

Edinburgh Latin American Forum VI edition - 15/02/2017

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Committee, 2016 - 2017

President – Daniel Sierra Kieswetter

Occupation whilst working for the Forum: MEng Engineering for Sustainable Energy student at the University of Edinburgh.

Daniel was born in Panama, he is half Mexican and lives just one hour away from the border with Costa Rica. He has seen Latin America from different perspectives and decided to focus on engineering services, energy and sustainability. He has taken part in different exchange experiences in Mexico, China and Europe helping him understand and appreciate multicultural environments.

After being Head of Marketing and Communications of the Forum in 2016, he became the President of the 2017 Forum. Daniel has always been fascinated by international cooperation and aimed to promote of both Europe and Latin America during the Forum.

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Vice President – Carolina Isenberg

Occupation whilst working for the Forum: MSc Management of Bioeconomy, Innovation and Governance student at the University of Edinburgh.

Born in Germany, growing up in Switzerland and Poland, and being German-Colombian, Carolina developed a passion for the dialogue between Europe and Latin America. Her interests especially lie in health technology and the use of innovation in international development. Most recently, Carolina has worked at the German Organization for International Development (GIZ), where she was involved in the Emerging Market Sustainability Dialogue, working with think tanks and companies on projects in sustainable infrastructure and green finance.

Carolina joined the 2017 Latin American Forum to promote the cooperation with Latin American countries and support building a network of like-minded people.

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Head of Finance – Fergus Wright

Occupation whilst working for the Forum: MA Hons. Economics and Chinese student at the University of Edinburgh.

His interests include international development and foreign policy, and he is passionate about promoting cross-border cultural and economic relations. As the only Scot on the committee he hoped to expand the forum within the Scottish and British business communities.

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Head of Marketing and Communications – Max Aantjes

Occupation whilst working for the Forum: MA Hons. Philosophy student at the University of Edinburgh.

Born and raised in the Netherlands, Max's strong interest in the international world drove him to study abroad at the University of Edinburgh. His participation in a two-month teaching project in Bulgaria, jointly organised by the

Bulgarian United Nations Youth organization and AIESEC, as well as his role as the publicity officer of the Edinburgh University Model United Nations Society, further sustained his strong interest in global institutions. He aimed to use this experience to deliver a powerful marketing campaign for the 2017 forum and to create networks and sustainable links beyond Europe.

The key goal for Max in organizing the Forum was to reach a diverse community of students, related or unrelated to Latin America, and to spark their engagement and active participation in the forum.

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Head of Marketing and Communications – Mariana Vallejo-Ramirez

Occupation whilst working for the Forum: MSc International Business and Emerging Markets student at The University of Edinburgh.

Mariana was born in Colombia but raised in Panama. She has a degree in Law and Political Science from USMA in Panama City. While studying, Mariana worked as a Litigation and Arbitration Paralegal for a year. After graduation, she joined the British Embassy in Panama City as the Trade and Investment Officer for the Department of International Trade, for two and a half years; during this period, Mariana worked to facilitate the access for British companies willing to enter the Latin American market.

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Head of Operations – Carolina Araujo

Occupation whilst working for the Forum: Economics and Politics MA (hons) student at the University of Edinburgh.

After having spent all of her childhood in Ecuador, Carolina undertook an internship in Bristol, was involved in an AIESEC project in Russia as an English teacher, and lived for three years in the vibrant heart of Edinburgh. Here she developed a profound interest in international politics and global institutions, such as the United Nations, and takes part in a variety of societies. She plans to return to Latin America after her studies and apply her cultural experiences and her growing network beyond her home country to create lasting positive links between Ecuador and the rest of the world.

Carolina ensured that this edition of the Forum engages those students that are unfamiliar with Latin America and encourages them to create and cherish links with the continent in their professional career.

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Head of Operations – Brenda Guerrero

Occupation whilst working for the Forum: student of MA (Hons) Psychology at the University of Edinburgh.

After being raised and born in Ecuador, Brenda became part of the diverse student body of the University of Edinburgh to entertain her interest in social psychology, which studies the interaction between humans coming from different cultures. It is this initial interest that encouraged her to serve in the committee of the Latin American Society as a social executive and take a key role in the organisation of the Latin American Forum.

Brenda integrate her experience as a social executive to ensure that the 2017 Forum reflected genuine aspects of the Latin American culture.

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