

## **CARMELO MESA-LAGO** **Biographical Summary**

Bachelor in Law from the University of Havana (1956), Doctorate in Law specialized on social security from the University of Madrid and the Iberoamerican Organization of Social Security (1958), M.A. on Economics from the University of Miami (1965), Ph.D. on Industrial and Labor Relations specialized on social security from Cornell University (1968). Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Pittsburgh since 1999, Distinguished Professor in 1980-99. Professor and Research Scholar on International Relations and Latin America at Florida International University in 1999-2002. Member of the U.S. National Academy of Social Insurance and of the Editorial Board of the *International Social Security Review* and other five academic journals. Visiting professor and/or researcher at Oxford University, Max-Planck Institut für ausländisches und internationales Sozialrecht (Munich), Freie Universität Berlin, Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset (Madrid), Instituto Torcuato Di Tella (Buenos Aires), Centro Latinoamericano de Economía Humana-CLAEH (Montevideo), Centro Inter-Americano de Estudios de Seguridad Social-CIESS (Mexico City), Emilio Bacardi Professor at the University of Miami. Regional Advisor on Social Security and Development at the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in 1983-84. Author of 73 books and about 240 scholarly articles/chapters in books, most of them dealing with social security, published in eight languages in 33 countries. Books include: *Social Security in Latin America: Pressure Groups, Stratification and Inequality* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 1978), *Ascent to Bankruptcy: Financing Social Security in Latin America* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 1989), *Portfolio Performance of Social Security Institutes in Latin America* (World Bank, 1991), *Health Care for the Poor in Latin America and the Caribbean* (Pan American Health Organization, 1992), *Changing Social Security in Latin America* (Lynne Rienner, 1994), *Do Options Exist? The Reform of Pension and Health Care Systems in Latin America* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 1998), *Market, Socialist and Mixed Economies: Comparative Policy and Performance* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000), *Las Reformas de Pensiones en América Latina y su Impacto en los Principios de la Seguridad Social* (ECLAC, 2004) and *Las Reformas de Salud en América Latina y el Caribe: Su Impacto en los Principios de la Seguridad Social* (ECLAC, 2006). Currently he is working on a major book in English on pension and health care reforms in the 20 countries of Latin America. Mesa-Lago has been a lecturer in 36 countries in Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America, as well as a consultant on social security for International Labor Office, International Social Security Association, United Nations Development Program, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, UNCTAD, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, Inter-American Foundation, USAID, Pan American Health Organization, Asian Development Bank, Wharton Econometrics Forecasting, GTZ, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. He has conducted research and advising on social security in all Latin American countries, as well as in Bahamas, Barbados, Egypt, Germany, Ghana Jamaica and Thailand. In 1991 he completed a comparative study of social security in Asia and Latin America for the GTZ; in 1995 did a study for UNCTAD comparing and evaluating social safety nets in Africa and Latin America; in 2002 was a major speaker in a seminar on social protection in Asia and Latin America organized by the IADB and the ADB. He has been awarded research grants from the National Science Foundation, the Social Science Research Council, the Ford, Rockefeller, Mellon, Tinker, Kellogg and Heinz Foundations, the Fulbright Program and Japan Foundation, and has received prizes from the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung (outstanding research on social security), the Arthur Whitaker Prize (best book of the year), the Hoover Institution (best scholarly article of the year), the University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Senior Research Award, Choice (outstanding book on social security), and the Iberoamerican Organization of Social Security and the Inter-American Committee on Social Security (on life work on social security).