

**Dr. Jorge G. Castañeda**

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Biography

Dr. Jorge Castañeda was Foreign Minister of Mexico from 2000 to 2003. He attempted to run for President of Mexico as an independent candidate in 2006. Dr. Castañeda is a renowned public intellectual, political scientist, and prolific writer, with an interest in Mexican and Latin American politics, comparative politics and US-Mexican and U.S.-Latin American relations.

He taught at Mexico's National Autonomous University (UNAM) from 1978 through 2004, at Princeton University, and the University of California, Berkeley and (since 1997) at NYU. Dr. Castañeda was a Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (1985-87) and was a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Research and Writing Grant Recipient (1989-1991).

Among his more than 15 books published in the United States and elsewhere are: *Limits to Friendship: The United States and Mexico* (with Robert Pastor), *Utopia Unarmed: The Latin American Left after the Cold War* (Knopf, 1993), *The Mexican Shock* (New Press, 1995), *Compañero: The Life and Death of Che Guevara* (Knopf, 1997), and *Perpetuating Power: How Mexican Presidents Were Chosen* (New Press, 2000); *Ex-Mex: From Migrants to Immigrants* (The New Press, 2007); *Mañana Forever? Mexico and the Mexicans* (Vintage, Random House, 2012).

Dr. Castañeda is a regular columnist for the Mexican daily Milenio, the Spanish daily El País and TIME Magazine. In 1997, he was appointed Global Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Latin American Studies at New York University. He has been a Member of the Board of Human Rights Watch since 2003. In April 2008, Castañeda was elected Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and International Member of the American Philosophical Society. In 2013, President Peña Nieto appointed him as Co-President of the France-Mexico Strategic Council.