



Minister Plenipotentiary Jorge Ojeda appointed Consul General by the President and Minister of Foreign Affairs -MAF- of Colombia to British Columbia, Yukon and Northwestern Territories, Canada.

In State duty since 1998, as a diplomat for 22 years, Jorge has advised the Africa, Middle East, Central Asia, Europe, Cultural, Consular, Internal Affairs, and Organizational Planning Directions at MFA.

Counsellor at the Consulate General in Panama City, and Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of Colombia to Panama. Jorge Ojeda has also served as Deputy Head / at Permanent Missions and Embassies of Colombia in Austria and Kenya, and UN-Agencies in Nairobi and Vienna (UNEP, Habitat, UNCITRAL, UNIDO, COPUOS, UNODC) and before Austria, Czech, Slovakia, Hungary, Turkey, and Balkan Republics governments. Besides *Chargée d'affairs* a. I., he managed trade, culture, science, and political matters as a Second and First Secretary.

In one of his beloved activities, Minister Ojeda has worked as a part-time University professor at the Externado, Javeriana, Nacional, Tadeo Lozano, and Rosario Universities. At the latter, he led a professorship of international relations, called 'Diplomatic Action'; created a UN Model in 'Environmental Negotiations', juror and thesis director for graduates in political science, and international affairs.

In 2001, Jorge was sworn as official Interpreter and Translator of Polish, French, and German languages by the Ministry of Justice, and has also counselled and evaluated Official Sworn Language Experts Examinations. As a Third Secretary, he had the honor of being a State ceremonial interpreter for various presidents and high-level Diplomatic Academy's fora.

Jorge holds four master's in international relations, political sciences, multinational management, and global security from the *Uniwersytet Warszawski*, *Sciences Po-Paris*, *Freie Universität Berlin*; and *Université de Genève* / Geneva Center for Security Policy https://www.gcsp.ch/, all of them achieved thanks to academic performance scholarships and in local languages other than Spanish, his mother-tongue. He has been a scholar in postgraduate studies of *Environmental Diplomacy and Policy Making* at UNITAR-UNEP/Joensuu – Kwa Zulu Natal and Good Governance and Trade at Auckland University, as well as Update on European Affairs at *Istituto Italo-Latinoamericano* in Rome and Trieste.

Assigned as spokesperson of the Embassy in Austria (in German), Jorge defended Colombian Institutions at turbulent times of peace-war debates at the Vienna Diplomatic Academy, among others. Dealing with crises inspired him in 2014 to write on a transition process towards democratization through parliamentarian, territorial constituencies for demobilized forces applying United Nations Peace Building Standards https://revistaorbisasodiplo.org/index.php/orbis/article/view/80, as subscribed later on.

His master thesis "<u>Jorge Ojeda, Transboundary Governance: The Role of Nation-states</u>" 2015, (CTRL-click) thanks to study case SARS-CoV-1 (2002), foresaw how transnational collaborative work has a harm-reduction impact of hazardous transboundary flows, like the later CoVID-19 (2019-2021).

Jorge's professional experience before his diplomatic work includes private/public sector jobs related to logistics, social benefits, industrial property rights, and international marketing studies.

His extended multinational family has a diplomatic vocation with members serving in foreign services for different Nations.