



Professional Summary

Ernesto Velázquez Argaña is a distinguished international lawyer, academic, and arbitrator with extensive expertise in international economic law, trade integration, and investment regimes, with particular emphasis on MERCOSUR. He holds a Law degree from the Catholic University of Asunción and an LL.M. from the University of London (Queen Mary), awarded under a scholarship from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He has also completed advanced diplomatic and international law studies at institutions such as the University of Oxford, Leiden University, the University of Geneva, and Lund University.

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As a professor of Public International Law and a prolific author, his work bridges theory and practice, offering deep insight into regional integration, international trade agreements, foreign investment protection, and the legal and institutional framework of MERCOSUR. His participation in these events provides attendees with a rigorous, practical, and forward-looking perspective on MERCOSUR's strategic opportunities, challenges, and the evolving role of trade and investment agreements in regional and global markets.

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