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BIO-PROFILES: MODERATORS



HE VIKRAM MISRI

**Ambassador of
India to Spain**

Vikram Misri is the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Spain, a post he took up on 26 August 2014. A career diplomat from the 1989 batch of the Indian Foreign Service, Vikram Misri (born 7th November, 1964 in Srinagar, India) has served in various capacities at the Headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, in the Prime Minister's Office in New Delhi and in various Indian Missions abroad in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America.

His main assignments in New Delhi have included the following: (i) Under Secretary in the Office of the External Affairs Minister of India (Mr. I.K. Gujral – November 1996 - April 1997); (ii) Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of India (Mr. I.K. Gujral – April 1997 - March 1998); (iii) Under Secretary/Deputy Secretary for the Pakistan Desk in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi (April 1998 - August 2000);(iv) Director of the Office of the External Affairs Minister of India (Mr. Pranab Mukherjee – November 2006 - September 2008) (v) Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi (March 2012-October 2012);(vi) Private Secretary to Prime Minister (Dr. Manmohan Singh – October 2012-May 2014); (vii) Private Secretary to Prime Minister (Mr. Narendra Modi – May 2014-July 2014)

Mr. Misri has also served in several Indian missions abroad. His overseas assignments include the following: (i) Third/Second Secretary) in the Embassy of India in Brussels (January 1991 to September 1993); (ii) Second/First Secretary in the Embassy of India in Tunis (September 1993 – October 1996); (iii) First Secretary/Counsellor/C.d'A in the High Commission of India in Islamabad (August 2000 - September 2003); (iv) Political Counsellor in the Embassy of India in Washington D.C. (September 2003 – October 2006); (v) Deputy High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka (September 2008 - September 2011); (vi) Consul General of India in Munich (September 2011-February 2012).

Mr. Misri had his early education in Srinagar (Burn Hall School and DAV School) and in Udampur (Carmel Convent School) in Jammu and Kashmir. He finished his schooling from the Scindia School in Gwalior and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree with Honours in History from the Hindu College, University of Delhi and an MBA from XLRI, Jamshedpur. Before joining the government, he worked for three years in the private sector in the fields of advertising (Lintas India - Bombay and Contract Advertising - Delhi) and advertising film-making. Mr. Misri is a Fellow of the Aspen Institute, USA's India Leadership Initiative. He speaks fluent Hindi, English and Kashmiri and has a working knowledge of French.



**MAJOR
GENERAL
JUAN
ANTONIO
MOLINER**

**Chief of Cabinet
of the Secretary
General for
Defence Policy**

General Juan A. Moliner was born in 1955 in Talavera de la Reina, a city near Toledo, in Spain. He graduated from the Air Force Academy in San Javier in 1977 and holds a Doctorate in Psychology from the University of Granada (1984). In 1989 he graduated from the Air Force Staff School in the Air Staff Course in Madrid, where he got a Master in International Relations in the University Institute Gutierrez Mellado in the year 2000. After being assigned to Granada and the Canary Islands he was transferred to the Cabinet of the Chief of the Air Staff in Madrid and in 1994 he was assigned "Aide de Champ to His Majesty the King" with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. From January to July in 1993 he had been in UNPROFOR peacekeeping operation in Bosnia Herzegovina as United Nations Military Observer.

In 1998 he was assigned Deputy Director of the Aeronautical Technics School in Torrejon de Ardoz and then he was promoted to the rank of Colonel. With this rank from 2001 till 2003 he returned to Las Palmas to command the Headquarters Group of Canary Air Command. He was sent to Brussels in 2003, as Chief of Support Team of the Chairman of the European Union Military Committee until July 2006. On the 1st of August 2006, he took the position of Chief of the Executive Office of the Director of Defence Policy in Madrid until January 2008, and then he was promoted to Brigadier General. After his tour of duty as Deputy Teaching Director of the Spanish Air Force, he got his current position is Chief of Cabinet of the Secretary General for Defence Policy in Madrid, in which he was promoted to Major General.

General Moliner has got several decorations including San Hermenegildo, Aeronautical and Naval Merit Crosses, the Royal Order of Carlos III Medal, the Police Merit Cross and several medals awarded by foreign states, including the UNPROFOR medal. Author of different publications on military, psychology and international relations, his hobbies and interests include international security affairs, military moral and motivation, literature, tennis and cross stitch. He is married and has two sons and one daughter.



**MR. FIDEL
SENDAGORTA**

**Director General
for North America,
Asia & the Pacific**

Fidel Sendagorta Gómez del Campillo was appointed Director General for North America, Asia and the Pacific on June 26th, 2015. He was Spanish Ambassador to Egypt from October 2010 to May 2014. Previously, he was Director General of Foreign Affairs for the Mediterranean, Maghreb and the Middle East (2008-2010), Spanish Ambassador on Special Mission for Mediterranean Affairs (2007-2008) and Deputy Director General of Analysis and Forecasting Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As a Diplomat since 1984, he has served in several diplomatic posts at the Embassies of Spain in Tokyo, Havana and Rabat, as well as at the Permanent Representation of Spain to the European Union in Brussels. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he also was Advisor to the Secretary of State for International Cooperation and Iberoamerica from 1991 to 1993 and, from 1993 to 1996, he was also Deputy Director General to the Minister's Office.

Mr. Sendagorta holds a Law Degree from the Complutense University of Madrid and a Diploma of International Studies from the Diplomatic School of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2003 until 2008 he was Professor at the Diplomatic School and he published the essay "Europa entre dos luces: declive o resurgimiento" (Biblioteca Nueva, Madrid 2007). Besides that, he is a member of the Scientific Council of the Elcano Royal Institute for International and Strategic Studies.

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**BRIG. VINOD
ANAND,**
**Senior Fellow
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Coordinator
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Vinod Anand has served in the army for 37 years and is alumnus of Defence Services Staff College and College of Defence Management. He was Senior Research Fellow at Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis; he authored a monograph on 'Joint Vision for Indian Armed Forces' while at the IDSA. After retirement he was with United Service Institute of India for five years as a Senior Fellow before joining the present assignment in Vivekananda International Foundation, a think tank which does research on internal and external security issues including civilizational and historical aspects.

Brig. Anand has written extensively on military, strategic, regional and international security issues. His articles and occasional papers have been published both in India and abroad. Some of his books/monographs are, "Defence Planning in India-Problems and Prospects'-2006, (jointly with Gen. VP Malik), "Perspective on Transforming India-Central Asia Engagement: Prospects and Issues- 2011", 'Multi-vector Policies of Central Asian Nations and India", "Pak-Af Equation and Future of Afghanistan", "Strategic Environment in Central Asia and implications for India", (Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and Silk Road Studies Program affiliated with John Hopkins University, Washington). He has written several Occasional Papers and book chapters on Jointness and Integration, Defence Budgeting, Sino-Indian Relations, Afghanistan, Myanmar, India's Look East Policy and ASEAN and Strategic Trends in Asia Pacific. He has made several presentations during conferences/seminars both abroad and in the country.

He was member of study project "India-China Military Balance Matrix-2020" formed under HQ Integrated Defence Staff, Ministry of Defence. He has written on China's Concepts of Information Warfare (IDSA), China's RMA (CAPS), PLA's Space capabilities and connected subjects. Presently, he is writing a book on missile defence titled "Missile Warfare Capability: India's National and Military Strategies-A Contemporary Appraisal".



**COMMODORE
C. UDAY
BHASKAR,**
Director
Society for Policy
Studies

Bhaskar retired from the Indian Navy in early 2007, after 37 years' service. He was till recently Director, National Maritime Foundation (2009 - 2011) and earlier with the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi from 1989 where he served as a Senior Fellow, Deputy Director (1996-2004) and later as Offg. Director of the Institute till late 2005.

Subsequently he was appointed Member-Secretary of the Government of India Task Force on 'Global Strategic Developments' - a report submitted to the Prime Minister of India. Bhaskar was Editor, Maritime Affairs and Strategic Analysis; and is on the Editorial Board of Contemporary Security Policy (USA). He has edited books on nuclear, naval/maritime and international security related issues; and has contributed over 60 research articles / book chapters to journals and books in India and abroad. He is a guest lecturer at the Indian NDC and the Foreign Service Institute, US State Dept; and has been a Visiting Scholar in International Security at the McGill University, Montreal under the aegis of the Centre for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS); and a CICOPS Fellow, University of Pavia, Italy.

Recipient of the Vishist Seva Medal (VSM) and the Prime Minister's Letter of Commendation, he is a Life member of the United Service Institute (USI); Governing Council Member the Research and Information Services (RIS); and the Advisory Panel of the India Habitat Centre (IHC) in New Delhi.

Bhaskar is President, Association for Middle Eastern Studies, New Delhi and a Council member of the Takshashila Foundation. He is a regular contributor to the print and audio-visual media and is a columnist for Reuters, Daily News and Analysis (DNA) and Dainik Jagran - India's largest circulating Hindi daily.



**BRIG. RUMEL
DAHIYA,**
Deputy Director
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Institute for
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Brig Rumel Dahiya (Retd) is Deputy Director General at the Institute of Defence Studies & Analyses. He is also Coordinator of the Military Affairs Centre and Managing Editor of the Journal of Defence Studies. Brig. Dahiya is an Indian Army veteran with extensive command and staff experience spanning 32 years, including in counter-insurgency operations.

He previously served as a Defence Attache to Turkey, Syria and Lebanon, and with the Indian Military Training Team in Bhutan. He also served with Military Operations Directorate of the Indian Army and Net Assessment Directorate at Integrated Defence Staff. Brig. Dahiya is a graduate of the National Defence College and Defence Services Staff College. He was awarded the Sword of Honour and Gold Medal at the Indian Military Academy at his commissioning.



**AMBASSADOR
NEELAM DEO,**

**Director
Gateway House**

Neelam Deo is the Director and Co-Founder of Gateway House, a Mumbai-based think tank that focuses on the intersection between foreign policy and business. A former diplomat with a specialisation in South Asia, Ms Deo has served as Joint Secretary for Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and the Maldives. She was the Indian Ambassador to Denmark and Ivory Coast with concurrent accreditation to several West African countries. She has also served in Indian embassies in Washington D.C., Bangkok and Rome, and her last assignment was as Consul General in New York. She, Ms. Deo, writes for several mainstream publications, and is an occasional commentator for mainstream television news channels.



**DR. MANOJ
JOSHI,**

**Distinguished
Fellow
Observer
Research
Foundation**

Manoj Joshi is a Distinguished Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, heading its national security initiative. He is a journalist who has worked with some of the leading newspaper groups of the country, including The Hindu, Times of India, Hindustan Times and India Today. He continues to write regular columns in various newspapers and is also a TV commentator on national and international politics.

He has had a long term interest in national security matters. In 2011 he was appointed by the Government of India to the Task Force on National Security chaired by Mr Naresh Chandra to propose reforms in the national security system of the country.

He has been a member of the National Security Council's Advisory Board and is the author of two books on the Kashmir and written several papers in professional journals. He is a regular lecturer in the top defence institutions of the country like the National Defence College and the Navy War College.

He is a graduate from St Stephen's College, Delhi University and a Ph.D from the School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University and has held visiting appointments in several universities and institutions.



**DR. PARTHA
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DHYAY**

**Senior Fellow
Centre for Policy
Research**

Partha Mukhopadhyay has been senior fellow at CPR since 2006. Before joining CPR, he was part of the founding team at Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC), focusing on private participation in infrastructure. He has also been with EXIM Bank of India, as the first Director of their Eximius Learning Centre in Bangalore, and with the World Bank, in what then was the Trade Policy Division in Washington. He has taught at IIM, Ahmedabad, XLRI, Jamshedpur and at School of Planning and Architecture in Delhi and has been associated with a number of government committees. Currently, he is a member of the High Level Railway Restructuring Committee, a Technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and the Scientific Advisory Council of LIRNEasia, Colombo. His research interests are in urbanisation, infrastructure, and the development paths of India and China. He received his PhD in economics from New York University and an MA and MPhil from the Delhi School of Economics

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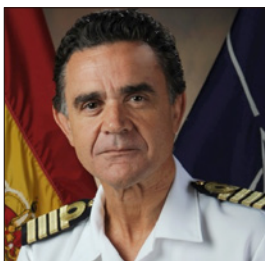
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DR. GONZALO DE CADENAS SANTIAGO

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Economist for
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Dr. Gonzalo de Cadenas Santiago is principal economist for Emerging Markets at BBVA Research in Madrid Spain. Previously he held senior advisor positions at Banco Santander and Cemex. His responsibilities today overly focus on analyzing economic and geopolitical dynamics in emerging and frontier markets where BBVA leverages its activity. Gonzalo de Cadenas Santiago doctorated in economics from the Humboldt University of Berlin.



NAVY CAPTAIN IGNACIO GARCÍA SÁNCHEZ

**Deputy Director
Spanish Institute
for Strategic
Studies**

Spanish Navy Captain Ignacio García Sánchez was appointed as Deputy Director of the Spanish Institute for Strategic Studies on August the 1st, 2009 from the Headquarters of Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk (USA) where he served as Chief of the of NATO Division for Security Investment Program. Another appointment on the international stage was from 2001 to 2004 in the area of NATO Defence Planning.

During his Navy career, which began in 1974 at the Naval Academy, has held many on board deployments among which are Commanding Officer of patrol boat PVZ-71, in the Canary Islands, the minesweeper M- 25, in the Balearic Islands, and the submarine S-61 in Cartagena.

After the tour as Captain of the submarine "Dolphin" he was assigned to the Operations Department at the Naval War College, where he occupied the post of senior lecturer. Later he was Professor of Strategy of the Spanish Joint Staff College, in the National Defence Advanced Studies Centre.

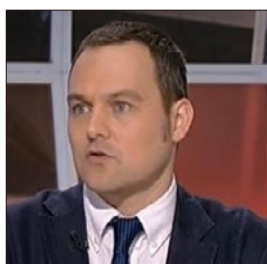
Upon completion he was assigned to NATO in the area of NATO Defence Planning. Other onboard appointments were: Landing Ships “Martin Alvarez” and “Velasco” the Destroyer “Ferrándiz”, the Corvette “Atrevida” and Submarines “Narciso Monturiol”, “Narval” and “Tramontana”. Captain Garcia is Graduated of Naval War College since 1994, plus Submariner, Combat Diver, and specialist in Electronic Warfare. During his long career he has participated in numerous courses, conferences and seminars both nationally and internationally and he has been awarded with different decorations. He is the author of numerous research papers and frequent lecturer at international and national fora.



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Nicolás de Pedro is Research Fellow at CIDOB, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, where he is in charge of India and the post-Soviet space (Central Asia, Russia). He is Associate Professor at the Institut Barcelona de d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) at the Pompeu Fabra University (UPF) and Visiting Professor at the Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (Almaty). He has participated in international Electoral Observation Missions of the OSCE in Kyrgyzstan (2009, 2010), Russia (2011), Tajikistan (2010) and Ukraine (2010, 2014). Furthermore, Nicolás has carried out fieldwork and travelled extensively throughout the Central Asian region and Xinjiang (China), including a 24 months-stay in Kazakhstan (2005-2007). He has recently worked as consultant for the Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE) and previously for the Club of Madrid and the EUCAM (European Union Central Asia Monitoring) Project. He is author of numerous publications on Eurasian and Indian politics and he is a frequent collaborator of the Spain's main mass media. He is cofounder of Nupura, cultural association devoted to the promotion of Indian classical arts in Spain. Nicolas has collaborated as well with NGOs like Vicente Ferrer Foundation and Mumbai Smiles. @nicolaspedro



**DR. LUIS
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**Associate
Researcher
FRIDE**

Luis Simón is a Research Professor at the Institute for European Studies of the Free University of Brussels and an Associate Researcher at FRIDE. He has been a Visiting Fellow at the Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies of Columbia University in New York, the Royal United Services Institute in London, the EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris, and the Center for Transatlantic Relations, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Johns Hopkins University in Washington D.C. He is the author of 'Geopolitical Change, Grand Strategy and European Security: The EU-NATO Conundrum in Perspective' (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014). He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Royal Holloway college (University of London) and a Masters in European Politics from Sciences Po (Paris).



**MR. CARLOS
WESTENDORP**
**Secretary General
Club de Madrid**

Carlos Westendorp is a Spanish diplomat and politician that has dedicated most of his career to international affairs and in particular to the integration of Spain in the European Union. In 1986 he became the first Ambassador Permanent Representative of his country to the EU. In 1991 he was appointed Secretary of State for European Affairs and in December 1995 he became Foreign Minister in the last government of Felipe González. In June 1996 he was designated Ambassador to the United Nations in New York. He served as the High Representative of the International Community in Bosnia –Herzegovina (1997-1999). In 1999 he was elected Member of the European Parliament and in 2003 and 2004 regional elections he gained a seat at the Madrid Assembly. He was co-founder and Executive Vice-President of the Toledo Center for Peace. From 2004 and 2008 he was Ambassador to the United States of America. After being Principal Advisor to Felipe González, Chairman of the Reflection Group for the Future of Europe, he is currently Secretary General of the Club de Madrid.