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I. Personal Data

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Birth: August 4, 1968.
Marital status: Married
Citizenship: Costa Rican

II. Work experience

II.1 Teaching & Research

Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy	The Brookings Institution (Washington, DC)	July 2008 –
Associate professor of State Theory at the Law School.	University of Costa Rica (San Jose, Costa Rica)	Feb 1996 – (on leave)
Class teacher at the Latin American Centre. Course: "The Politics of Democracy in Latin America" (for graduate students).	University of Oxford (Oxford, UK)	Oct 2002 – Dec 2002
Teaching assistant at the Government Department. Course: "Introduction to Latin American Politics" (for undergraduate students)	University of Essex (Colchester, UK)	Oct 1993 – Jun 1994
Researcher at the Latin American Centre.	University of Essex (Colchester, UK)	Oct 1993 – Sep 1994

II.2 Public Sector/Politics

Minister of National Planning and Economic Policy and Second Vice-President <ul style="list-style-type: none">o General Co-ordinator and Lead Author of Costa Rica's National Development Plan 2006-2010;o General Co-ordinator of the national State reform and e-government strategy.o General Co-ordinator of national strategy to attract Official Development Assistance	Republic of Costa Rica	May 2006 – Sep 2007
General Co-ordinator and Lead Author of Dr. Oscar Arias' Election Platform	National Liberation Party (Costa Rica)	August 2005 – Feb. 2006

II.3 Consulting & Development

Consultant to the Second Report on Democracy in Latin America	United Nations Development Program	March 2008 –
Consultant/Advisor to the International Foundation for Electoral Systems' (IFES) "Money and Politics Program" on campaign finance issues.	International Foundation for Electoral Systems (Washington, DC)	January 2003 – July 2005 and since January 2008
General Co-ordinator and Lead Author of Costa Rica's National Human Development Report, titled <i>Overcoming Fear: Citizen (In)security and Human Development – Costa Rica 2005</i> . Advisor on governance issues.	United Nations Development Program (San Jose, Costa Rica)	March 2003 – July 2005

Consultant to UNDP-sponsored project “State of the Region in Human Sustainable Development.” Wrote the report on the funding of political parties in Central America and Panama.	State of the Nation Project (San Jose, Costa Rica)	Jun 2002 – Sep 2002
Program officer. Research, advising and project management in the fields of democratization, human rights, security and civil-military relations in Central America.	Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress (San Jose, Costa Rica)	Jun 1995 – Sep 1997
Advisor to the Special Legislative Commission on Electoral Reform. Writing of background reports and technical advice.	Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica (San Jose, Costa Rica)	Feb 1995 – May 1995
Consultant to UN project “Operation of the Rule of Law in Central America and Panama.” Wrote the report on the operation of the Rule of Law in Costa Rica’s Penal System.	United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (San Jose, Costa Rica)	Nov 1991– Mar 1992

II.4 Other

Attorney-at-Law. Private practice in various fields, notably Criminal Law.	Brenes & Associates Law Firm (San Jose, Costa Rica)	Nov 1991– Sep 1992
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III. Education

III.1 Degrees

University of Oxford	DPhil in Politics Thesis: “Paying for Democracy in Latin America: Political Finance and State Funding for Parties in Costa Rica and Uruguay”	1997-02
University of Essex	MA in Latin American Government and Politics (Distinction) Thesis awarded distinction: “Neo-Conservative Economic Adjustment, Equity and Polity: Interactions in the Chilean Experience, 1973-1992”	1992-93
University of Costa Rica	J.D., Licenciado en Derecho (Graduation of Honour) Thesis awarded distinction: “Representative Democracy in Costa Rica? Analysis of the Costa Rican Electoral System and its Prospects for Change” Co-authored with Olman Briceño-Fallas.	1985-91

III.2 Executive education

Harvard University – John F. Kennedy School of Government	Global Leadership and Public Policy for the 21 st Century	April 2008
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III.3 Awards and scholarships

Young Global Leader (WEF)	Selected one of the 2007 World Economic Forum’s Young Global Leaders	2007
Human Development Award of Excellence on Human Development Innovation, Concepts or Measurement (UNDP)	Winner of the 2007 Human Development Award of Excellence on Human Development Innovation, Concepts or Measurement, as General Co-ordinator of Costa Rica’s 2005 UNDP National Human Development Report, titled <i>Overcoming Fear: Citizen (In)security and Human Development</i>	2007

ECPR 2004 PhD Thesis Prize	For best thesis in Political Science in Europe. European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), UK	2004
Young Costa Rican Leader	Selected as one of Costa Rica's 40 most important leaders under 40 years old, <i>El Financiero</i> Business Weekly	2004
Washington Antonians' Book Prize	For outstanding academic performance. St. Antony's College, Oxford, UK	2001
Ronald Falconer Scholarship	University of Oxford, UK	1997-00
Macarthur / Ford / Hewlett Foundation Scholarship	Institute of International Education, Mexico	1997-98
Overseas Research Student Scholarship	Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the UK	1993-94
Oscar Arias Scholarship	British Council / University of Essex, UK.	1992-93
Student of Honour Scholarship	For outstanding academic performance. University of Costa Rica	1987-90

IV. Publications and papers

IV.1 Books

- Casas, Kevin (2005), *Paying for Democracy: Political Finance and State Funding for Parties*; Colchester, European Consortium for Political Research. (English)
- Casas, Kevin & Brenes, Arnoldo, eds. (1998), *Soldiers as Businessmen: The Economic Activities of Central America's Militaries*; San José, Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress. (English)
- Casas, Kevin, ed. (1997), *Comparative Civil-Military Relations: Understanding the Mechanisms of Civilian Control in Small Democracies (Latin America)*; San José, Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress. (Spanish)

IV.2 Journal articles, book chapters and official working papers

- Casas, Kevin (2007), "El financiamiento político: Cuestiones ineludibles en su debate"; in Jorge Rovira, ed., *Desafíos Políticos de la Costa Rica Actual*; San José, Editorial Universidad de Costa Rica.
- Casas, Kevin (2005), "State funding and campaign finance practices in Uruguay"; in Carlos Malamud & Eduardo Posada-Carbó, eds., *The Financing of Politics: European and Latin American Perspectives*; London, Institute for the Study of the Americas (University of London).
- Casas, Kevin & Zovatto, Daniel (2004), "Financiamiento político en Centroamérica, Panamá, República Dominicana y México"; in Steven Griner & Daniel Zovatto, eds., *De las Normas a las Buenas Prácticas: El Desafío del Financiamiento Político en América Latina*; San José, OAS-IDEA.
- Casas, Kevin & Zovatto, Daniel (2004), "El financiamiento político en Centroamérica, Panamá y República Dominicana"; in Diego Achard & Luis E. González et al., *Un Desafío a la Democracia: Los Partidos Políticos en Centroamérica, Panamá y República Dominicana*; San José, IADB-IDEA-OAS.
- Casas, Kevin (2004), "La regulación de las finanzas políticas en Guatemala: Una indagación comparativa"; *Transparencia e Integridad*, Vol.1, No.5 (February), Guatemala.
- Casas, Kevin (2004), "Regulando el financiamiento político en Costa Rica: Algunas reflexiones prácticas"; in Mimi Prado, ed., *Modernización del Estado Costarricense*; San José, Centro Internacional para el Desarrollo Humano–Fundación Honrad Adenauer.

- Casas, Kevin (2004), *Political finance regulation in Guatemala: A comparative survey*; Washington DC, IFES Political Finance White Paper Series.
- Casas, Kevin (2003), “Financiamiento de campañas en Centroamérica y Panamá”; *Cuadernos de CAPEL*, No.48, San José.
- Casas, Kevin (2003), “Financiamiento de campañas y subsidios electorales en Uruguay”; *Cuadernos del CLAEH*, No.86-87 (August), Montevideo.
- Casas, Kevin & Brenes, Arnoldo (2003), "Soldiers as businessmen: The economic activities of Central America's militaries," in Broemmelhoerster, Joern & Paes, Wolf-Christian, eds., *The Military as an Economic Actor: Soldiers in Business*; London, Palgrave/Macmillan.
- Casas, Kevin (2001), "Direct party subsidies in Costa Rica: Notes on their effects on the dynamics of the party system;" in Rovira, Jorge, ed., *La Democracia de Costa Rica ante el Siglo XXI*; San José, Editorial Universidad de Costa Rica / Fundación Friedrich Ebert.
- Casas, Kevin & Tacsan, Joaquín (1996), “The new Latin American democracies: Considerations on the unfinished agenda;” in Padilla, Luis Alberto & Pacheco Gaitán, Guillermo, eds., *Primer Congreso Latinoamericano de Relaciones Internacionales e Investigaciones para la Paz*; Ciudad de Guatemala, Consejo Latinoamericano de Investigaciones para la Paz / Instituto de Relaciones Internacionales y de Investigaciones para la Paz.

IV.3 Book reviews

- Casas, Kevin (2000), Book review of Mavis Hiltunen Biezans, Richard Biesanz and Karen Zubris Biesanz’ *The Ticos: Culture and Social Changes in Costa Rica*; in *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Vol.32, No.2.
- Casas, Kevin (1999), Book review of Fabrice Lehoucq’s *Lucha Electoral y Sistema Político en Costa Rica, 1948-1998*; in *Journal of Latin American Studies*, Vol.31, No.2.

IV.4 Other papers and documents

- Casas, Kevin, “Is a political surgery urgent? An analysis of President Rodríguez’ proposal to turn Costa Rica into a semi-presidential regime.” Paper presented at the workshop “Does Costa Rica need a political surgery?”, San Jose, Costa Rica. May 29, 2001. Published in a special edition of the weekly *El Financiero* (San Jose, Costa Rica), June 4-10, 2001.

Regular contributor to the editorial pages of Costa Rica’s main daily, *La Nación* (since 1997), the business weekly *El Financiero* (since 2001) and the business magazine *Actualidad Económica* (since 2004).

V. Other

Memberships	Active member of the World Economic Forum’s Young Global Leaders Forum.
Languages	Spanish (mother tongue), English (fluent)
Computer skills	Word, Excel, PowerPoint
Interest and pastimes	Latin American literature, chess, cinema, jazz, travel, wine tasting, squash.

VI. References

Dr Oscar Arias	President of Costa Rica and Nobel Peace Laureate 1987	Tel: (506) 22079100 msolera@casapres.go.cr
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