



RAFAEL HADDAD

MANAGING DIRECTOR
LATIN AMERICA COMMITTEE OF GERMAN BUSINESS (LADW)

BIOGRAPHY

Born in São Paulo, studied law, has been active in the bilateral relations between Germany/Europe and Brazil/Latin America since more than 20 years and has worked in various management positions representing several institutions and companies in Brazil as well as in Germany.

In the German-Brazilian Chamber of Industry and Commerce São Paulo for instance, he was responsible for the activities of external trade and institutional relations.

Founded the Project Office in Frankfurt am Main of the Alliance of German Chambers in the MERCOSUR in 2006 and has been its Managing Director until 2009.

In 2010, he was nominated Managing Director of the newly founded BDI Brazil Board hosted by the Federation of German Industries (BDI).

In September 2015, the successful work of the BDI Brazil Board was being extended to the whole of Latin America and in this context, the Board was incorporated in the new Latin American Committee of German Business (LADW), in which he became Managing Director.

Managed the “Germany Year in Brazil” and the initiative “WinWin 2014/2016” which assembled the expertise of German companies for the FIFA World Cup in Brazil in 2014 and the Olympic Games in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro.

He coordinates bilateral commissions like the German-Brazilian Initiative for Cooperation in Agribusiness and Innovation.



CARLOS IVAN SIMONSEN LEAL

PRESIDENT
FUNDAÇÃO GETULIO VARGAS

BIOGRAPHY

Carlos Ivan Simonsen Leal has been the president of Fundação Getulio Vargas, a Brazilian think tank and educational institution based in Rio de Janeiro, since 2000.

Before joining as a President of FGV, he was an economics professor at the FGV-EPGE and consultant for Brazil's central bank and.

In 2002, he was awarded the National Order of Scientific Merit by President Cardoso for his contributions to the fields of science and technology.

He has a Ph.D. in economics from Princeton University. He earned a degree in civil engineering at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Professor Simonsen Leal was granted with the Palmes Académiques by the Republic of France through its Prime Minister's Decree in October 2008 and has been decorated with the Order of Naval Merit by the Brazilian Naval Service (Class of Support Commander), the Medal of the Peacemaker by the Brazilian Army and the Tamandare Merit Medal by Brazil Navy. He is Member of the National Academy of Engineering.

During his tenure as president of FGV, sixteen undergraduated and twenty PhD programs were created. Also FGV became first in the Ministry of Education of Brazil ranking for best schools. And having started at 27th in the ranking of the University of Pennsylvania for Think Tanks in 2000, FGV ranked 3rd since 2019.



DR. HILDEGARD STAUSBERG

FREELANCE JOURNALIST AND LATIN AMERICA SPECIALIST

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Hildegard Stausberg studied political science, history, economics and law at the universities of Hamburg, Cologne, Bonn and Buenos Aires.

In 1971, she completed her studies with Prof. Dr. Karl Dietrich Bracher in Bonn. In 1975, she wrote her doctoral thesis on the causes of Argentina's failed re-democratization after the fall of Juan Domingo Perón in 1955.

On June 1, 1980, she joined the news department of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ). In May 1993, she took over as head of Ibero-Latin American programs at Deutsche Welle (DW) in Cologne, and a year later became editor-in-chief of all DW foreign language programs.

On August 1, 1999, she began her work as head of the foreign affairs department at WELT in Berlin, where she worked as diplomatic correspondent from 2001 to 2013.

Between 2003 and 2020, Dr. Stausberg was chairwoman of the Kölner Presseclub e.V.

Since then, she has been working as a freelance journalist/publicist.