

Rashad Cassim

Dr Rashad Cassim is a deputy governor of the SARB and a member of the Monetary Policy Committee. He oversees the Financial Markets and International Cluster, responsible for financial markets, international economic relations and policy, and legal services. Before the rotation of the deputy governors on 1 April 2022, he oversaw the Financial Stability and Currency Cluster. He also served as Chairperson of the Irving Fischer Committee on Central Bank Statistics within the Bank for International Settlements. Prior to joining the SARB, Dr Cassim served as the Deputy Director-General for economic statistics at Statistics South Africa, which included responsibility for the production of inflation and gross domestic product statistics. Before that, he was a professor and Head of the School of Economics and Business Sciences at the University of the Witwatersrand. Dr Cassim has also held various research and academic positions at the University of Cape Town (UCT). He holds a Master's degree in Economic History and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Economics from UCT.

Jonathan Heath

Jonathan Heath graduated with Honors in Economics from the Universidad Anahuac in 1978. He obtained a Masters in Economics and an ABD with special fields in Monetary and International Economics in the Economics Graduate Program at the University of Pennsylvania. He has more than 40 years' experience analyzing the Mexican economy and its outlook, during which time he was Chief Economist for Mexico for various global financial institutions and international consulting firms. He has lectured on the Mexican economy, its history and outlook at five major universities in Mexico City. He was a full-time visiting lecturer at the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana Azcapotzalco giving classes in macroeconomics, monetary policy, inflation and labor markets. He has been a guest speaker at more than 50 universities in Mexico and the United States. He has written numerous articles that have appeared in more than 60 magazines and newspapers, both in Mexico and abroad, and has given conferences on the Mexican economy in more than twenty countries. He had a weekly column in the business section of Reforma newspaper from 1995 to the beginning of 2019. In 2011 he was a visiting researcher at the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) where he wrote the book, "*Lo que Indican los Indicadores*" (What the Indicators Indicate). With the book as a basis, he coordinates a certified course (diplomado) on Mexican macroeconomic indicators at the Interactive Economics Museum (MIDE) since 2013. In 2021 he coordinated a three-volume series called "*Lecturas en lo que Indican los Indicadores*" (Readings in What the Indicators Indicate), with the collaboration of 31 experts in topics related to economic indicators. The titles of some of his previous books are "Understanding the Bank of Mexico", "Mexico and the Sexenio Curse: Presidential Successions and Economic Crises in Modern Mexico" and "Money." He has been a member of the Mexican Institute of Financial Executives (IMEF) since 1992. He is the author of the IMEF Manufacturing and Non-Manufacturing Indicators, implemented in 2004, and of the monthly IMEF survey of consensus forecasting from 2009. On 23 January 2019, he was appointed member of the Governing Board of the Bank of Mexico for an eight-year period ending on 31 December 2026.

Elina Ribakova

Elina Ribakova is a Non-resident fellow at Bruegel. She is also a Non-resident senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics and a Director of the International Affairs Program and Vice President for foreign policy at the Kyiv School of Economics. Her research focuses on global markets, economic statecraft and economic sovereignty. She has been a senior adjunct fellow at the Center for a New American Security (2020–23) and a research fellow at the London School of Economics (2015–17). Ribakova has over 25 years of experience with financial markets and research. She has held several senior-level roles, including deputy chief economist at the Institute of International Finance in Washington, managing director and head of Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) Research at Deutsche Bank in London, leadership positions at Amundi (Pioneer) Asset Management, and director and chief economist for Russia and the Commonwealth for Independent States (CIS) at Citigroup. Prior to that,

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Barnabás Virág

Barnabás Virág has been Deputy Governor of the Magyar Nemzeti Bank since 22 June 2020. He is responsible for monetary policy, financial stability, and international relations. From 2015 until his appointment as Deputy Governor he served as Executive Director of the MNB responsible for monetary policy and economic analysis. Between 2013 and 2015 he was Director of the MNB responsible for economic analysis. From 2003 he worked as an Analyst at the MNB. Prior to that he taught at the Budapest University of Economics and State Administration (today Budapest Corvinus University) and was an Analyst at the Ministry of Finance. In 2017 he was awarded the Popovics Prize. He completed his studies at the Budapest University of Economics and State Administration.

Boris Vujčić

In July 2012, Mr. Vujčić became Governor of the Croatian National Bank for a six-year term of office and was re-appointed for another six-year term of office in July 2018. He has been a Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Vienna Initiative 2.0 since 2016, a member of the General Council of the ECB and a member of the General Board of the ESRB since 2013. Since 1.1.2023, Governor Vujčić is a member of the Governing Council of the ECB. Boris Vujčić holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Zagreb. He has been an associate professor at the Zagreb Faculty of Economics since 2003. At the Zagreb Faculty of Science, Department of Mathematics, he has lectured as visiting professor since 2004. Mr. Vujčić's fields of expertise and teaching include macro and monetary economics, international finance and labor economics. He is the author of numerous scholarly papers and articles on economic issues.