



Arancha González Laya

Arancha González Laya has served as Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) at Sciences Po since March 2022. With extensive experience in global economics and political affairs, she has held notable positions such as Spain's Minister of Foreign Affairs and United Nations Assistant Secretary-General.

KEY TOPICS

- **Navigating a Fractured Global Economy**
- **Global Trade Outlook 2025 and beyond**
- **Inclusive Globalisation**
- **Sustainability, ESG, and Corporate Diplomacy**
- **Geopolitical Outlook**

BIOGRAPHY

Arancha González Laya: Renowned Leader in International Affairs

Arancha González Laya's career is marked by her significant contributions to international affairs. As the Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po, she brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to one of the world's leading institutions for international studies. Her profound understanding of global economics and political affairs makes her an ideal keynote speaker for corporate events.

Distinguished Roles in Global Affairs

From January 2020 to July 2021, González served as Spain's Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation. In this role, she was pivotal in shaping Spain's foreign policy and representing the country in global diplomatic arenas. From September 2013 to January 2020, she served as United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (ITC). The ITC is a joint trade development agency of the United Nations and the World Trade Organisation. Under her leadership, the ITC focused on enhancing the international competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to foster inclusive and sustainable development. From 2005 to 2013, González served as Chief of Staff to WTO Director-General Pascal Lamy and as his G20 Sherpa. Her deep knowledge of global trade dynamics makes her presentations on global economics both insightful and compelling. Arancha González Laya began her illustrious career as an associate at a German law firm, where she advised companies on trade, competition, and state-aid matters. A native of Spain, she holds a law degree from the University of Navarra and a postgraduate degree in European Law from Carlos III University of Madrid (UC3M).

Service in Advisory Roles

She serves on Danone's Mission Committee and is a member of The European House - Ambrosetti International Advisory Council. These roles reflect her ongoing commitment to influencing global policies and corporate strategies.

Engaging Keynote Topics

Arancha González Laya is well-versed in addressing audiences on a variety of topics, including:

- **Global Economics and Political Affairs:** Drawing from her extensive experience in international trade and diplomacy, González Laya provides insightful analysis on global economic trends and political dynamics.
- **Leadership and Change Mindset:** With a career that spans leadership roles in major international organisations, she offers practical advice on effective leadership and adapting to change in a rapidly evolving world.

Book Arancha González Laya to Speak at Your Next Event!

Arancha González Laya's extensive experience in international affairs, trade, and diplomacy makes her a distinguished leader and influential figure in global policy-making. Her current role as Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po allows her to shape the next generation of leaders in international studies. To book Arancha González Laya for your next corporate event and gain invaluable insights from her experience, visit our [contact page](#).