

Jorge Islas

Professor Jorge Islas has a Law degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico and a LLM from Columbia University, New York. He has been a precursor of right to information and transparency in Mexico.

He was part of *Grupo Oaxaca* before the National Congress in the drafting of the first Transparency and Access to Information Act (2000-2002). He is the founding professor of the first Right to Information class in Mexico, at National University's Law School (2002).



He coordinated and edited the book *Transparency in the Administration of Justice*, which contains the first national studies concerning judicial transparency, such as a great number of other essays and academic articles regarding this subject (2004). He was appointed as member of Article XIX's International Board, an NGO dedicated to the promotion and protection of the right to information, freedom of expression and transparency, headquartered in London, England.

He has received many personal and group distinctions, among which stand out the award from Connecticut's Congress (2003) and the one from the transparency federal institute (Mexico, 2012) for his contribution in the discussion and institutionalization of transparency and the right to know about public governmental information in the country. He served as General Attorney of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (2004--2008).

He is an analyst and editorialist at *El Universal* and the Mexican Radio Institute. He recently coordinated and edited the book titled *The Prince by Nicolo Machiavelli: 500 Years about Power's Effective Truth* (2014). He also serves as translator and editor of Professor Giovanni Sartori. He is currently a full-time Professor of Constitutional Law at the National Autonomous University of Mexico's Law School.