

# MIGUEL A (ARIAS) ROZO

MPA | Harvard (candidate)  
BA | UBC | International Relations

**About me:** A multilingual, international speaker (Davos, TEDx) with 9 years of experience in international relations, public policy, sustainability, innovation, development, and social entrepreneurship.

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## LANGUAGES

- **English & Spanish** (Fluent)
- **German & German** (Intermediate)

## RELEVANT SKILLS

- Founded social innovation and systems change learning organization
- Strong understanding of foreign affairs and policy
- Experience mobilizing global initiatives, events, convening diverse stakeholders - in the Global North and Global South
- Experience working with underrepresented groups through advocacy and policy
- Strong intercultural, diplomatic, communication and negotiation skills
- Self-starter and excel working in teams
- Can work independently and under pressure
- International experience in policy, leadership, entrepreneurship, advocacy campaigns

## PARLIAMENTARY KNOWLEDGE

### [Institute for Future Legislators](#) (UBC)

- 2014 & 2017. Enrolled in 6-week course (and parliamentary simulation) on advancing Canadian legislation and governance

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

- **World Economic Forum Agenda (2023)** on [moving the needle on systems change](#)
- **World Economic Forum & Quartz Virtual Panel (2021)** on [future of capitalism](#)
- **Apolitical (2020)** on [leveraging momentum from Covid-19 to reimagine government](#)

## EDUCATION

### HARVARD UNIVERSITY

#### MID-CAREER MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (CANDIDATE)

Cambridge, USA | 2024 - 2025

- Candidate at Kennedy School specializing in public sector leadership, environmental policy, emerging technology, and civil society mobilization
- Awarded Rotary Global Grant Scholarship by the Rotary Foundation

### UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (UBC)

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA), INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Vancouver, Canada | 2009 - 2015

- Specialized in Diplomacy, Peace and Security Studies
- Featured on [university's home page for outstanding accomplishments](#)

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

### GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (WORLD BANK)

Washington DC, USA | June 2023 – June 2024

- Co-led launch of Inclusive Challenge Program, a high-level initiative that awarded \$2.5M to 23 Global South NGOs advancing climate resilience
- Co-led climate finance capacity building workshops in the Solomon Islands and Dominican Republic for governments and CSOs
- Reporting on various global environmental multilateral conventions

### GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA (MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS)

Vancouver/Ottawa, Canada | November 2019 – May 2023

**Advisor**, [GAC Future of Work Taskforce](#) | July 2022 – May 2023

- Recruited to assist Associate Deputy Minister to enhance organizational design through events, foresight, change management

**Policy Advisor**, [Office of Human Rights, Freedoms, Inclusion](#) | Nov 2019 - 2022

- Advised Canadian government and diplomats on international democracy policy, elections, international rules-based order
- Provided advice on disbursement of \$10M Democracy Fund to empower civil society and strengthen democratic resilience in fragile democracies
- Co-lead for leaders-level US Summit for Democracy, UNGA resolutions

### CONSULTANT (JPC) – UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

UNAC: Bogotá, Colombia | February – August 2019

- JPC/Advisor with Democratic Governance Unit. Worked in Spanish
- Institutional strengthening, SDGs, civil society, modernizing child welfare
- Co-led rural field missions to strengthen peacebuilding and governance

### FOUNDER, FORMER DIRECTOR – IDEASXCHANGE

Vancouver, Canada | Jan 2015 – Jan 2018

- Founded a hub for interdisciplinary thinking that incorporated as a non-profit, and [trained 1,500+ youth](#) in sustainability literacy, social innovation
- Ran and designed interactive workshops, design labs, case competitions, call for proposals, volunteer management, grant writing.
- Moderated [15+ sessions](#) on foresight, climate, social innovation and tech

## CLIMATE / ENVIRONMENT-RELATED TRAINING

### CERTIFICATE – CLIMATE REALITY

Atlanta, USA | May 2019

FULLY FUNDED

[WWW.CLIMATEREALITYPROJECT.ORG](http://WWW.CLIMATEREALITYPROJECT.ORG)

### TALENT – UNLEASH (UN SDGs) INNOVATION LAB

Singapore, Singapore | May 2018

FULLY FUNDED

[WWW.UNLEASH.ORG](http://WWW.UNLEASH.ORG)

### DELEGATE – LEADING CHANGE CANADA

Vancouver, Canada | March 2016 + 2018

FULLY FUNDED

[WWW.LEADINGCHANGE.COM](http://WWW.LEADINGCHANGE.COM)

- Leading Change convenes [Canada's 150 emerging sustainability leaders](#)

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## GLOBAL ADVOCACY - SPEAKING

### SPEAKER – ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Davos, Switzerland | May 2022

- One of 50 global fellows invited to Davos Annual Meeting
- [Spoke on panel “tackling youth mistrust”](#) with Global Shapers, the Managing Director of the WEF, and ex Editorial Director of BBC News
- Co-presented [world’s first youth-led recovery plan](#) (see details below)

### PANELIST – Future Investment Initiative (FII) panel alongside UNGA

New York City, USA | September 2022

- Invited to speak at [FII Institute’s Priority Summit](#) which convened industry and world leaders to discuss *humanity’s highest priority* alongside UNGA

### G7 YDC YOUTH DELEGATE – G7 YOUTH SUMMIT (Y7)

Rome, Italy | May 2017

- One of four Canadians chosen to advocate for Canada’s youth at the Y7
- Negotiated communique and [presented recommendations to G7 Sherpas](#)

### TEDx SPEAKER – UBC VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Canada | November 2015

[Shared story to audience of 400+](#) on experiences as a refugee and the economic, social, and moral argument to accept forcibly displaced people

## LOCAL & GLOBAL ADVOCACY - AFFILIATIONS

### GLOBAL SHAPER (GSC) - Initiative of the WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Canada | October 2016 - Present

- Member of network of emerging leaders to scale-up impact
- Co-founder, [Reimagine Society](#) (April-Dec 2020), an initiative that galvanized young thought leaders to envision a more inclusive recovery
- Co-chair, [Davos Lab Taskforce](#) (Jan-Aug 2021), a project that reached 2 million, [featuring 40 policy recommendations](#) of young people in 150 countries to shape a more inclusive recovery
- [WEF Expert Forum Network](#) member, comprised of global thought leaders
- [Appointed to GSC Advisory Council](#) (2023-25), meet annually in Geneva

### PRESIDENT (2015-16) – ROTARACT CLUB OF VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Canada | September 2012 - May 2016

- Led service club of 80 members, chaired meetings, oversaw projects
- Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Vancouver

## PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE (2010-14)

### 2.5 YEARS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE VIA UNIVERSITY WORK TERMS (2010-14)

#### RESEARCHER – ILLUMINATE CONSULTING GROUP

San Francisco Bay Area, USA | January - April 2014

#### RESEARCH / POLICY ANALYST – B.C. MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Victoria, Canada | Sept 2011 - June 2012

#### POLITICAL / ECONOMIC INTERN – U.S. CONSULATE-GENERAL

Vancouver, Canada | June - September 2011

## AWARDS

### Awarded Master’s scholarship (2020) - withdrew due to pandemic

- [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) worth \$150k CAD to pursue M.A. in [Environment, Ecology and Energy](#) at UNC-Duke (USA)

### ADVOCATE – PILOT STEM LITERACY PROJECT, COLOMBIA (2017)

- Received \$5k to deliver computer literacy classes to vulnerable children

### YOUTH AMBASSADOR – ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE FULLY FUNDED

Wil, Switzerland | August 2007 – July 2008 [WWW.TINYURL.COM/RYE-PROGRAM](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/RYE-PROGRAM)

- Attended local high school, lived with host families, learned German

## SPEAKING/PANEL MODERATION

- **Speaker engagements** on migration, youth, social innovation, policy
- **Moderated panel discussion** on a wide range of public policy issues

## EXTRACURRICULARS at UBC

**Student Clubs** - AIESEC, Model UN

## INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

**Former refugee.** Forcibly displaced from Colombia at age 9 due to civil conflict. Lived under political asylum in the United States from ages 11-13. Settled in Canada afterwards.