
Seminar: The Basque Country - Internationalization
and its Global Perspective

Workshop

Basqueness, identity and values

Virtual workshop:

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CO - ORGANIZERS :



Gloria Totoricagüena

Gloria Totoricagüena (PhD London School of Economics) is a world-renown Basque diaspora and identity expert with conference presentations and consulting in 35 countries. She has won international and national awards for her teaching, research and publications (seven books and over 50 articles) and worked as a consultant to Lehendakaritza under Lehendakari Ibarretxe designing and directing international networks of thought leaders for the Basque think tank Pentsamendua. The most comprehensive quantitative database on the Basque diaspora is Totoricagüena's fieldwork conducted in 43 Basque communities, in 6 countries, with nearly 1000

individual respondents. She has consulted for various international programs on ethnic identity and mobilization and is the President of two consulting firms, Idaho Policy and Consulting, specializing in public and private sector project design and management and Transnational Initiatives focusing on international politics and trade. A professorial academic career includes Stanford University, Director of the University of Nevada, Reno Center for Basque Studies, and Boise State University. For the Territorial Government of Bizkaia, she collaborates as a Basque culture, commercial trade missions and political consultant in the USA. She is on the Board of Directors of the Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Culture since 2007.



Mikel Burzako

Mikel Burzako is currently a Member of the National Committee, in charge of Foreign Affairs, in Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) since 2016 and Chief Executive Officer of European Institute of Democrats since 2019, and Member of the Board since 2017. Before

this appointment, he was the Representative of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in Spain and Portugal, Director of Coordination in Presidency of the Basque Government, and earlier Director for Foreign Affairs and Director of the Development. He was living for seven years in Chile as Head and Director of the Basque-Chile Foundation for Development. Mikel Burzako received his degree in economic science and business administration from the University of Deusto and has done several training programs internationally.



Urko Aiartza Azurtza

Urko Aiartza Azurtza is the director of the Telesforo Monzon eLab, a laboratory of ideas for state-building, and the Olaso Dorrea Foundation. He served as Senator in the Madrid Senate (2011–2015) and served as Spokesperson in the Justice, Foreign Affairs, Iberoamerican, and Standing Senate Committees. Since 2017, he is a Senior Adviser of the European Institute of Peace (EIP) in Brussels as well as counsel of a variety of international organizations working in a variety of places like Colombia, Moldova, Ukraine, or Ethiopia. He received his degree in law from the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU) and a Master in Conflictology from the Universitat Oberta de Catalonia (UOC). Currently, he is a member of the Gipuzkoa Bar and runs a law firm in Donostia.

S P E A K E R S :



Martin O'Muilleor

Máirtín Ó Muilleoir is an Irish SF politician, author, publisher, and businessman, who served as the 58th Lord mayor of Belfast (2013–14). He is a former Member of the Legislative Assembly of the North of Ireland and was appointed Minister of Finance in the Northern Ireland Executive. In 1997, Ó Muilleoir became part-owner of the Andersonstown

News, which subsequently purchased the New York-based Irish Echo. A fluent Irish speaker, he has a deep interest in Irish and American links.



Stephen Gethins

Stephen Gethins is a Professor in Practice at the School of International Relations at the University of St Andrews. He previously served as the SNP Member of Parliament for North East Fife and at Westminster served as the SNP's spokesperson on International Affairs and Europe. During his time in Parliament Stephen was twice elected to serve on the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee, the first SNP

parliamentarian to do so. Stephen recently published a book entitled Nation to Nation: Scotland's Place in the World published by Luath Press in March 2021 that looks at Scotland's Foreign Policy footprint and how that might evolve.

Kirmen Uribe

Kirmen Uribe is a Basque writer and did his graduate studies in Comparative Literature in Trento, Italy. He won his first literary award, in 1995, when he was in prison for resisting the military draft

(since he didn't care to participate in the then-obligatory service); In 2008 he received the Critics' Prize for his novel Bilbao-New York-Bilbao wrote in Basque, and in October of 2009 he was awarded the Spanish Literature Prize, for the same work.





David Bieter

David H. Bieter is currently a development coordinator with Gardner Company in Boise, Idaho. From 2019–2003 he served in the Idaho House of Representatives. In 2002 together with Pete T. Cenarrusa, sponsored House Joint Memorial No. 14r recognizing the right of the Basque Country to self-determination. He was elected the 55th Mayor of Boise in 2003 and served for 16 years, the longest-serving mayor in Boise's 156-year history. In 2005 he was presented the Sabino Arana Basques of the World award. He has a law degree from the University of Idaho and a degree in

International Studies from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Garazi Goia Imaz

Garazi Goia has a degree in Telecommunications Engineering at the EHU-UPV (Basque Country University). She has +20 years of experience in major media organisations like the BBC and Sky and has led various projects and multi-skilled teams in different countries. Garazi has primarily focused on business development, strategy and commercial areas and actually is driving Sky's Global OTT product strategy. Garazi Goia is also a renowned writer. His latest work, 1,362 km Euri (Elkar, 2019), is written together with Goizalde Landabaso.





Argia Beristain

Argia Beristain is the Associate Vice President for Development at Boise State University. As a fundraising professional, Argia has leveraged those skills to support the Basque American diaspora throughout her life. This includes co-founding the Washington, DC Euskal Etxea in 2006 and working to make the Smithsonian Folklife Festival's presentation of Basque Culture in 2016 a reality. Argia is also an adjunct faculty member in the Basque Studies program at Boise State. In 2015, she was

the Event Director of the Basque Soccer Friendly that brought Athletic Club Bilbao to Boise, Idaho during Jaialdi as a fundraiser for the Basque Studies Program. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Women Studies from the University of Washington and a Master Certificate in Basque Studies from the University of the Basque Country.



Rafael Suso Alvarez

Rafael Suso Alvarez is a management consultant working on the interaction of strategy, innovation and branding. He has a degree in Information Communication Sciences from the EHU/UPV (University of the Basque Country) and an Advanced Management Program degree from the IESE Business School (University of Navarra). He has worked as Corporate Communication Manager at Fagor

Group (now Mondragon Corporation), Director of communication at Lehendakaritza / Presidency of the Basque Government (1992 – 1996), CEO at the Editorial Iparragirre (DEIA NEWSPAPER) (1996 – 2001). Since 2001 he is General Director of EKD (business think tank in Knowledge Management, Innovation and Organizational Development by Iberdrola – ABB – IBM).



Rafael Anchia

Rafael Anchia is currently serving his ninth term in the Texas Legislature and represents a western corridor of Dallas County, which includes the cities of Dallas, Farmers Branch and Irving. Rep. Anchia currently serves as the Chairman of the House Committee on Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services. He also serves as a member of the Energy Resources Committee and the Redistricting

Committee. Most recently, Rep. Anchia was appointed to serve on the Texas Privacy Protection Advisory Council.

Prior to serving in the Texas House, Rep. Anchia was twice elected to serve as a Trustee for the Dallas Independent School District. From 2011–2015, he served in President Barack Obama’s administration as an appointee to the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations, which advises the White House and U.S. Trade Representative on trade and investment agreements. In 2017, Rep. Anchia was elected by his peers as Chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus (MALC), the oldest and largest Latino caucus in the United States. Rep. Anchia graduated cum laude from Southern Methodist University (SMU); he continued his studies at Tulane Law School, where he served as Senior Fellow and received his juris doctor.

He has dedicated his public service to fighting for civil rights, public education, protecting the environment and improving access to healthcare for women and children.

Rep. Anchia is a co-founder and Managing Director in the global investment firm, Civitas Capital Group; he also serves as Of Counsel at the largest law firm in Dallas, Haynes and Boone, where he represents financial institutions and public and private funds. Most importantly, he lives in beautiful North Oak Cliff with his partner Rebecca, is blessed with two exceptional daughters, and worships with the Catholic Campus Community at SM.

The Sabino Arana Foundation

Since its constitution on 11 October 1988, the Sabino Arana Foundation (SAF) has always focused on knowledge of the history of the Basque Country, its preservation and dissemination, always seeking to bring it up to date, to read it in the present. The foundation has always tried to make an intellectual contribution so that the Basque Country can continue to move forward with a nationalist, democratic and progressive vision.

To this end, the foundation uses four main instruments: the forum for reflection and debate, the Historical Archive, the Museum of Basque Nationalism and the Hermes magazine of thought and history.

The Telesforo Monzon laboratory of ideas (TMeLab)

The Telesforo Monzon laboratory of ideas (TMeLab) is a space to make qualified proposals in strategic knowledge areas for the Basque Country; to build the knowledge that state-building requires – prospective strategic analysis and proposal capacity – as well as creating relational capital. Led by people with diverse professional and political backgrounds, all agree on the need to unite all the human power in the Basque Country to make qualitative proposals on strategic issues for the Basque State-building. TMeLab is an initiative of the Olosorri Foundation that promotes the legacy of the Monzon-Olosorri family and the Basque language and culture.

The Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque culture

The Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Culture promotes the culture and history of the Basque Country. Its goal is to preserve, educate and connect the Basque community and the world through research, projects and educational opportunities by establishing a Basque Studies program at Boise State University. The success of that effort was a collaboration between educators, businesses, Basque cultural groups in Idaho, the Basque Museum & Cultural Center, and the Autonomous Basque Government. Today, as Boise State Basque Studies (and its various spokes) boasts some of the most successful news, the Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Culture continues to promote its programs and offerings, as well as the efforts of the many organizations in and around the Treasure Valley to promote the culture and history of the Basques.

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