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## AGENDA

**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

- ❖ **9: 15 AM: Opening remarks**
- ❖ **9:15 - 11:00 AM: “EmpowerHER: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Advancement of Women and Girls” - [U.S. Secretary of State’s Office of Global Women’s Issues \(S/GWI\)](#) - Moderated and led by Rafael González Graciani, Organizing Committee.**

  - [Kayla A. McGill](#), *U.S. Department of State Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Advisor*
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- ❖ **11:45 AM - 2:00 PM: Lunch & “Puerto Rico, el mejor amigo de España” - U.S. House of Representatives [Office of Resident Commissioner Jennifer González-Colón \(R-PR-AL\)](#) - Moderated and led by Rafael González Graciani, Organizing Committee.**

  - [Milagros Gavilán](#), *Legislative Director, Office of Rep. González-Colón (R-PR-AL)*

- ❖ **2:30 - 3:45 PM: Meetings with Spanish Executives at the World Bank - Moderated by Mateo García, Organizing Committee.**

  - [Eva Valle](#), *Alternate Executive Director representing Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Spain, WBG*
  - [Alfonso García Mora](#), *Regional Vice President, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, IFC*

- ❖ **4:00 - 4:45 PM: Meeting with Spanish Executive at the IMF - Moderated by Enrique Chueca, Macroeconomic Analyst at the IMF**

  - [Rosa Moral](#), *Counselor at the Executive Director Office at IMF*
  - [Jaime Ponce](#), *Senior Financial Sector Expert, Financial Crisis Preparedness & Management*

- ❖ **5:00 PM - Group Photo at the World Bank**
- ❖ **6:00 PM - Happy hour/evening with [EPO](#) and the visiting Transatlantic Leaders Fellows an Initiative by [European Horizons](#) at Yale University at The Square ([maps](#))**

**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- ❖ **9:20 AM: Coffee & light breakfast**
- ❖ **9:45 AM: Rosario Vázquez, Director of the 2nd Annual Meeting introduces the Organizing Committee.**
- ❖ **9:50 AM: Opening remarks** by Juan Luis Manfredi and Lidia Guzmán, who are the co-founders of SPPN, with Lidia currently serving as the President.
- ❖ **10:00 AM: Productive Development and LATAM-EU Growth and Investment Opportunities -** Moderated by Leandro Urbano, Vice-President of SPPN
  - Andrés Valenciano, *Director of UN ECLAC Washington DC Office, former Minister of Trade & Investment of Costa Rica*
- ❖ **11:30 AM: Spanish and EU Geopolitics: perspectives and challenges -** Moderated by Mateo García, Organizing Committee.
  - Pablo Pardo, *El Mundo correspondent*
  - Federico Steinberg, *Senior Analyst at the Elcano Royal Institute*
- ❖ **12:30 PM: Elections: An uncertain landscape in USA, EU and Spain -** Moderated by Ana Amador, Antitrust and International trade lawyer at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP
  - Aleix Sanmartín, *Political Strategist and President of SanMartin Group*
  - Pablo Sanz, *Counsellor, European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington D.C., European Union Delegation to the USA*
- ❖ **1:35 PM: Group Photo**
- ❖ **1: 45 PM: Leadership Lunch -** Introduction by Lidia Guzmán, President and co-founder of SPPN. Activity sponsored by Cátedra Príncipe de Asturias
  - Juan Luis Manfredi, *Prince of Asturias Distinguished Visiting Professor, co-founder of SPPN.*
  - Hansi Escobar, *Ex-Ambassador of Spain, Belfer Centre Fellow*
  - Gloria Sánchez, *Senior Policy Advisor in Digital Finance & Regulation at Institute of International Finance; Head of Transformation at Banco Santander.*
  - Cristina Andreu, *Home Affairs Attache at the Embassy of Spain; Comandante in the Spanish Civil Guard - Jihadist-originated terrorism and domestic terrorism expert.*
- ❖ **3:30 PM: Human Rights, Interculturality & Disinformation -** Moderated by Rosario Vázquez, Director of our 2nd Annual Meeting.
  - Sandra del Pino, *Cultural Diversity Advisor at Pan American Health Organization*
  - Eduardo Calderón, *Analyst of the Women, Business and the Law project at the World Bank*
- ❖ **5:00 PM: Team Building & Hangout -** Facilitated by Carla Cabrera, Organizing Committee.
- ❖ **8:00 PM: Dinner (BBQ - \$7/\$15) & Happy Hour (5\$ beer/10\$ cocktails) ([map](#))**

***Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

- ❖ **9:30 AM: Coffee & Reception at the Spanish Embassy** - Hosted by Carla Cabrera, Organizing Committee.
- ❖ **10:00 AM: Opening Remarks by Ambassador Santiago Cabanas.**
- ❖ **10:25 AM: Group Photo**
- ❖ **10:30 AM: Economic Complexity, Regional Development & Political Leadership** - Moderated by Leandro Urbano, Vice-President of SPPN.
  - o Juan Luis Manfredi, *Prince of Asturias Distinguished Visiting Professor, co-founder of SPPN.*
- ❖ **12:00 PM: Spanish Presidency in the Council of the European Union** - Moderated by Gloria Sicilia, Organizing Committee.
  - o Antonio García Roger, *diplomat and political counsellor at the Spanish Embassy*
  - o Santiago Robles, *political counsellor at the European Union Delegation to the USA*
- ❖ **1:00 PM: Closing remarks by Rosario Vázquez, Director of the SPPN 2nd Annual Meeting and Lidia Guzmán, President and co-founder of SPPN.**
- ❖ **Off-agenda: casual lunch Western Market**