

Miguel Marín-Bosch (Mexico City, 1942)

Career diplomat (retired) with degrees in History from Yale (B.A. 1964) and Columbia University (M.A. 1967 and Ph.D. 1996). Entered the Mexican Foreign Service in 1969, promoted to Ambassador in 1979 and appointed one of ten Eminent Ambassadors in 1994. Founder and president of Desarmex, an NGO devoted to disarmament and non-proliferation education. Member of the executive council of Pugwash, the International Panel on Fissile Materials and the Latin American and Caribbean Leadership Network for Nuclear Disarmament and Nonproliferation.

Postings:

1 February 1969 – 12 January 1971
Office of the Under-Secretary for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico City

13 January 1971 – 31 December 1974
Permanent Mission to International Organizations in Geneva

1 January 1975 – 31 January 1976
Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York

1 February 1976 – 30 November 1976
Private Secretary to the Foreign Minister, Mexico City

14 January 1977 – 31 January 1979
Deputy Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva

16 May 1979 – 30 November 1982
Chef de cabinet to the Foreign Minister, Mexico City

16 February 1983 – 29 February 1988
Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York

1 April 1989 – 12 April 1995
Permanent Representative to International Organizations in Geneva and, from January 1990, to the Conference on Disarmament

1 July 1995 – 30 November 2000
Consul-General in Barcelona

1 December 2000 – 31 October 2002
Under-Secretary for Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe and United Nations System

16 August 2005 – 30 June 2007
Director-General Instituto Matías Romero (Mexican Diplomatic Academy)

Assignments:

A. Member of the Delegation of Mexico to over eighty international meetings, including the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Transnational Corporations, the Disarmament Commission, the Conference on Disarmament, the Commission (and subcommittees) on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, the Conference on the reaffirmation and development of humanitarian law applicable to armed conflicts, the Review conferences of the Treaty on the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and the Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

B. Served, among others, as: Rapporteur of the First Commission of the Conference on the reaffirmation and development of humanitarian law applicable to armed conflicts (1974); Chairman of the special sessions of the Commission on Transnational Corporations charged with the drafting of a code of conduct on those corporations (1984–1989); member of the Committee on Contributions (1987); Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee charged with initiating the negotiations on a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty (Conference on Disarmament, 1994); and Chairman of the Preparatory Commission for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (August 1994–February 1995).

C. Member of various groups of governmental experts appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on different disarmament items and Chairman of two of them: one which drafted the 1984 report

on unilateral measures of nuclear disarmament and the other which drafted the 2002 report on disarmament and non-proliferation education. Member of the United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (1999-2002) and its chairman in 2000.

D. Participant and/or lecturer, in his personal capacity, in over fifty international meetings convened by parliaments, governments, non-governmental organizations and universities in Mexico, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Soviet Union, United Kingdom and United States.

Teaching:

Professor of Mexican history: Universidad de las Américas, México, D.F., 1968.

Assistant professor of history of ideas in Latin America (colonial period) and history of Brazil: Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 1969–1970.

Professor of “Problemas de la Ciencia y la Técnica”: Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, 1969–1970.

Professor (full time): Departamento de Estudios Generales, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, 1970.

Guest Professor of “Disarmament and international security”: Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 1998–2001 (B.A., M.A. and Ph.D courses).

Lecturer, “Curso Permanente de Naciones Unidas de la Fundación Olof Palme y de la Universidad de Barcelona,” 1999 and 2000.

Lecturer, “Diplomatura de Cultura de Paz,” Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, 1999–2000.

Professor of disarmament and international security and researcher on poverty, peace and disarmament at the Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, 1 February 2003–30 June 2004.

Professor, Diplomado “Desarme y seguridad internacional”, Instituto Matías Romero, México, D. F., 2006 and three times online (2007-2009).

Professor, “Disarmament and international security”, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, México, D. F., 30 January–21 May 2008.

Professor, Diplomado “El reto nuclear”, Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL), Mexico, D. F., February-April 2009 and online in Spanish, September-November 2009 and June-August 2010, and in English (“The Nuclear Challenge”), February-April 2012.

Publications:

Books:

Principal editor: *Problemas de la ciencia y la técnica*, Mexico, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, 1970, two volumes.

With Alfonso García Robles: *Terminología usual en las relaciones internacionales: Organismos internacionales*, Mexico, D.F., Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, 1976.

Alfonso García Robles: México, Nobel de la Paz, Mexico, D.F., Secretaría de Educación Pública y Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, 1984 (Presentation, selection and notes).

Votos y vetos en la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas, Mexico: Fondo de Cultura Económica and Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, 1994. A revised second edition will appear in 2003.

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Puebla neocolonial, 1777–1831: casta, ocupación y matrimonio en la segunda ciudad de Nueva España, Guadalajara: El Colegio de Jalisco y la Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, 1999.

Desarme y Seguridad Internacional (2006), Lecturas, IMR, 4 tomos

La problemática nuclear (2009), Lecturas, Diplomada en línea, OPANAL, 3 tomos

La problemática nuclear (2010 I), Lecturas, Diplomada en línea, OPANAL, 2 tomos

Votes Count: A Compilation of United Nations General Assembly Resolutions and Votes of Member States, 3 volumes, New York: United Nations, 2011.

The Nuclear Challenge (2012), Reading, Online course, OPANAL, 2 vols.

Medio siglo de votos de España en la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas, 1956–2010 (in preparation).

Los votos de México en la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas, 1946–2010 (in preparation).

Articles:

“Hacia una interpretación de la vida y obra del historiador brasileño João Capistrano de Abreu (1853–1927),” *Latinoamérica: Anuario de Estudios Latinoamericanos*, UNAM, volume 3 (1970), pp. 141–160.

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“The Treaty of Tlatelolco and the NPT,” in D.B. Dewitt (ed.), *Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Global Security* (Beckenham, U.K.: Croom Helm for the Research Programme in Strategic Studies, York University, Ontario, 1986), pp. 173–188.

“Presencia de México en las Naciones Unidas: Cuarenta años de cooperación,” in Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, *México en las Naciones Unidas* (Mexico: SRE, 1986), pp. 127–151.

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- “Irak: ¿por qué ahora?” *LA JORNADA* (México, D.F.), 25 febrero 2003.
- Since 19 March 2003, bi-weekly articles in *LA JORNADA* (México, D. F.) and monthly since 24 May 2007.
- “México ante la guerra”, Round Table with José Juan de Olloqui and Olga Pellicer, *Este País*, April 2003, pp. 139–143.
- “Prologue,” in Antonio Gómez Robledo, *El ius cogens internacional: Estudio histórico-crítico*, México, D.F.: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 2003, pp. IX–X.
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Decorations and awards:

Decorated in different grades by the governments of Brazil, Ecuador, France, Italy, Panama, Poland, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden and Yugoslavia, as well as the Government of the State of São Paulo.

“Josephine Pomerance” Award (1995) for meritorious service in the field of disarmament, given by the Disarmament Committee of the United Nations non-governmental organizations in New York.