

# **Leonardo Vivas**

**Director - LATAM Initiative, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard Kennedy School at Fair Observer**

Boston, MA, US

A Fair Observer: Latin American politics, culture & human rights are research interests for Harvard University's Director, LATAM Initiative

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## **Description**

Professor Leonardo Vivas is a Fellow the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy and is Director of the Latin American Initiative at Harvard Kennedy School. At Fair Observer, he serves as the Editor-at-Large for Latin American issues.

Professor Vivas is a sociologist from Central University in Venezuela, with an M.Phil from University of Sussex, UK, and a Ph.D from Nanterre UniversitÃ© in Paris.

He founded and for several years has led Latin Roots, an organization devoted to Latino Culture and Education in Massachusetts. Professor Vivas has been a fellow and associate researcher at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University. At Tufts University he taught a course about the Chavez Era in Venezuela. In Venezuela he was Director of Industry in the Development Ministry and founder of several nonprofit organizations.

Professor Vivas has published two books about Venezuela's political crises and co-edited another about grass roots management. He writes for the media both in the Boston area and in Venezuela.

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## **Availability**

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC, Author Appearance, Corporate Training

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## **Industry Expertise**

International Affairs, Non-Profit/Charitable, Media - Online, Education/Learning, Public Policy, International Trade and Development, Writing and Editing

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## **Topics**

Latin America, Freedom of Expression in Latin America, Journalism and the Media in Latin America, The Future of Information in Latin America, New Media in Latin America, Latin American Politics

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## **Affiliations**

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## **Past Talks**

## KEYNOTE CLOSING COMMENTARY

Freedom of The Press in Latin America Conference

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### Education

University of Sussex

M.Phil

Nanterre Universit ©

Ph.D.

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### Accomplishments

**Editor-at-Large Latin America**    Fair Observer

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**Director**    LATAM Initiative, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy

The mission of the Carr Center, like the Kennedy School, is to train future leaders for careers in public service and to apply first-class research to the solution of public policy problems. The Center uses its research capacity to evaluate the human rights policies of the United States and other governments and to analyze the dilemmas that need to be resolved when human rights principles are brought to bear on major public policy choices.

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