



## CHAIRS' BIOGRAPHIES

### **Marta Dassù**

Chair of the AIfE

Marta Dassù is Senior Director of European Affairs at The Aspen Institute and Editor-in-Chief of Aspen Institute Italia's journal, *Aspenia*. She was Italy's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from November 2011 to February 2014. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of Leonardo-Finmeccanica, Trevi Finanziaria, Fondazione eni Enrico Mattei and Vice President of The Center for American Studies in Rome.

She sits on the Board of Directors of IAI (Istituto Affari Internazionali) and The Council for the United States and Italy. She is member of the Advisory Council of the European Policy Centre in Brussels and a member of the scientific committee of the LUISS School of Government in Rome.

She is a regular contributor to the Italian newspaper *La Stampa* and is the author of various books and essays.

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### **Mircea Geoana**

Co-Chairman of the AESG

Mircea Geoana is the President of the Social Romanian Party, and a prominent political figure in Romania. He is also a member in the Romanian Senate representing Dolj County. He served as the President of the Romanian Senate between December 2008 and November 2011 and President of the Social Democratic Party, from 2005 to 2010. Between 2006 and 2009 he was also Vice-president of the European Socialist Party. He is the founding member and President of the Aspen Institute Romania and member of the board of Aspen Institute US, Aspen Italia and Aspen Germany. Mircea Geoana is also Chairman and founding member of the National Development Committee public policy think-tank and Chairman and founding member of the

„Romania Noastra” (Our Romania) civic platform. Mircea Geoana ran for the Presidency of Romania in 2009. In an unprecedented narrow and contested election, he received 49.6% of the casted ballot.

Previous to his political career, Mircea Geoana had a successful diplomatic activity. Appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to the United States of America at age 37, in February 1996, he was the youngest ambassador in the Romanian diplomatic corps. From 2000 to 2004, Mircea Geoana served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania. He also served as OSCE Chairman-in-Office in 2001 and during 2005 he was the personal representative of OSCE Chairman in office for Georgia. Mircea Geoana is a founding member of the Harvard Club Romania – Republic of Moldova and of the Association of Former Students of E.N.A. (Ecole Nationale d’Administration). He also serves as Honorary Chairman of the George C. Marshall Association – Romania.

An alumnus of the Polytechnic Institute and, respectively, the Law School at the University of Bucharest, Mircea Geoana graduated in 1992 the “Ecole Nationale d’Administration” in Paris, France. He graduated in 1999 the World Bank Group Executive Development Program at the Harvard Business School. He holds a PhD in world economy at the Economic Studies Academy of Bucharest.

Mircea Geoana is an expert on European and Trans-Atlantic integration. He also was a NATO fellow on democratic institutions in 1994. He lectured on foreign policy, transitional economies, and globalization at major universities and think - tanks: Sorbonne, Harvard, Georgetown, Yale, CSIS, Atlantic Council, GMF, Chatham House, Policy Network and is a contributor to important Romanian and international publications, like New York Times, International Herald Tribune, The Atlantic, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. Also, he has been invited on foreign policy issues at CNN, BBC, PBS, Bloomberg, TV5, Fox Business. Mircea Geoana is author of several books: “Romanian foreign policy in the beginning of the XXI.th century - The road to Europe and transatlantic world”, „America, Europe and Romania’s modernization: bases for a Romanian societal model”, „The Romanian social model: the way towards a new Romania”, „Trust”. Mircea Geoana was decorated Commander of the National Order “The Star of Romania” in December 2000, awarded the “Legion d’Honneur” in 2002 (France) and “Stella della Soliedarita” in 2013 (Italy). Born on July 14, 1958, Mircea Geoana is married to Mihaela, an architect by training and President of the “Renasterea” Foundation. They have two children, Ana Maria and Alexandru. Mircea Geoana is fluent in English, French, Spanish and Italian.

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## **Rüdiger Lentz**

Co-Chairman of the AESG

Rüdiger Lentz is the Executive Director of the Aspen Institute Germany. Between 2009 and September 2013, he served as the Executive Director of the German-American Heritage Foundation and Museum in Washington. From November 1998 until December 2009, he was the Washington Bureau Chief and Senior Diplomatic Correspondent for Deutsche Welle. Prior to his assignment in Washington, he served as Deutsche Welle’s Brussels Bureau Chief. Before joining Deutsche Welle, Lentz worked as a correspondent for the German news magazine Der Spiegel, after having served in the German Armed Forces for eight years and as a TV commentator and reporter at ARD/WDR, Germany’s largest public TV and radio station. Lentz has also held various positions including that of Editor in Chief at RIAS-TV Berlin from 1990-1992. As the Executive Director of German TV from 2002-2005 he was responsible for the branding and market entrance plan of German TV in the US. He has been a Visiting Lecturer at

Harvard University, the School of Foreign Service in Washington and a regular guest on CNN and C-Span. Lentz was born 1947 and studied international relations, history and economics at the University of Hamburg. He is a long time member of the Atlantik-Bruecke and a founding member of the German American Business Council (GABC) in Washington.

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## **Ivan Hodač**

Co-Chairman of the AESG

Ivan Hodač is a Founder and President of the Aspen Institute Central Europe. He was Secretary-General of the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) from 2001 until October 2013. He is currently member of a special Advisory Group of experts, which advises the European Commission in negotiation of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership with the United States (TTIP). He is also the Chairman of the Board at cabinet DN. The Financial Times listed him among the most influential personalities in Brussels politics.

Before joining ACEA, he was Senior Vice-President and Head of the Time Warner Corporate office for Europe. Previously he was Secretary-General of the trade organization IFMA/IMACE, Senior Economist at Didier & Associates, and Assistant Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges.

He was born in Prague, where he studied mechanical engineering. He completed his education in economics and political science at the University of Copenhagen and the College of Europe in Bruges (European studies).

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## **Lucio Stanca**

Co-Chairman of the 2017 YEL Edition

Lucio Stanca is Vice Chairman of Aspen Institute Italia.

Lucio Stanca lives in San Fermo della Battaglia, Como (Italy), with his wife Francesca and their daughters Benedetta and Isabella. After completing a university degree in Economics and Commerce at the Bocconi University in Milan, and having served, as part of his military service, for the Grenadiers of Sardinia, he joined IBM Italy in Milan in 1968.

He worked for IBM up until March 2001 holding various positions in Italy as well as in the United States and France including: Chairman and CEO of IBM Italy, Member of the World Wide Management Committee and IBM Vice-President. In the years previous to retirement he held the position of Chairman and Director General of IBM EMEA, with responsibility for operations in Europe, Middle East and Africa, and was based in Paris.

Since 1991 he has been Vice Chairman of Aspen Institute Italia and since July 2002 he is also Chairman of Aspen Junior Fellows. He is Member of the Board of PartnerRe, the leading international reinsurance group, listed in the NYSE.

In 2001 he was appointed Minister for Innovation and Technologies, in charge of national government policy in matters relating to technological innovation with a special focus on Information and Communications Technologies, in order to promote the development of the "Information Society".

He was also in charge of the “e-Government for Development” program, aimed at assisting emerging countries in modernizing their Public Administration systems through ICT. In addition, he was a member of the Board of the Gateway Foundation (World Bank organization supporting developing countries).

In April 2006 he was elected to the Italian Senate, where he was member of the Industry Committee. In April 2008 he was elected to the Italian Chamber of Deputies, where he is presently member of the Committee for the European Policy.

In 2004, Mr. Stanca was conferred a doctorate “honoris causa” in computer science. From April 2009 to June 2010, he was appointed Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Expo 2015 S.p.A., the company that is in charge of the organization and management of the Expo in Milan in 2015.

## **José M. De Areilza**

Co-Chairman of the 2017 YEL Edition

José M. De Areilza is the Secretary General of Aspen Institute España.

He is Professor of Law and Jean Monnet Chair at ESADE Business and Law School. He holds a Doctorate in Juridical Sciences (S.J.D.) from Harvard Law School and he is a member of the New York Bar. Between 1996 and 2000 he served as Advisor to the Spanish Prime Minister on European and North American affairs. He has been Professor and the Dean of IE Law School at IE Business School. He writes a weekly column on international affairs in the newspaper ABC. Member of the European Council on Foreign Relations, Senior Research Fellow at Elcano Royal Institute and Academy Adjunct Faculty, Chatham House, London.

José serves as Trustee of the Spanish Navy Museum, His last book is entitled ‘Law and Power in the European Union’ (Civitas, 2014).

## **Roberto Menotti**

Co-Executive Director of AESG

**Roberto Menotti** is Editor in Chief of *Aspenia online*, Deputy Editor of *Aspenia*, and Senior Advisor, International Activities, at Aspen Institute Italia, in Rome.

He has worked as a consultant for the Centro Studi Militari di Studi Strategici (the research arm of the Italian Ministry of Defence) between 2003 and 2007. Before joining Aspen Institute Italia in 2002 he was Deputy Director of the Centro Studi di Politica Internazionale (CeSPI), a Rome think tank. In 1997 (August-November) he was Visiting Scholar at the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM), University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Between 1997 and 1999 he was a NATO Fellow with a research project on NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue initiative.

After graduating in Political Science from LUISS University, in Rome, and obtained a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from the University of Southern California in 1994.

He has published in specialized journals (including *Survival*, *Europe's World*, *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Middle East Quarterly*, *The International Spectator*, *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, *Teoria Politica*, *Limes*) as well as edited volumes, and is author of three books in Italian.

From 2011 to 2014 he has been an op-ed commentator for the daily *Il Messaggero*, and since 2014 for the daily *Il Mattino*.

He has taught undergraduate courses at LUISS University, John Cabot University, and La Sapienza, Rome University, in international relations, security studies, and international journalism. He has been a lecturer at the NATO Defence College, in Rome, and at Wilton Park in the UK.

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## **Andrei Tarnea**

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He is the executive director of the Aspen Institute Romania and currently serves as the co-executive director of AlfE. He is a career diplomat having joined the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1998. His diplomatic career includes working in bilateral affairs, serving with the ministry's spokesperson, and as head of the early warning unit in the policy-planning department. He was advisor to the foreign minister between 2002 and 2004. Previously he worked for the Centre for Policy Studies and Comparative Analysis, and co-led a political and social affairs think tank. He also worked in the private sector and the Romanian Senate where he served as an advisor and researcher with the legal affairs committee. During 1996 he was the executive director for a mayoral electoral campaign in Bucharest. He was on foreign posting in Brussels between 2004 and 2010 as director of the Romanian Information Centre in Brussels, and Councilor to Romanian Embassy. In 2007 he took on the role of director of the

Romanian Cultural Institute in Brussels and he served as vice president and then president of EUNIC Brussels between 2008 and 2010.

Andrei Tarnea studied clinical and social psychology in Bucharest. His post-graduate level education is in political studies at the National School for Political and Administrative Studies in Bucharest and in international relations and security studies in Boston at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He has a master in international law from the Fletcher School and additional studies in European policy and policy assessment at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He was an Aspen Italia Junior Fellow. Besides his native Romanian he speaks fluent English, French, and Hungarian and has a basic command of Spanish and Italian. Andrei Tarnea is married to Andra Teodora Tarnea.

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