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**Speaker Biographies**

**Gover Barja** has served as a graduate level professor of the Bolivian Catholic University since 1995. In 1997 he created the short program in economics of regulation contributing in regulatory training over the years. Barja received his Ph.D. in Economics and MS in Statistics from Utah State University. He has researched and written on the Bolivian experience with reform in infrastructure industries for WIDER/UN and ECLAC/UN. Currently, he also consults the Bolivian Regulatory System and the World Bank.

**Nancy Birdsall** is the founding President of the Center for Global Development. Prior to launching the center, she worked at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, focusing on issues of globalization and inequality. From 1993 to 1998, Birdsall was Executive Vice-President of the Inter-American Development Bank, the largest of the regional development banks. She has also spent 14 years in research, policy, and management positions at the World Bank, most recently as Director of the Policy Research Department. Birdsall has written more than a dozen books and monographs, including, most recently, *Delivering on Debt Relief: From IMF Gold to a New Aid Architecture*.

**Michael Bleyzer** is co-founder, President and CEO of SigmaBleyzer Corporation, an American-Ukrainian Investment Banking group. In 2001, the Bleyzer Family established The Bleyzer Foundation to help the countries of the Former Soviet Union in their transitions to market economy. Bleyzer is a member of the Foreign Investment Advisory Council established by the Ukrainian President and has provided advice to a number of current and former senior members of the Ukrainian government, advocating an improved investment and business climate and accelerated privatization and reform of public administration. In his 15-year career with the Exxon Corporation and Ernst & Young, Bleyzer consulted numerous countries on management issues.

**Alberto Chong** is a Senior Research Economist at the Research Department of the Inter-American Development Bank. He pursued graduate studies at Harvard and Cornell Universities and received a Ph.D. in Economics from Cornell. His research interests are mostly related with applied microeconomic issues in developing countries, particularly, privatization, political governance and corporate governance issues. He has published papers in several academic journals, and has co-edited a book on private participation in infrastructure in Latin America (with Jose Miguel Sanchez) and on the benefits of privatization in Latin America (with Florencio Lopez-de-Silanes).

**Navroz Dubash** is a Senior Associate in the Institutions and Governance Program at the World Resources Institute (WRI). He currently co-manages a project examining changing patterns of international financial flows and their social and environmental outcomes. His most recent work on privatization examined reforms in the electricity sector and was published as a WRI publication entitled, *Power Politics: Equity and Environment in Electricity Reform*.

**Huberto Ennis** obtained his Ph.D in Economics from Cornell University in the year 2000. Since then, he has been working as an economist at the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. He also has a Masters in Public Policy from the Di Tella Institute in Argentina and has taught as a visiting professor at the National University of La Plata, Argentina. His research interests include monetary theory, financial intermediation, macroeconomics and economic theory.

**Antonio Estache** joined the World Bank in 1985, where he has worked as both a regulatory and public sector economist. He was a core member of the development team for the World Development Report 1994 (Infrastructure). Before coming to the World Bank, Mr. Estache worked as an economist at the IMF Institute, teaching econometric and macroeconomic forecasting models. Mr. Estache has advised the governments of Uruguay, Argentina, and Brazil on regulatory matters and has written extensively in the area. His publications include, *Decentralizing Infrastructure: Advantages and Limitations* (editor, 1995) and "Regulating Water Concessions in Argentina" in *Public Policy for the Private Sector* (World Bank, 1996). Mr. Estache is a Belgian national and received his Ph.D. in Economics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles in 1995.

**Stan Gacek** was named AFL-CIO's Assistant Director for International Affairs in February 1997. This post holds responsibility for the US labor federation's policy in Latin America and the Caribbean. From 1979-1984, Gacek was Assistant General Counsel to the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), a North American labor organization representing 1.4 million employees in the food and retail industries. From 1984 to 1997, Gacek served as Assistant Director for International Affairs at the UFCW, forging ties of working solidarity with counterpart unions in Latin America, Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. He is a recognized observer of Brazilian labor, having published and spoken widely on the subject. He received his BA from Harvard University and his JD from Harvard Law School in 1978.

**Carol Graham** is Vice President and Director of the Governance Studies Program at the Brookings Institution and a Visiting Professor of Economics at The Johns Hopkins University. Graham has served as a Special Advisor to the Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, where she provided advice on institutional reform issues. She has also been a consultant at the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, United Nations Development Program, and the Harvard Institute for International Development, helping to design safety net and social insurance programs in Latin America, Africa, and Eastern Europe. She has authored several books, including *Happiness and Hardship: Opportunity and Insecurity in New Market Economies* and *Private Markets for Public Goods: Raising the Stakes in Economic Reform*.

**Gary Jefferson**, a professor of trade and finance at Brandeis University, focuses his research on China's economic transformation and technical innovation and institutional change in China's enterprise system. Jefferson's research, which involves collaboration with Chinese agencies, policy institutes, and universities, has received support from the Henry Luce Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, and the World Bank. He has published in a wide range of academic journals, both in the U.S. and China. His recent book, *Enterprise Reform in China: Ownership, Transition, and Performance* contains 12 articles that he and colleagues have written on the subject of enterprise restructuring in China.

**Albert Keidel** is Acting Director of the Office of East Asian Nations in the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He is a development economist specializing in East Asia, with an emphasis on China. Before joining Treasury in 2001, he covered China's economic trends, system reforms, poverty and country risk as Senior Economist in the World Bank office in Beijing. He has worked in China, Japan, and Korea and has taught graduate economics courses on China, Japan and development. He currently teaches China's economy at SAIS. He received a BA in International Affairs from Princeton and a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard.

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**Dilip Mookherjee** teaches in Boston University's Economics department and serves on the Advisory Panel of the Fiscal Affairs Department at the International Monetary Fund. His research interests include development, inequality, contract and organization theory

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**John Nellis** is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Development, co-directing a project to examine the effects of privatization on income and wealth distribution in developing and transitional economies. From 1984 to 2000, Nellis was at the World Bank, where he dealt with privatization, public enterprise reform, the transition from a planned to a market system, and governance and public sector management issues in some fifty countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, the transition states in East and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union. He has authored or co-authored four books and 30 other publications on the above topics, including *Time to Rethink Privatization in Transition Economies?* Prior to joining the Bank, Nellis had also been a Professor of Public Administration at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University and a Professor of International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. He spent six years in Africa with the Ford Foundation, in Tanzania, Kenya and Tunisia.

**Minxin Pei**, Senior Associate and Co-Director of the Carnegie Endowment's China Program, specializes in democracy issues particularly related to China and East Asia. His research covers a range of subjects: Chinese politics, economic reform, East Asian politics, U.S. relations with East Asian countries, and democratization in developing countries. He has published extensively on these topics and is currently researching the politics of legal reform in China. Before joining the Endowment, Pei was a faculty member of the politics department at Princeton University.

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**Louise Shelley** is a Professor and Director of the Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) at American University. She has been writing on the problems of organized crime penetration into the privatization process since the late 1980s. She has known Professor Svetlana Glinkina since that time, and they have shared a common interest in the problem.

**Jian Su**, a Ph.D. candidate of the Graduate School of International Economics and Finance, Brandeis University, studies development and transition. Having worked in a big state-owned enterprise (SOE) of China as an engineer for 5 years (1987-1992), Su is very familiar with the insides of SOEs. Presently he is studying the ownership restructuring and privatization of Chinese SOEs; his working papers include *The Determinants of Decentralized Privatization: Theory and Evidence from China* and *Globalization and Privatization: Evidence from China*. Su worked as an assistant professor at Beijing University, from 1995 to 2000.

**Carlos Eduardo Velez** joined the World Bank in 1999 and has been working on poverty and inequality issues in Colombia and Brazil. His main research interests are related to income distribution dynamics, incidence analysis, welfare and poverty determinants and targeting. Previously Velez worked at the Inter-American Development Bank's Poverty and Inequality Advisory Unit. Velez has also taught public economics at Universidad de los Andes and Universidad de Antioquia -Colombia.

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**Elizabeth Williamson** reports from the Metro Desk at The Washington Post, and has spent nine years in Bulgaria, Russia and Poland working as a journalist, most recently for The Wall Street Journal. While writing for The Wall Street Journal's monthly magazine, *Central European Economic Review*, from 1994 to 99, she covered the CEE region's transition from command to market economy and was particularly interested in that transition's impact on the lives of workers and rural laborers, who supplied the muscle behind the region's political change in 1989 to 1991, but grew increasingly dissatisfied with how the economic results of those changes affected them.

**John Williamson** has been a Senior Fellow at the Institute for International Economics (IIE) since 1981. From 1996-99 he was on leave from the Institute to serve as Chief Economist for the South Asia Region of the World Bank. He was an economic consultant to the UK Treasury in 1968-70, where he worked on a range of international financial issues, and an advisor to the International Monetary Fund in 1972-74. His publications have mainly concerned international monetary issues and include *Exchange Rate*

Regimes for Emerging Markets: Reviving the Intermediate Option and (with Nancy Birdsall) Delivering on Debt Relief: From IMF Gold to a New Aid Architecture.

**Kenneth S. Yalowitz** retired from the US Department of State in 2001 after 36 years as a career diplomat and member of the Senior Foreign Service. He served twice as a US ambassador: to the Republic of Belarus from 1994-97 and to Georgia from 1998-2001. His last service in Moscow was from 1991-93 as minister-counselor for economic affairs at the time the privatization program began and as acting Deputy Chief of Mission. Yalowitz completed his undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin and holds a Russian Institute Certificate, MA and Master of Philosophy degree from Columbia University. Presently, he is an adjunct professor of government at Georgetown University and a diplomat in residence at American University.