

US-Mexico Labor Market Dilemma: Overcoming the bi-national Political Circus

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Helen E. Kriebler

Helen Kriebler is the founder and president of The Vernon K. Kriebler Foundation, a private foundation dedicated to public policy and America's Founding principles. She has served on numerous boards and commissions, is the recipient of dozens of awards, and is active in many organizations working to support free enterprise and entrepreneurship nationally and internationally.

She is a noted leader in the national debate on illegal immigration, and the author of "Two Paths to Safety: A Private Sector Initiative to Break the Illegal Immigration Deadlock." She has become a highly sought-after speaker on the issue, including forums in both Houses of Congress, the prestigious Heritage Lecture, the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), Institute of the Americas and testimony before a U.S. Senate Committee.

Ms. Kriebler's creative and practical approach to the immigration issue has also been widely covered by the news media, including Fox News (Neil Cavuto) and CNBC (Kudlow and Company). She has been featured on several nationally syndicated radio shows, including the Newt Gingrich program, Dateline Washington, the Kirby Anderson/Carmen Pate program, and the Rusty Humphries Show. She has done interviews with major national newspapers including the Wall Street Journal, Christian Science Monitor, Financial Times, Roll Call, The Hill, National Journal, American Spectator, Human Events and Congressional Quarterly. She has been quoted in articles in major dailies across the nation, including the Washington Post, Washington Times, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News, Dallas Morning News, and Detroit Free Press. And she has done local radio talk shows in more than two-dozen cities.

Ms. Kriebler holds a B.A. (cum laude) from Harvard-Radcliffe and a M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, in addition to post-graduate work at John Hopkins. She owns and operates the Colorado Horse Park, an international equestrian and events center in Parker, Colorado. Raised in Connecticut, she is a renowned art historian and has

developed nationally recognized art lectures, exhibits and workshops. She was an Assistant Professor of Art History at Hartford College for Women, served as CEO of three major art galleries, and Curator of Education at the Wadsworth Athenaeum. She served as a Regent at the University of Hartford, and on numerous board and commissions, including the Denver Art Museum, the Free Congress Foundation, Radio America, the Colorado Horse Development Authority, the Colorado Horsemen's Council, and the Vernon K. Kriebel Foundation. She is also a founding board member of the Leadership Program of the Rockies, one of the most highly acclaimed and successful political leadership training programs in the country.

She also serves as the managing member of Westward Enterprises, and on the boards of several family investment companies and foundations.



Dr. Alejandro A. Chafuen

Dr. Alejandro Antonio Chafuen has been president and CEO of the Atlas Economic Research Foundation since 1991 and founder trustee of the Hispanic American Center of Economic Research. Dr. Chafuen serves as trustee and on the advisory boards of several European and Latin American institutes.

He is a frequent commentator on economics, security, and strategic threats in Latin America, as well as on the relationship between economics and ethics, such as corporate social responsibility and corruption. He is the author of *Faith and Liberty* (Lexington Books, 2003) (*Economía y Ética*, RIALP), which has been published in different editions in Spain, Poland and Italy.

Dr. Chafuen serves on the board of the Chase Foundation of the Commonwealth of Virginia, on the board of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is also member of the advisory board of the Social Affairs Unit (U.K.) and since 1980, member of the Mont Pelerin Society. Chafuen is a Graduate of the Argentina Catholic University. He was Associate Professor at the Argentine Catholic University, the University of Buenos Aires, and The Hispanic American University, CA.



Maria Elena Labastida

Maria Elena Labastida Tovar was born in Mexico City. She is a candidate for the interdisciplinary Ph.D. in political economy and political science at the University of Geneva in Switzerland, where she is completing a dissertation on the antidumping policies in the European Union and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). In addition she is pursuing a second Ph.D. in Public Policy and Political Economy at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), where she prepares three essays on freedom of movement of goods, capital and labor.

She holds a Master's degree in international relations with a specialty in international political economy from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva. In 2004 she completed a second Master's degree in economics and political European studies from the European Institute of the University of Geneva. She received her Bachelor's of Arts in international relations from the New World University in Mexico City.

Labastida's research work includes dispute settlement mechanisms employed by the World Trade Organization and in regional trade agreements as well as research on non-documented Mexican workers in the United States. "The Impact of NAFTA on the Mexican-American Border" is the title of her chapter that has been recently published by Palgrave-McMillan in the book entitled [The Politics, Economics and Culture of Mexican-US Migration: Both Sides of the Border](#). In this essay, Labastida sets forward her proposal for allowing the free movement of labor for non-professional workers among the members of NAFTA.

Mrs. Labastida worked for the United Nations Organization for Science, Culture and Education (UNESCO) as a research assistant to the Director of the UNESCO Mexican Office. On an internship basis, she collaborated in the issuance of political and economic analysis reports for the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Mexican Embassy in Morocco. She was employed for five years at the Société Générale de Surveillance, a Swiss multinational firm with an affiliate office in Mexico City, as coordinator of inspections of quantity and quality of internationally traded consumer goods and coordinator of quality assurance services.



Dr. Thomas Cieslik

Dr. Thomas Cieslik is a German citizen and has an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Political Science at the Eichstätt Catholic University of Germany. He is currently the coordinator of the Mexico project of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation. He was professor and researcher of the Social Studies and International Relations Department of the School of Public Administration of the Tecnológico de Monterrey, Campus Estado de México (ITESM-CEM) until July 2007. In the fall 2004 he was a visiting professor at the Maastricht Center for Transatlantic Studies. He is also a member of the National Research System (SNI) of Mexico. He has lectured in Germany, Bolivia, Brazil, South Korea, the United States, Morocco, Mexico, the UK, Holland and Turkey. He has published several books and articles in international newspapers and magazines.



Albert Angulo

Albert Angulo brings international expertise to U.S. based clients that need business expertise in Latin America and Washington, DC or to Latin American clients that need U.S. knowhow and expertise to deal with Washington or Corporate America.

He started life in Madrid Spain and has been “at home” in Paris, Caracas, Mexico City, Rye, NY, Philadelphia, Houston and currently Washington, DC. His career spans 4 ½ decades of work on a global basis, from international banking and project finance, corporate treasury and international marketing to Public Service in Washington and Latin America. He has just retired from nearly 2 decades of public service where he served as the Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean at the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (TDA). In that position, he was instrumental in creating over \$100 million in grants for infrastructure development in Latin America which have led to the creation of nearly half a million jobs in the region. At the March 2006 Latin American

Leadership Forum his work was recognized through the Lifetime Achievement Award which he received before a standing ovation of over 400 Latin American experts. He is the first TDA official to have been so honored.

His familiarity with the official U.S. trade promotion agencies (Ex-Im Bank, OPIC, USTDA, AID, etc.), multilateral finance institutions (World Bank Group, Inter-American Development Bank Group [IDB], Andean Development Corporation [CAF] enable his clients to get to the issues that matter in an effective and expeditious manner. He knows how business is conducted in Latin America and can help clients get to the deal quickly and with positive results.