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### **Biography**

**Harold Trinkunas** is the Associate Director for Research and Senior Research Scholar at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at the Freeman Spogli Institution for International Studies at Stanford University. Prior to arriving at Stanford, Dr. Trinkunas served as the Charles W. Robinson Chair and senior fellow and director of the Latin America Initiative in the Foreign Policy program at the Brookings Institution. His research focuses on Latin American politics, particularly on issues related to foreign policy, governance, and security. He studies emerging powers and the international order. Trinkunas has also written on ungoverned spaces, terrorism financing, borders, energy security, drug policy and Internet governance.

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