

Timeline Alumni UK



1977

Alfonso Nieto
Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE)

Alfonso Nieto is a retired diplomat who served in embassies in the United States, Canada, Argentina, Belgium, Romania, and Panama. He completed his master's degree at the University of Sussex, and for Alfonso, his experience during the master's programme provided essential tools for his career in public relations.



2011-2012

Sofia Diaz Rivera Ollivier
Danone

Sofia Ollivier is Danone's Head of Sustainability in Mexico, leading water, CO2, regenerative agriculture and circular economy initiatives. She promotes the transition to recyclable packaging and the reduction of plastics, carbon and methane. With a master's degree from Strathclyde University, she highlights the importance of connections made in the UK for her career in sustainability.



2015-2020

Paulo Griesse Brunet
National Association of Public Policy Experts and Government Management (ANESP)

Paulo was a postgraduate student at the London School of Economics between 2015 and 2020. He is currently General Manager at ANESP, where he oversees strategic projects and processes, provides consultancy for the Board, and produces institutional documents on topics such as management, advocacy, governance, and communication.



2012

Daniela Klebis
Brazilian Society for the Advancement of Science (SBPC)

A master's graduate from the London School of Economics, Daniela is currently the communications coordinator at SBPC, ensuring that science remains at the heart of public discourse and policy development. She participated in the creation of the Carolina Bori "Science & Women" Award, which celebrates the achievements of women in science and encourages young women in the scientific fields.



2012

Tania Teresa Marín Macías
Doctors of the World

As Medical Coordinator for Doctors of the World in Mexico, Tania facilitates access to primary healthcare, sexual and reproductive health, and immigrants' right to healthcare. A master's graduate from the University of Leeds, she has coordinated humanitarian programmes in Brazil, Central America, and Mexico.



2013

Robson Tramontina
NexViro Biologics

Winner of the British Council Study UK Alumni Brazil 2024 Award and a finalist for the 2024 Global Alumni Awards in the Business and Innovation category, Robson conducted research at the University of Manchester (2013) and is revolutionising molecular diagnostics in South America with his startup, NexViro Biologics, aiming for sustainable bio-economic growth.



2013

Oscar Palma
Universidad del Rosario

With a postgraduate degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science (2013), Oscar specialises in international and national security, focusing on war, defence, terrorism, and organised crime. As a university professor, he has influenced several generations of students and professionals, making complex security and geopolitical topics more accessible to the public.



2013-2014

Lucas Chung Man Leung
Oracle

A student at Sheffield Hallam University, Lucas won the British Embassy Ambassador SwB UK Competition in 2015 and was a torchbearer for the Rio Olympics in 2016. He is currently responsible for Oracle's technology product strategy in Latin America and created two education-focused global programmes.



2014

Andrea Puzzi Nicolau
Spatial Informatics Group

Andréa Puzzi spent 2014 at the University of Greenwich during her undergraduate studies. She is now a Geospatial Data Scientist at the Spatial Informatics Group, primarily supporting geospatial activities for the NASA SERVIR-Amazon hub, where she provides technical support in developing geospatial tools and services.



1984

Telma Gimenez
State University of Londrina (UEL)

A professor of Language Studies at UEL, Telma Gimenez works with English language teaching and teacher training. She visited the UK on three separate occasions during her academic formation and believes that these experiences not only provided a better perspective on her field of expertise but also on British culture and lifestyle.



1992-1993

Maria Etelvina Reis de Toledo Barros
United Nations

A retired sociologist from the UN, she was the first staff member of UNAIDS, which leads and coordinates the global response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. She lived in Brazil, Mozambique, and Panama, always working with HIV/AIDS issues. Her connection with the UK did not stop there: her daughters, Julieta and Anita, were Chevening Scholars and are also active members of the network.



2001

Luiz Fernando Godinho
UNHCR - UN Refugee Agency (Regional Bureau for the Americas)

A master's graduate from the University of Westminster, Luiz Fernando is currently a Communications Officer at the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) for the Americas. He is responsible for media relations and the organisation's outreach, as well as coordinating various operations across countries in content production.



2003

Allan Marcelo de Campos Costa
ISH Tecnologia

An author and professional speaker, Allan Costa is the CEO and shareholder of ISH Tecnologia, the largest cybersecurity company in Brazil. He completed his master's at Lancaster University (2003) and views his UK experience as pivotal, particularly the network he established. He also served as Honorary Consul of the UK in Curitiba.



2003

Sissi De La Peña
Mexican Academy for Cybersecurity and Digital Law

A postgraduate student from the University of Leeds, Sissi is leading International and Government Affairs at AMCID_Mx, shaping digital policy, particularly in artificial intelligence, the digital economy, and cybersecurity. She is part of a pioneering team focused on AI issues in Mexico.



2020

Amanda Sadalla
Serenas

Co-founder of Serenas, a non-profit organisation focused on training public agents to prevent and respond to violence against girls and women in Brazil. Winner of the British Council Study UK Alumni Brazil 2024 Award and a finalist for the 2024 Global Alumni Awards, Amanda holds a master's in public policy from the University of Oxford.



2020

Oscar F. Fernandez Diaz
University of Guadalajara

Oscar Diaz is a physician specialised in reconstructive plastic surgery and a professor at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Guadalajara. In 2020, he was a master's student at Queen Mary University of London, where he had a transformative experience, which expanded his international network and encouraged him to continue learning and engage in scientific activities.



2021

Laura Margarita Reyna de la Garza
TikTok

A Chevening Scholar at the University of Cambridge, a member of the university's alumni society, and a British Council Creative Leader in 2024, Laura is currently the Public Policy Manager for Latin America at TikTok, promoting the creation of more inclusive and secure digital spaces and teaching innovation to public servants.



1999

Jorge Ferreira Franco
Municipal Secretary of Education - São Paulo Council

Between 1999 and 2000, Jorge studied for a master's in Virtual Environments at The University of Salford. This experience provided the foundation for his ongoing research and teaching, using multimedia resources to support English language lessons and working as a facilitator of digital resources in the education of students and educators.



1999

Sidney Luiz de Matos Mello
Cesgranrio Foundation

Sidney Mello is a geologist, specializing in marine geology. He was a professor at UFF and is currently the Head of Research at Cesgranrio, where he focuses on evaluating education in Brazil. He attended the University of Leeds during his doctoral studies and has trained students and contributed to marine sciences in Brazil for over 35 years.



2006-2007

Adriana Llabrés García
Actress

A producer and actress, Adriana won the Best Actress award at the Ariel Awards (MEX) for her role in the film Todo Silencio. A student of East 15 Acting School at the University of Essex, she is dedicated to telling stories in Mexican cinema that go beyond the traditional narratives.



2008

Leonardo Trench
Gradeup Education Consultancy

Founder and director of Gradeup Education Consultancy, a company focused on advising and preparing Brazilians for admission to universities abroad. He currently represents over 50 UK universities, which is the primary destination for his students. He remains connected to the UK, integrating the British Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Brazil.



2010

Octavio Amezcua Noriega
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

A master's graduate from the University of Essex, Human Rights officer Octavio Noriega assists victims of human rights violations in their quest for justice and redress. He ensured many torture victims received reparations and prevented future violations by prosecuting perpetrators. He also contributed to drafting laws on torture and disappearances in Mexico.



2021

Petrina Teixeira Santos
Volkswagen Financial Services Brazil

A student at the London School of Economics, Petrina works at Volkswagen Financial Services Brazil, where she is responsible for establishing the department, developing the ESG strategy, and leading its implementation with stakeholders. She also works on local and global ESG governance and has developed a social programme focused on social mobility.



2021-2023

Jennifer Colpas Fernandez
Tierra Grata

Co-founder and CEO of Tierra Grata, a Colombian company that provides sustainable energy, water, and sanitation solutions for rural communities lacking access to these services. Her postgraduate experience at Sussex University broadened her global perspective on social development and the importance of international collaboration.



BRAZIL



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COLOMBIA