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Rafael del Villar holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania (1988). He has had different academic positions. As Minister for Economic Affairs of the Mexican Embassy in Paris, he participated in works of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) where he collaborated in the design of the competition and consumer protection laws of Mexico. Back in Mexico, he became Director General for Economic Studies at the newly formed Federal Competition Commission and two years later Director General for Telecommunications Policy and International Negotiations at the Ministry of Communications and Transport from where he promoted the Federal Telecommunications Law that was enacted in June of 1995. From the middle of 1996 to 2006 Rafael del Villar was part of the Economics Research team at the Mexican Central Bank (Banco de México), where he proposed a low cost interconnection mechanism between the Mexican and US payments systems that is working since the end of 2003. He also participated in the design of the Bankruptcy, Credit Bureau, and Transparency and Access to Public Information laws. From December 2006 to September 2008, he performed as Undersecretary of Communications at the Ministry of Communications and Transport. Currently, Rafael del Villar is a Commissioner at the Federal Telecommunications Commission.