



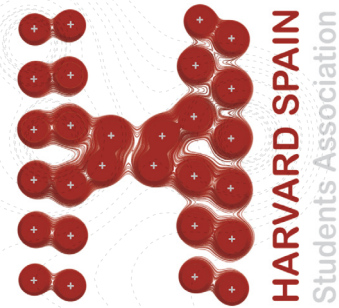
SPAIN'S BRAIN DRAIN

HARVARD SPAIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 23rd, 2016,

Piper Auditorium, Harvard University GSD

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS



Harvard Spain Student Association is an association of Spanish students at Harvard University founded in 2014. Harvard Spain is committed to the gathering and coordination of the interests of the Spanish community at Harvard University, the establishment of connections between Harvard University and talent niches in Spain, and the diffusion of Spanish culture within the Harvard community at large.

Serving as a point of connection for the Spanish community in campus, Harvard Spain facilitates, on the one hand, networking opportunities between individuals pursuing similar goals from different disciplinary fields and, on the other, amplifies the traction and visibility of initiatives promoted by Spanish student across campus. Harvard Spain also plays an ambassador role that tightens connections between Harvard University and talent niches in Spain, widening and deepening the scope of reach of Harvard University within the student community in excellence academic circles in Spain, and facilitating Spanish Harvard graduates access into quality positions in the Spanish job market. Moreover, Harvard Spain acts as an umbrella institution for the promotion of student events oriented to the diffusion of Spanish culture in Harvard, through the organization, coordination and sponsoring of cultural events.

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During the last decade, emigration in Spain has increased very significantly. The moment of emancipation of the best-prepared generation in the country's history has sadly coincided with a deep economic crisis. This coincidence has forced many well educated young people to seek new opportunities out of the country.

The persistence of the crisis explains that many of those who left the country with a transitory experience in mind have actually extended their stay abroad for an indefinite period of time. Some studies are already discussing the so-called network effect, which refers to complex support alliances within expats communities that could be already playing an important role in the originally unplanned extension of their residence abroad. The potentially permanent settlement of this talent out of the country can be detrimental for the Spanish economy and society, because of the loss of intellectual capital it entails.

The student association Harvard Spain, which gathers all Spanish students currently at Harvard University, organizes its 2016 Conference under the title Spain's Brain Drain, with the aim to carefully examine this phenomenon, to analyze causes and effects, and to reflect on proposals and actions that might enhance the positive influence of emigrated talent in present and future living conditions within Spain.

SCHEDULE

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Piper Auditorium
48 Quincy St, Cambridge, MA
Harvard University
Graduate School of Design

9:30 Introduction:

10:00 Interview and colloquium with:
Joaquín Almunia, former Minister of Employment of Spain and former vice-president and the European Commissioner for Competition

11:00 Panel 1:

Panelists

Diego Comin, Professor, Dartmouth College's Economics Department

Nilo García, CEO, Reticare

Fernando Fernández-Monge, co-founder, Spanish Global Professionals Network

Alberto López San Miguel, Director, Fulbright Spain

Moderator

Harvard Spain

12:30 Keynote:

Juan Pablo Riesgo Figuerola-Ferretti, State Secretary for Employment, Ministry of Employment and Social Security of Spain

13:30 Box Lunch Break:

14:30 Panel 2:

Panelists

Manuel Hurtado, CEO, Global Technology Knowledge Corporation

Manuel Muñiz, Director, Program on Transatlantic Relations, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University

Teresa Nieves-Chinchilla, President, Spanish Scientists in the USA (ECUSA)

Juan Pérez-Mercader, Professor, Harvard Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences

Moderator

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16:00 Final Remarks:

José Manuel Martínez Sierra, Jean Monnet ad Personam Professor in EU Law and Government and Director, Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Joaquín Almunia

Former vice-president and the Commissioner for Competition in the European Union. He was also the former Minister of Employment in Spain. He holds a degree in economics and law from the Universidad de Deusto in the Basque Country, and was visiting scholar at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government program for senior managers in government.

Diego Comin

Professor of Economics at Dartmouth College, Research Fellow at the Center for Economic Policy Research, Faculty Research Fellow in the National Bureau of Economic Research's Economic Fluctuations and Growth Program. He holds a PhD in Economics from Harvard University.

Fernando Fernández-Monge

Governance specialist at the World Bank, where he focuses on legal and public sector reforms in developing countries. He holds a Master in Public Policy from the Institute of Fiscal Studies & UNDED, and a JD and a BA in Political Science from the Autonomía University of Madrid.

Nilo García

Spanish entrepreneur and Global CEO at CRAMBO and Reticare companies. He holds a Master on Innovation Knowledge Management from University Polytechnic of Madrid.

Manuel Hurtado

Executive President of Global Technology Knowledge Corporation, CEO of Hurtado Investments Corp. and consultant of public and private institutions in USA, Spain and China. He holds a degree in law and economics and also studied also in University of California Berkeley and the University and Columbia.

Teresa Nieves-Chinchilla

Founding member and president of ECUSA (Españoles Científicos en USA) and research fellow at NASA. She holds a degree in Physics from Universidad Autónoma of Madrid (UAM), a Master in Education from UAM and a PhD in Physics from Universidad of Alcalá de Henares.

Juan Pérez-Mercader

Professor, Harvard Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Elected Member of the International Academy of Astronautics and of the European Academy of Arts and Sciences, and founder and former Director of the Spain's Centro de Astrobiología (CAB). He holds a Ph.D. from the City College of New York.

Juan Pablo Riesgo Figuerola-Ferretti

State Secretary for Employment, Ministry of Employment and Social Security of Spain, former Chief of the Economic Team of the People's Party group in the Spanish Parliament. He holds a degree in Economics from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid and a MBA from the IESE Business School.

Alberto López San Miguel

Executive Director of the Commission for Cultural, Educational and Scientific Exchange between the United States of America and Spain (Fulbright Commission), President of the Fletcher Club of Spain, former Chief of Staff of the Vice President and Director of Information Services at ICEX. He holds a MA in International Relations as a Fulbright student at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.

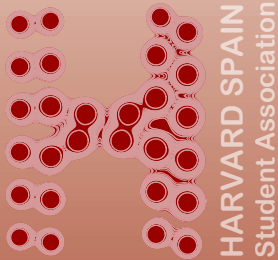
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José Manuel Martínez Sierra is Jean Monnet ad personam Professor for the Study of European Union Law and Government, Faculty Affiliate of the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies and Faculty Associate of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard. He teaches different courses about Europe and Spain in the Department of Government at Harvard. He co-chairs three study groups at Harvard, is Member of the IGLP Advisory Council at Harvard Law School and Academic Advisor of the European Horizons at Yale University.

Manuel Muñiz

Director of the Program on Transatlantic Relations at Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and Director of the Fundación Rafael del Pino's Program on International Relations and Global Leadership.

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