

**CURRICULUM VITAE ANDREAS SCHIEDER**



Andreas Schieder is a member of the European Parliament and the Head of the Austrian SPÖ-EU-Delegation. Before that, he served as parliamentary leader of the Social Democratic Party in the Austrian Parliament. He was also state secretary in the Ministry of Finance from 2008 to 2013. Schieder holds a master's degree in economics from the University of Vienna.

Since 2019 Member of European Parliament and Head of SPÖ Delegation

From 2013-2019 Member of Parliament and SPÖ Group Leader

From 2006-2008 and 2017-2019 Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Austrian Parliament

2008-2013 State Secretary in the Federal Chancellery and Ministry of Finance

1997-2006 City Councillor Vienna

1997-1999 President of the European Young Socialists

1994-1998 IUSY Vice-president

## CURRICULUM VITAE DIEDERIK SAMSOM



**Diederik Maarten Samsom** (born 10 July 1971) is a Dutch environmentalist and retired politician who served the [Labour Party](#) (*Partij van de Arbeid* PvdA) from 2012 to 2016. He was the first leader in the 70-year history of the PvdA to have been voted out of his position by party members. Since November 2019 Samsom is head of cabinet for [First Vice-President of the European Commission, Frans Timmermans](#).

Elected to the [House of Representatives](#) between 30 January 2003 and 14 December 2016, he was elected PvdA [parliamentary leader](#) as well as [party leader](#) on 16 March 2012.<sup>[1]</sup> He lost the Labour Party leadership election to [Lodewijk Asscher](#) in December 2016. Before his election to the House of Representatives he was [CEO](#) of a [green energy company](#) and a campaigner for [Greenpeace Netherlands](#).

## CURRICULUM VITAE STEPHEN MINAS



**Stephen Minas** is an Associate Professor of Law at the School of Transnational Law of Peking University, and a Senior Research Fellow in the Transnational Law Institute of King's College London. He has worked in the UNFCCC process in several capacities and is now Chair of the UNFCCC Technology Executive Committee.

He completed Honours degrees in Law and History at the University of Melbourne, an MSc in International Relations at the London School of Economics, a PhD in Law at King's College London and a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice.

His research and teaching interests include energy law, climate change law & international environmental law.

Stephen has worked on several projects of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies on climate change and is a former member of the FEPS Young Academics Network.

## CURRICULUM VITAE MARGOT WALLSTRÖM



**Margot Wallström** has been a long-time advocate of the rights and needs of women throughout her political career – first as Swedish Minister and later as **Environment Commissioner and Vice-President of the European Commission**.

She served as the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict from 2010 to 2012 and as the Minister for Foreign Affairs for Sweden from October 2014 until she resigned on 5 September 2019.

Since her appointment to the European Commission in 1999, she has been actively engaged in promoting the participation of women in peace- and security-related issues, most notably the injustice and violence faced by women during armed conflict.

Since 2007, she has served as Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders Ministerial Initiative, where she actively promoted the appointment of women to positions of responsibility. Ms. Wallström also played a leadership role in raising awareness about the urgency to implement United Nations Security Council resolutions 1325 (2000) and 1820 (2008) on Women, peace and security.

Ms. Wallström has received several honorary doctorates and awards for her work on sustainable development and climate change, and has also done extensive work to endorse a **European Union-Africa partnership on renewable energy, and to champion equal opportunities**. She was also co-founder of the European Union inter-institutional group of women and a key supporter of the 50-50 Campaign for Democracy by the European Women's Lobby, where she worked to promote a more gender-balanced European Union. Ms. Wallström's other distinctions include being voted "Commissioner of the Year" by the European Voice newspaper in 2002. She has received numerous awards on rights, as well as environmental and European issues, including the Monismanien Award for Freedom of Speech (2009) and the Göteborg Award on Sustainable Development.

## CURRICULUM VITAE FRANCOIS GODEMENT



**François Godement** is Senior Advisor for Asia to Institut Montaigne, Paris. He is also a non-resident Senior Associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C., and an external consultant for the Policy Planning Staff of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Until December 2018, he was the Director of ECFR's Asia & China Program and a Senior Policy Fellow at ECFR.

A long-time professor at France's National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilisations and Sciences Po, he created Centre Asie IFRI at the Paris-based Institut Français des Relations Internationales (1985-2005), and in 2005 Asia Centre. He is a graduate of the Ecole Normale Supérieure de la Rue d'Ulm (Paris), where he majored in history, and was a postgraduate student at Harvard University. In 1995 he co-founded the European committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP), which he co-chaired until 2008. His last published book (with Abigaël Vasselier) is [La Chine à nos portes - une stratégie pour l'Europe](#), Odile Jacob, 2018, and authored in December 2019 an Institut Montaigne study, [Digital Privacy, How Can we Win the Battle?](#).

He recently authored the following Institut Montaigne's policy papers: [Europe and 5G: the Huawei Case](#) (May 2019, with Mathieu Duchâtel), [Digital Privacy, How Can We Win the Battle?](#) (December 2019), [Fighting COVID-19: East Asian Responses to the Pandemic](#) (April 2020, with Mathieu Duchâtel and Viviana Zhu) and [Europe's Pushback on China](#) (June 2020).

**CURRICULUM VITAE SUSAN BINIAZ**



**Susan Biniiaz** is a former Deputy Legal Adviser at the U.S. State Department, was the lead climate lawyer and a climate negotiator for the U.S. government from 1989 to early 2017. She worked on a wide variety of other subjects during her time at the State Department, including legal issues related to U.S. treaty practice, outer space, law of the sea, the environment, Somali piracy, the Middle East, Europe, the Western Hemisphere, law enforcement, human rights, and private international law. Since leaving the government, she has taught international law courses at Columbia, the University of Chicago, and Yale. She is currently a Senior Fellow at the UN Foundation, a Senior Advisor at the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, and a Distinguished Senior Fellow at Climate Advisers.

Longtime State Department climate negotiator Susan Biniiaz is joining Biden’s team to staff up Foggy Bottom. Ms Biniiaz, who worked for three different administrations as a career official, will weigh in on diplomats charged with negotiating international climate treaties, delivering finance for countries to adapt to climate change and participating in U.N. climate talks designed to further global emissions reduction efforts.

## CURRICULUM VITAE MARIA TADEO



**Maria Tadeo** is a Brussels-based reporter for Bloomberg Television where she regularly reports on the continent's politics and economy. She covered the Catalan independence crisis in-depth in 2017, the European elections and the Brexit negotiations from Brussels.

She has also covered international events such as the G-7 and the European Central Bank monetary policy decisions. She also covered the Spanish and Greek general elections as part of the broader shift in European politics and followed the Italian government crisis securing an interview with Matteo Salvini.

Reporting from the field across Europe, she has also landed interviews with top ranking European officials including French Finance Minister Bruno le Maire, Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and European Central Bank governing council member Olli Rehn among others.

Previously, Maria was based in Bloomberg's London headquarters and the Madrid bureau. She graduated with a first class degree in journalism from City University London and received a scholarship from Banco Santander to complete a master's degree in financial journalism. She is fluent in English, Spanish and French.