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**Writer, Researcher, Analyst, Editor, Translator, Consultant, University Professor, Public Lecturer**

**Current Activity:**

- **Chief Editor and Senior Writer**, [Global Alumni](#), creation and editing of online university courses in Digital Transformation, Business and Finance, Sustainable Development for MIT Professional Education, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, UC Berkeley Extension, among others. Madrid, June 2019-present.
- **University professor** (adjunct), “Global Political Economy” and “Environmental Threats of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Suffolk University, Madrid campus, Spring and Fall, 2019
- **University professor** (adjunct), “The Political Economy of Climate Change, IE University School of Global and Public Affairs, Madrid, Fall 2019.
- **Independent consultant, writer, researcher, analyst, editor and translator,**

**Past Experience:**

- **Senior Research Associate**, energy, climate change, international political economy and bilateral US-Spain relations, [Real Instituto Elcano](#) (Elcano Royal Institute for International and Strategic Studies) Madrid, 2016-present.
- **Independent Research Consultant** (with Inter-American Development Bank, World Wildlife Fund, World Resources Institute, German Marshall Fund of the US, among others) 2011-present.
- **Research Professor and Senior Energy Fellow**, [Center for Transatlantic Relations](#), Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Washington, DC, 2012-2018.
  - **Research lead** (and conference director and book editor) of the Energy Component (“[Energy and Transportation in the Atlantic Basin](#)”) of the (1<sup>st</sup> year of the) [Jean Monnet Network Project on Atlantic Studies](#), involving an Atlantic Basin consortium of 10 research entities around the Atlantic Basin, led by the Getulio Vargas Foundation (Rio de Janeiro) and co-financed by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.
  - **Research lead** for Energy, [Atlantic Basin Initiative](#), (ABI) 2012-present; and for the [Atlantic Energy Forum](#), 2014-present.
- **CAF Energy Fellow**, Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Washington, DC, 2014-2016 (CAF: the Latin American Development Bank)
- **Gulbenkian Foundation Fellow** (Atlantic Energy) Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Washington, DC, 2012-2013.
- **Senior Visiting Fellow** (Energy and Climate Change, Inter-American Dialogue, Washington DC, 2008-2012.

- **Director, Energy and Climate Change Program**, Real Instituto Elcano (Elcano Royal Institute for International and Strategic Studies) Madrid, 2007-2010.
- **Senior Analyst, International Economy and Trade**, Real Instituto Elcano (Elcano Royal Institute for International and Strategic Studies) Madrid, 2002-2007.
- **Economist, Analyst and Editor**, Banco Santander (equity broker) Madrid, 1999-2002.
- **Economist**, National Economic Research Associates (NERA), London office, 1984-1985.
- **University Professor** (over 125 undergraduate and graduate university classes taught -- in both English and Spanish -- in economics, energy, geopolitics, political economy, international relations, climate change, literature and writing), 1993-present. Universities taught at include:
  - Instituto Tecnologico de Buenos Aires, ITBA, Buenos Aires
  - George Washington University (Madrid program)
  - London School of Economics (Madrid program)
  - Syracuse University (Madrid program)
  - Suffolk University (Madrid program)
  - Instituto de Empresa, Madrid
  - ICADE (Pontificia Comillas), Madrid
  - Universidad de Alcala de Henares (Franklin Institute)
  - Universidad de Nebrijas, Madrid
- **Education**
  - Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, BSFS (1984), International Economics, Georgetown University.
  - Master's Degree, MA (1989), University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Africa.

#### **Selected Recent Speaking Engagements:**

Speaker at the **Elcano Royal Institute-Botin Foundation**, “[Noviembre electoral en EEUU](#),” #DebatesElcano21, 30 de octubre 2018.

Invited Speaker to the **COFACE Annual Conferences on Country Risk 2018** in Barcelona, San Sebastian, Madrid and Valencia, “[Como afecta la politica comercial de Donald Trump en el mundo](#)” (The impact of Trump’s trade policies on the world), May and June, 2018.

Speaker at the *Atlantic Dialogues*, organized and hosted by the **OCP Policy Center** and the **OCP Foundation**, in Marrakesh, December 2017.

Director of and Speaker at the [Conference on Energy and Transportation in the Atlantic Basin](#) of the **Jean Monnet Network on Atlantic Studies**, financed by the EU’s Erasmus + Programme and hosted by the **Center for Transatlantic Relations Johns Hopkins University SAIS**, Washington DC, July 24, 2017.

Speaker at the **Elcano Royal Institute-Botin Foundation**, “The World According to Trump,” #DebatesElcano7, 7 de febrero 2017.

Speaker at the **Diplomatic School of Spain**, “Trump’s energy and foreign policies, and the ‘fossil fuel nexus,’ February 6, 2017.

Speaker at the **American Chamber of Commerce in Spain-Real Instituto Elcano Conference**, “Energy Policy Prospects in the US and EU after COP21,” Casa América, Madrid September 21, 2016.

Speaker at the **Atlantic Energy Forum II**, “Atlantic Energy Renaissance,” organized by the Center for Transatlantic Relations and the Atlantic Forum, Mexico City, December 6, 2015.

Speaker at the **Repsol-World Energy Council-Spanish chapter conference**, “Governing Energy: The Atlantic Basin and Global Institutions,” (Annual Event of the Spanish Committee of the World Energy Council-CECME), Madrid November 19, 2015.

Speaking **Tour of Buenos Aires**, “The Atlantic Energy Renaissance,” and “El fin de la integracion continental y la emergencia de las cuencas maritimas,” partially sponsored by [INTAL-BID, May 2015](#). University of Buenos Aires, [Consejo Argentino de Relaciones Internacionales \(CAR\)](#), Universidad Torcuato di Tella.

Speaker at the **Atlantic Energy Forum I**, “Potentials of the Atlantic Energy Forum,” organized by the Center for Transatlantic Relations and the Atlantic Forum, Quintana Roo, Cancun, Mexico, November 7-8, 2014.

Speaking [Tour of Brazil](#), “The Atlantic Energy Renaissance: Fulcrum for a US-Brazil Strategic Dialogue on Energy,” sponsored by the US Department of State, August 2014. San Salvador de Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo.

Technical delegate from the Inter-American Development Bank to the **Rio+20 Summit**, 2012.

Speaker at the **Argus Americas Crude Summit**, “The Oil Outlook in Latin America”, Houston, January 26-28, 2011.

Speaker at the **Twelfth Annual CAF Conference** on Trade and Investment in the Americas, “Energy Challenges” organized by the Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF), the Inter-American Dialogue and the Organization of American States (OAS), Washington, DC, September 10-11, 2008.

Keynote Speaker at the **VI Encuentro Latinoamericano de Energía**: Inversión, Tecnología y Financiamiento, “El futuro de la Industria Global Energética: Recursos, Retos y Tecnología”, organized by Asociación Colombiana de Comercializadores de Energía April 17, 2008 in Panama City.

Speaker at the **World Petroleum Congress**, “The Geopolitics of Energy” organized by Repsol, Madrid, July 2, 2008.

Keynote Speaker at the **V Encuentro Latinoamericano de Energía**: Perspectiva Sectorial Electricidad y Gas, “Geopolítica y la Energía como un Recurso Mundial” organized by the Asociación Colombiana de Comercializadores de Energía (ACCE), Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, February 26, 2007.

(For these and other presentations, see *Paul Isbell in [you tube](#)*).

**Book Publications:**

**Energy and Transportation in the Atlantic Basin**, Paul Isbell and Eloy Alvarez Pelegry, eds., Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University SAIS, with [Brookings Press](#), and in conjunction with the Jean Monnet Network Project on Atlantic Studies, co-financed by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, Washington D.C. October 2017.

**The Future of Energy in the Atlantic Basin**, co-editor with Eloy Alvarez Pelegry, [Center for Transatlantic Relations](#), Johns Hopkins University SAIS with Brookings Press, Washington, DC, and [Orkestra-Basque Institute of Competitiveness](#) (pdf), Deusto University, Bilbao: CTR JHU, 2015.

**Energy and the Atlantic: The Shifting Energy Landscapes of the Atlantic Basin**, Paul Isbell, German Marshall Fund of the US, Washington, D.C.-Brussels, December 2012.

**Other Selected Recent Publications:**

“The Role of Energy in Spain-U.S. Bilateral Relations,” forthcoming en *Relaciones España-Estados Unidos*, Informe Elcano 25, Madrid, 2019.

“Latin America’s Interregional Reconfiguration: the Beginning or the End of Latin America’s Continental Integration,” Paul Isbell and Kimberly Nolan Garcia, in [Interregionalism across the Atlantic Space](#), Frank Mattheis and Andreas Litseard, eds. Springer International Publishing, 2018.

“Modern Renewable Energy: Approaching the Tipping Point?” in [Clean Energy Law and Regulation: Climate Change, Energy Union and International Governance](#), edited by Vicente Lopez-Ibor; Wildy, Simmonds and Hill Publishing, 2017.

“Trump’s Supply-Side Energy Policy and the Low Carbon Transition,” [Analisis del Real Instituto Elcano](#) (ARI), Madrid, February 17, 2017.

“Panorama energético de EEUU bajo la presidencia de Trump,” [ECONOMIA EXTERIOR](#), Madrid, número 79, invierno 2016-17. (“US Energy Panorama under President Trump”)

**The Economic Case for Land Restoration in Latin America**, with Walter Vergara et al, [World Resources Institute](#), Washington DC: November 2016.

“Shale gas, offshore y geopolítica: El potencial de la Cuenca Atlántica,” [Revista Integración & Comercio](#), Número 39 del BID-INTAL, Buenos Aires, octubre 2015.

“The Shifting Flows of Global Energy and Trade: Implications for Latin America,” in Dane, Felix. (ed) [The Politics of World Security](#), Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS): Rio de Janeiro, 2015.

**“Regionalism and Interregionalism in Latin America: The Beginning or the End of Latin America’s ‘Continental Integration?’”** [ATLANTIC FUTURE](#) Scientific Paper Number 20, European Commission, Brussels, 2015.

**“Introduction to the Future of Energy in the Atlantic Basin,” The Future of Energy in the Atlantic Basin,”** *The Future of Energy in the Atlantic Basin*, co-editor with Eloy Alvarez Pelegry, [Center for Transatlantic Relations](#), Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Washington, DC, and Orkestra-Basque Institute of Competitiveness, Deusto University, Bilbao: CTR JHU, 2015.

**“The Dynamics and Paradoxes of the Atlantic Energy Renaissance,”** *The Future of Energy in the Atlantic Basin*, co-editor with Eloy Alvarez Pelegry, Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Washington, DC, and Orkestra-Basque Institute of Competitiveness, Deusto University, Bilbao: CTR JHU, 2015.

**“The Emergence of the Atlantic Seascape,”** *The Future of Energy in the Atlantic Basin*, co-editor with Eloy Alvarez Pelegry, Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Washington, DC, and Orkestra-Basque Institute of Competitiveness, Deusto University, Bilbao: CTR JHU, 2015.

**“Atlantic Energy and the Changing Global Energy Flow Map,”** [ATLANTIC FUTURE](#) Scientific Paper Number 17, European Commission, Brussels, 2014.

**“Una visión Pan-Atlántica del renacimiento de la energía atlántica,”** [elfinanciero.com](#) (Mexico), April 11, 2014

**“A Pan-Atlantic Vision of the Energy Renaissance,”** with Vicente Lopez-Ibor, in *Oil Buyer’s Guide*, Bloomberg Brief, May 9, 2014.

**“Beneficios para la sociedad de la adopción de fuentes renovables de energía en América Latina y el Caribe,”** with Walter Vergara, et al, [IDB Technical Note](#) (IDB-TN-623), Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC, April 2014

**“Societal Benefits from Renewable Energies in Latin America and the Caribbean,”** with Walter Vergara, et al, [IDB Technical Note](#) (IDB-TN-623), Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC, April 2014.

**“Renacimiento energético atlántico,”** [ECONOMÍA EXTERIOR](#). Núm. 68., Madrid, Primavera 2014.

**“How Brazilian Business Anticipates Geopolitics”** for *Brazilian Business*, Rio de Janeiro, edition 888, Sept/Oct 2014.

**“Atlantic Energy and the Changing Global Energy Flow Map,”** a chapter in [Multilateral Security Governance](#), a publication of the XI Security Conference of the Forte de Copacabana, October 2014.

**“The Future of the Global Energy Flow Map and its Strategic Implications”** a chapter in the book, [Global Flow Security: A New Security Agenda for the Transatlantic Community in 2030](#), Center for Transatlantic Relations and the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Washington D.C., 2014

**“La energía en el Atlántico y el horizonte estratégico”** (Atlantic Energy and the Strategic Horizon),, [Revista CIDOB d’Afers Internacionals](#), Barcelona, n.102-103, 2013, p. 73-100

**“The Continuity of Pragmatism: the key to a successful Brazilian energy future,”** [CEBRI Dossier](#), Rio de Janeiro, Volume 2, Year 10, 2012.

**The Climate and Development Challenge for Latin America and the Caribbean: Options for Climate Resilient Low Carbon Development**, with Vergara, W., A.R. Rios, L.M. Galindo, P. Gutman, P. Suding, A. Grunwaldt, A. Deeb, J. Samaniego, E. Alatorre and M. Panuncio, 2012. [Inter-American Development Bank](#). Washington, D.C., 2012.

**“What Climate Change Means for Latin America”**, [Hemisphere](#), Miami, Volume 20, Spring 2011 (ISSN 08983038) .

**“La política energética y la lucha contra el cambio climático: la complicada encrucijada norteamericana”** chapter in [Seguridad, modelo energético y cambio climático](#), Ministry of Defense, Spain, IEEE (Spanish Institute of Strategic Studies), January 2011.

**“La trampa de los recursos: Energía y cambio climático”** chapter in [Europa después de Europa](#), Emilio Lamo de Espinosa et. al. Academia Europea de Ciencias y Artes, Madrid, 2010.

**“La política energética de Obama después de un año”**, [Economía Exterior](#), Madrid, 2010 invierno, 51, pp. 29-40.

**“Estados Unidos: la política energética de Obama”** chapter in [Tratado de Energías Renovables](#), Aranzadi Civitas-Iberdrola, Madrid, 2010.