rehabilitation and previously was Director of Government and Technical Secretary of the Federal Election Commission. In the National Human Rights Commission, he served as Legal Adviser to the Presidency. Between 1998 and 2000 he served as Coordinator for the Dialogue and Negotiation in Chiapas as a representative of the Ministry of the Interior.

He was a professor and researcher at the Institute for Legal Research at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). He has taught at the Faculty of Law and Political and Social Sciences at UNAM, UAM, ITAM, Ibero-American University and at Mexico City Campus of the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education. He did graduate studies at the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Cambridge, England, obtaining his Master's Degree in Political Philosophy. He completed his PHD from the School of Law at UNAM.

He is the author of several books on Law and Policy and a columnist for several newspapers and magazines in Mexico.

Professor Yuriy Román, MIT



Professor Yuriy Román is from Mexico City, Mexico. He earned his B.S.E. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania in 2002. After working in industry for a year, Prof. Román moved to Madison, WI to pursue graduate studies. He received his Ph.D. in Chemical and Biological Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2008, working under the supervision of Professor James A. Dumesic. His thesis work involved the catalytic conversion of carbohydrates obtained from lignocellulosic biomass into chemical intermediates used for the production of biofuels and biomaterials. He then moved to the

California Institute of Technology to do postdoctoral research in the synthesis and

characterization of microporous and mesoporous materials in the group of Professor Mark E. Davis. There, he investigated the synthesis and implementation of microporous Lewis and Brønsted solid acids for the isomerization of carbohydrates and production of acetic acid from methanol.

Cesar Cruz, Ashdown Residential Scholar



Cesar Cruz is advisor to Mexico's parliamentary Drinking Water Committee, where he specialized in environmental legislation and water issues. He previously worked at the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, and at The Honorable Senate of the Republic, where he designed environmental policies and law. He has a bachelor's degree in international relations and an MSc. in innovation and quality engineering from Universidad Iberoamericana. At MIT, he will focus on binational groundwater spaces in the U.S.A.-Mexico border region.