Biographies Speakers
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Steven L. Schooner
Co-Director of the Government Procurement Law Program at the George Washington University

Professor Schooner is a fellow of the National Contract Management Association, a certified professional contracts manager (CPCM), and recipient of the Charles A. Dana Distinguished Service Award. He is the faculty adviser to the ABA’s Public Contract Law Journal and also serves on the Procurement Round Table and the advisory board of the Government Contractor. He served as senior associate dean for academic affairs of the Law School from 2006 to 2008.

His scholarship focuses primarily upon federal government contract law and public procurement policy. His dispute resolution experience includes service as an arbitrator, mediator, neutral, and ombudsman. Outside of the United States, he has taught and advised hundreds of government officials on public procurement issues, either directly or through multi-government programs, in more than 30 countries.

Noel M. Cowell
School of Business, University of the west Indies (UWI)

Noel M. Cowell is a Senior Lecturer in Employment Relations at the Mona School of Business and Management and Head of Behavioural Science and General Management Unit of the Mona School of Business and Management (MSBM). This unit will be responsible for the delivery of the MSBM’s new MSc in Procurement Management, which will be launched in September 2017.
Mrs. Cecile Maragh has worked extensively in various aspects of public procurement for the last fifteen years, where she has represented Jamaica nationally and regionally. She is Jamaica’s representative on the CARICOM Task Force for Government Procurement, the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP) and was recently appointed the Caribbean representative in the Methodology for Assessing Procurement Systems (MAPS) Technical Working Group.

She assumed the position of Senior Director of the Procurement and Asset Policy Unit (PAPU) in the Ministry of Finance and Planning in May 2012, with the direct responsibility for leading further reform of the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) public procurement regime. Her unit is mandated by the Cabinet to undertake all matters relating to public procurement regulation, training, efficiency and modernization.
Cheryl Mathurin is currently the Project Coordinator/ Procurement Specialist with the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) of the Department of Planning and National Development, Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs, Planning and Social Security. The Unit is responsible for World Bank financed projects. Her experience with World Bank procedures stem from 1995. She has worked on a range of social and economic infrastructural projects, funded by various multilateral agencies. As a result she is au fait with the procurement procedures and requirements of these multilateral lending agencies including: The World Bank, Caribbean Development Bank and the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED). A significant part of her career was as an Accountant in the Government Service at the Accountant General’s Department and Ministry of Communication, Works, Transport and Public Utilities, Saint Lucia. She also worked with the Inland Revenue Department for more than eight years. Among the major projects that she has successfully coordinated are: Emergency Recovery Project, Second Disaster Management Project, Saint Lucia Water Supply Infrastructure Improvement Project; OECS Skills for Inclusive Growth Project; Emergency Recovery & Disaster Management Project; Enhancing Public Service Performance and the Saint Lucia HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Project, Second Disaster Management Project, Hurricane Tomas and Caribbean Regional Communications Infrastructure Program.

Mr John M. Thompson, PMP, is a certified Project Manager and is the Consultant Project Manager and Business Analyst leading the implementation of Jamaica’ electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) System.

Mr. Thompson has worked in the ICT Industry in the Private Sector and Government for over twenty-five (25) years in various capacities, including Software development, Business Analysis, Business process reform and transformation and as Project Lead for implementation of various reform initiatives and information technology systems. These activities have spanned the Retail and Financial Services industries and now in the reform and transformation of various Government activities including registration processes, and criminal justice and procurement systems.
Dirk Harrison was appointed Contractor General of Jamaica by the Governor General of Jamaica, His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir Patrick Allen, on 25th February, 2013.

As the Independent Commissioner of the Office of the Contractor General of Jamaica, Mr. Harrison is entrusted with the exclusive statutory authority, on behalf of Parliament, to monitor and to investigate the award and termination of all Government contracts, licences and permits, with a view to ensuring probity, propriety, accountability, competition and transparency in the Jamaica public sector procurement, contract award and licensing processes. He is vested with extensive statutory powers of investigation, enquiry, search, discovery and subpoena.

Prior to this appointment as Contractor General, Mr. Harrison, who is a Caribbean trained lawyer, was employed as a Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Jamaica) with special responsibilities for the Anti-corruption Unit, Coroners Unit, Head of the Environment Law Unit and one of the Government Experts for Jamaica for the implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption Review Mechanism.

Director General, Washington Sector of Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) at the Embassy of Canada in Washington DC. In that capacity, she is responsible for defence procurement from the U.S. Government, bilateral relations with U.S. Government agencies on non-defence procurement and other common service initiatives, and works closely with the international community to advance the Department’s priorities. In addition to this, Ms. Prosper also serves as the Canadian representative and chair-person to the Washington DC based Foreign Procurement Group (FPG), an international network of countries that purchase United States defense articles and services through the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program.
Completed his Studies

• Universidad Católica de Asunción (Law 1999),
• Universidad Nacional de Asunción (Law Año 2000)
• Fulbright Scholar at Georgetown University Law Center (Master in General Studies with a concentration in commercial Law and international projects.

Director of the threshold program of USAID, and led the creation of a Unified System for the Opening of Businesses. (2006-2007). Arbitration and mediation of the national chamber of commerce and services of Paraguay 2008.

• Scholar of the embassy of China (Taiwan) (2009) at the Universidad Católica Fu Jen- Taipei County
• Professor in Commercial Law at the Universidad Católica in Asunción (2005 - 2014)
• Judicial director of the Ministry of Public Works (sept. 2013 to May 2014).
• Since may 2014 he is the Director of the National Agency of Procurement.

Trinidad Inostroza Castro es Directora de ChileCompra. Es abogada y Magister en Derecho Público Mención en Derecho Constitucional de la P. Universidad Católica de Chile, cuenta con diplomados en Gerencia Pública de la Universidad de Chile y Dirección de Empresas de la Universidad Católica.

Durante 8 años se desempeñó como Jefa de la División Jurídica Corporativa de ChileCompra. Anteriormente se desempeñó como fiscal especializado en delitos económicos en la Fiscalía Centro Norte del Ministerio Público y como Jefa Jurídica de Ministerios de Minería, Mideplan y de Gendarmería de Chile.

Además, es Profesora en el Diplomado en Contratación Administrativa y Compras Públicas en la Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Mónica Borrero es Licenciada en Ciencias Ambientales de la Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (España) y posee una Maestría en Gestión de Proyectos de Desarrollo y Cooperación Internacional de la Universidad de Lund (Suecia). Ha trabajado en el desarrollo de estudios de impacto ambiental y planes de manejo socio-ambiental de diversos proyectos de desarrollo, así como en estrategias de sostenibilidad empresarial de diferentes sectores productivos. Apoyó al Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible de Colombia a desarrollar herramientas para la implementación de la Estrategia de Compras Públicas Sostenibles, vinculada al Centro Nacional de Producción Más Limpia de este país. Actualmente labora en el Programa de Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente, Oficina Regional para América Latina y el Caribe (PNUMA-ORPALC), apoyando la implementación del Marco Decenal de Programas de Consumo y Producción Sostenible (10 YFP). Es la coordinadora regional de dos proyectos globales que se encuentran en curso y que están siendo implementados por el PNUMA: “Promoviendo la Eco-innovación en las Pequeñas y Medianas Empresas (PYMES)”; y “Estimulando la demanda y oferta de bienes y servicios sostenibles a través de las Compras Públicas Sostenibles y el Ecoetiquetado (SPPEL)” el cual está siendo implementado en varios países de la región: Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Ecuador, Perú, Colombia y Costa Rica.
Marina Ruete is a legal and technical advisor at the International Institute for Sustainable Development.

Marina Ruete es asesora legal para IISD para Compras Publicas Sostenibles y para el programa de Finanzas en infraestructura e Inversión. Con una solida trayectoria en Leyes internacionales y economía comparativa y desarrollo sostenible con un enfoque en países en vías de desarrollo. En el IISD, Marina, se desempeña en investigación y facilita el desarrollo de capacidades en compras publicas, alianzas publica privadas sostenibles e inversión en minería.

Minsook Hong is the Assistant Director of the Public Procurement Service, Korea.

Previous work experiences in international development include African Development Bank and researcher at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea. Responsibilities include: to strengthen cooperation with international procurement agencies and coordinate international e-procurement conferences and workshops.
Juan Manuel Sanchez
General Director
Public Works

Arquitecto de profesión, Magíster en Gestión Urbana y Diseño de Ciudad en DA Milán. Con más de 15 años de experiencia profesional en las áreas de diseño, gestión y planificación urbana y territorial.

Actualmente se desempeña como Director General de Obras Públicas, desde donde lidera la Agenda de Eficiencia, Modernización y Transparencia: Papel del MOP, cargo que asumió luego de ejercer como Director Nacional de Planeamiento de la misma cartera. Es integrante de la Secretaría Ejecutiva del Comité Interministerial de Ciudad, Vivienda y Territorio.

Previamente trabajó en el equipo asesor del Ministerio de Vivienda y Urbanismo donde asumió la Subdirección Ejecutiva del proyecto urbano integral Ciudad Parque Bicentenario. Fue Jefe de Proyecto en el plan de transporte urbano integral de Concepción, Biovías, y en Italia, integró el equipo que elaboró el plan de desarrollo urbano del borde costero de la ciudad de Venecia.
Profesional en informática con 25 años de experiencia. Doce años en proyectos de tecnología para el Ministerio de Hacienda de Costa Rica y 7 años en el Grupo ICE. Certificado Project Management Professional (PMP) por parte del PMI. Los últimos 7 años en la implementación de la plataforma de compras electrónicas Mer-link.
Paulo Magina es director de la Unidad de Contracciones de la División de Integridad para el Sector Público de la OECD (desde Marzo 2014)

Con mas de 10 años de experiencia en el sector publico, mas recientemente era miembro de la junta directiva y director financiero del Gobierno Central de la Agencia Servicios Compartidos. Entre el 2010 y 2012, fue director general del Agencia Nacional de Contrataciones, en la cual lidero el establecimiento de una compra centralizada y la implementación de la compra pública electrónica.

Recientemente, ha trabajado con EBRD y UNCITRAL para aserora políticas y regormas normativas, desarrollo de planes de acción y guias para la restructuración de compras publicas en la Comunidad de Estados Independientes.

Lena Diesing es analista de políticas públicas de la Unidad de Contracciones de la División de Integridad para el Sector Público de la OECD. Lena Coordina grupos interesados en la revisión del MAPS.

Lena se unió al equipo de la OECD en el 2013. Aparte de contrataciones publicas ha trabajado en proyectos de medición de impacto del crimen organizado, flujos financieros ilícitos y corrupción. Anteriormente, Lena Diesing trabajó en el sector financiero en la compañía de gestión de riesgos de la compañía Kroll. Lena cuenta con una maestría en Economía Internacional y relaciones Internacionales de la Universidad de Johns Hopkins.
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Además, es Profesora en el Diplomado en Contratación Administrativa y Compras Públicas en la Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Lindsey oversees the Open Contracting Data Standard and its implementation around the world. She manages the Open Contracting Data Standard Help Desk and several of the Showcase and Learning projects.

Lindsey is a lawyer who previously worked with the World Bank where she played a significant role in the launch of the Open Contracting Partnership and the development of the Open Contracting Global Principles and Data Standard. Before that, Lindsey worked for the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, the World Bank legal department, and in private practice in Canada.
Bernadine Fernz is a qualified barrister and well versed in the issues of good governance, transparency and accountability. Before joining EAP, Bernadine worked with the Overseas Development Institute, where she was responsible for the Climate Funds Update, an innovative initiative designed to increase the transparency and accountability of public climate finance flows and provide insights and analysis on global climate finance architecture and instruments. She has worked extensively in the private sector, focussing on both renewable and conventional energy technologies and infrastructure. Bernadine also has experience with mega-infrastructure projects; as a consultant with Deloitte & Touche, she worked on Iskandar Malaysia, a regional mega-infrastructure and economic development initiative within Southern Johor. Her experience includes extensive research on Masdar City in Abu Dhabi and she has a keen interest in sustainable cities. Since 2012, Bernadine has played a key role as Policy Advisor to the International Secretariat on the Construction Sector Transparency Initiative (CoST). Her remit includes supporting the development of country programmes in partnership with the MSGs and engaging with countries who are interested in joining CoST.

Alexandru V. Roman is an Associate Professor with the College of Business and Public Administration at California State University San Bernardino. He is the Director of the Research Institute for Public Management and Governance and the Coordinator for the Management Certificate in Public Procurement. He is also the Editor of the Journal of Public Procurement and the Managing Editor of the International Journal of Organization Theory and Behavior. His research focuses on questions of management, strategy and public procurement. His publications have appeared in many leading journals in the field such as the Public Administration Review, Public Performance Management Review, American Review of Public Administration, Journal of Public Procurement and Administration & Society.
Jorge Claro is an internationally-recognized expert with over 35 years of work experience with international organizations and private sector companies in governance issues, project formulation, design, management and evaluation, and particularly, in public sector procurement policy, budget and finance.

After working for over 20 years in the United Nations system in New York and several countries in Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America, he moved to Washington D.C. to become the Chief of the Procurement Policy and Coordination Office of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), a position he held for over eight years.

At the IDB, his duties included the formulation and interpretation of the Procurement Policy of the Institution, the coordination of the procurement policy harmonization efforts among the Multilateral Development Banks, the elaboration of procedures manuals and standard bidding documents, as well as the oversight of procurement by borrowers under the US$ 10 billion a year portfolio of Bank financed projects.

After leaving the IDB, Jorge established and is the President and CEO of his own consulting company, Claro & Associates, Inc. and of the International Procurement Institute, INPRI, a center of excellence in Public Sector Procurement dedicated to the promotion of the procurement profession.

Carlys Jennifer Cadogan is an experienced, achievement-oriented educator with over thirty years of outstanding performance in higher education, based on a solid educational background including Teacher Certification, Shortwood Teachers’ College, BA (English), M.Ed. and Ph.D. (Educational Administration) from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Dr. Cadogan has worked with several Caribbean education and training programmes funded by International Funding Agencies. Her strengths include the application of well honed management and problem-solving skills in cross-cultural settings. These skills were exemplified when Dr. Cadogan worked as an Associate Peace Corp Director. An effective communicator and negotiator, she gave project oversight to the highly successful Non-Traditional Skills Training for Low-Income Women Project, a low financed IDB initiative, implemented in four CARICOM member states. She was also involved in the initial draft of the Proposed Regional Accreditation Body financed through the EU/CXC Development Programme and the World Bank Primary Education Programme, Jamaica. Her colleagues note that she is a persuasive team builder with good employee relation skills and one able to operationalize client needs.
Scott Smith
Commercial Director
BIP Solutions

Since joining BIP in 1999 Scott has held a number of roles from IT Director to his current role as Global Commercial Director. His core responsibility is the development and delivery of solutions to procurement and supply chain challenges across the globe; including national eProcurement systems in Lebanon, Kenya, UAE, Kosovo, Montenegro, and the Bahamas.

Through these and other projects Scott has delivered solutions which provide legislative compliance for public sector procurers, supply chain development and those which help suppliers find, win and deliver business.

Scott is also a recognised eSourcing and supply chain expert who delivers presentations on all aspects of the procurement lifecycle to public, private and academic audiences.

Cilair Rodrigues de Abreu
General Coordinator of Administration of Enap
Brazil

Cilair Rodrigues de Abreu has a PHD in Public Administration with a degree in economics and history. He was Deputy Secretary of Federal Budget, Director for Planning and Management and Director of Infrastructure Issues on Ministry of Planning and Undersecretary for Planning, Budget and Administration at the Ministry of Agrarian Development. Since 2000, he has been a civil servant at the Ministry of Planning.

Elizabeth Johnson
Manager for Global Programs
U.S. Trade and Development Agency

Ms. Johnson earned her masters degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, where she focused on international trade and economics. She holds a bachelors degree in economics from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Elizabeth Johnson is a Manager for Global Programs at the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, where she is responsible for the implementation of the agency’s Global Procurement Initiative: Understanding Best Value (GPI). In this position she coordinates with USTDA’s partner organizations, technical experts, and multilateral financial institutions to help develop the GPI to bring best value in procurement to USTDA partner countries.
As the head of Infrastructure Ontario’s procurement group, David provides strategic oversight to and leads the operational implementation of all procurements at IO, including management of a team of professionals who execute the procurement process for Infrastructure Ontario's large-scale public-private partnership ("P3") / alternative financing and procurement ("AFP") infrastructure transactions, real estate/asset management outsourced service provider contracts, applicable commercial transactions and alternative service delivery mandates, and contractor security screening program.

David is also responsible for the integration of IO’s legal services and procurement functions within the Legal Services division.

In addition to providing procurement legal and general commercial transaction advice, David leads the IO records and knowledge management group, which supports all business divisions in document and records management, retention and developing best practices for knowledge sharing.

Before joining Infrastructure Ontario, David was an associate at Torys LLP, where he practiced in the area of corporate law with an emphasis in private mergers and acquisitions, energy and infrastructure.
Ana Teresa Revilla
Presidente OSCE
Peru


Sandra Sinde Cantorna
Director of Competitiveness and Innovation Projects at IDOM, Spain

Independent technical advisor to public bodies in the field of design, management and evaluation projects related to Information Society, TIC and Innovative Audiovisual; analyzing the implementation of processes of change in the public sector.

In 2006, I joined the consulting area of the company (www.idom.com), carrying out projects of competitiveness and innovation with the public sector in different countries: Spain, Mexico, Colombia, and Peru highlighting the definition of open innovation strategies and the design and implementation of Public Procurement of Innovation (PPI) Policies. Extensive experience in the development of awareness programs and training of agents of public demand in the field of PPI, open innovation and desing thinking (workshops, seminars, courses)
Diego Moñux es Socio-Director de Science & Innovation Link Office, S.L., donde dirige proyectos de consultoría sobre políticas públicas de I+D+i, transferencia de tecnología y apoyo al emprendimiento. Ha sido asesor del secretario de Estado de Universidades e Investigación y director adjunto del Gabinete de la Ministra de Ciencia e Innovación (Gobierno de España), así como director de relaciones externas del centro tecnológico CARTIF. Ingeniero Industrial por la Universidad de Valladolid y Máster en Economía y Gestión de la Innovación por la Politécnica de Madrid. Estudió política de I+D en las Universidades de Mánchester y de Harvard, y gestión pública en el IESE.

Ana Guasque currently collaborates within the Suppliers and Contractors Development Coordination of the Chief Procurement Office (CPO) in Pemex. She has a master degree in European Union Law from the University Carlos III in Madrid, Spain and a degree in International Relations from the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City.

Her previous experience covers the negotiation of bilateral and multilateral foreign investment agreements. In the oil and gas industry she has conducted international petroleum market analysis, trading of petroleum products and business development with International Oil Companies for Pemex’s trading arm PMI.

Since the Energy Reform took place she collaborates within the CPO as head of institutional relations and local supply, developing initiatives to enhance Pemex’s relationship with multiple stakeholders as well as supplier development programs in Mexico. Her career with Pemex covers over 17 years.