

Alejandro Peña Esclusa

Senior Strategic Advisor for Latin America and International Affairs

Alejandro Peña Esclusa is a Venezuelan engineer, writer, geopolitical analyst, and international advisor with more than three decades of experience studying the political, strategic, and geopolitical developments shaping Latin America.

He holds a degree in **Mechanical Engineering from Universidad Simón Bolívar**, completed studies in **Financial Management at IESA**, and earned a **Master's Degree in Security and Defense from the Institute of Advanced Studies of National Defense (IAEDEN)**. Before devoting himself fully to public affairs, he developed a successful business career in the construction sector.

His professional experience combines technical and business training with an extensive career in political and strategic analysis. Since the 1990s, he has closely studied the evolution of the **São Paulo Forum, 21st-century socialism, and the political transformation of Latin America**, as well as their implications for democracy, regional security, and international relations.

In **1998**, three years before Hugo Chávez came to power in Venezuela, Peña Esclusa ran as an independent presidential candidate, warning about the emerging political project's links to the Cuban regime and its potential continental dimension. Since then, much of his intellectual work has focused on analyzing the evolution of radical left-wing political movements in the region and their interaction with phenomena such as political warfare, organized crime, electoral manipulation, and cultural transformation.

In **2001**, he founded **Fuerza Solidaria** and subsequently participated in the creation and development of international initiatives aimed at strengthening cooperation among political leaders, parliamentarians, and organizations committed to the defense of democracy and the rule of law, including **UnoAmérica** and the **Democratic Parliamentary Alliance of America (APDA)**.

His political career was also marked by persecution by the Venezuelan regime. In **2010**, he **was imprisoned at El Helicoide**, a maximum-security prison in Caracas. He later documented this experience in his book *From Chávez's Dungeons*. After years of restrictions on his freedom and public activities, he left Venezuela in 2021 and subsequently settled in Europe, where he continues his work as a researcher, writer, advisor, and international lecturer.

He currently serves as a **Senior Expert at Geopolitical Intelligence Services (GIS)**, based in Liechtenstein, and as a **Senior Advisor to Fundación Disenso**, based in Madrid. He also participates in research, analysis, and international debate through various European and American institutions and think tanks.

As an international speaker, Peña Esclusa has participated in **universities, parliaments, research centers, and international forums** across Europe and the Americas, addressing issues related to geopolitics, democracy, security, Latin American political developments, and international relations.

Among the institutions and forums where he has participated are the **Hungarian Center for Fundamental Rights, the Senate of Spain, the Danube Institute in Budapest, the Conservative Partnership Institute (CPI) in the United States, Mathias Corvinus Collegium, the Tusványos Festival, Universidad CEU San Pablo, the Pučnik Institute in Slovenia, the European Parliament in Brussels, and international Foro Madrid meetings**, among others.

He is the author of **ten books** addressing democracy, geopolitics, cultural warfare, and the political evolution of Latin America, several of which have been published in different languages. His most recent works include *The Cultural War of the São Paulo Forum*, *The Electoral Frauds of the São Paulo Forum*, and *Classical Art and Cultural Marxism*.

His writings and analyses have been published and disseminated by specialized media and platforms in Europe and the Americas, establishing him as one of the Latin American voices with extensive experience in analyzing the region's political evolution and emerging forms of authoritarianism.

His Role at IVEJM

As part of the international expansion of **IVEJM – Institute for International Cooperation**, Alejandro Peña Esclusa joins the Institute as **Senior Strategic Advisor for Latin America and International Affairs**.

In this capacity, he will contribute to the development of IVEJM's international strategy, particularly with regard to **Latin America and the Mercosur region**, drawing on his experience in geopolitical analysis, international relations, institutional and business networks, and the assessment of opportunities and risks in complex political and economic environments.

He will also participate in **business missions, international delegations, conferences, high-level meetings, and strategic initiatives**, contributing to the strengthening of ties between Central and Southeastern Europe and Latin America.

His appointment reflects IVEJM's vision of building an international platform connecting **Europe and Latin America** through business cooperation, investment, institutional relations, and the development of strategic partnerships.

Alejandro Peña Esclusa brings to IVEJM a distinctive combination of **in-depth knowledge of Latin America, geopolitical expertise, international experience, institutional credibility, and an extensive network of relationships**—assets that are particularly relevant to the Institute's international development.