

Ana María Salazar

Ana Maria Salazar is considered one of the most versatile journalists/analyst in Latin America. In the last 15 years she has interviewed in English and Spanish, presidents, presidential candidates, ministers, politicians, analysts, artists, authors, chefs, business and social leaders. Her extensive background in government and politics in the USA and Latin America gives her an extraordinary advantage during her interviews and investigative reporting since she is considered one of the foremost experts on US/Latin American relations, and US/Mexico politics and economies.

Since 2005 she has anchored a daily English speaking nation-wide radio news programs “Imagen News” which is heard in 19 Mexican cities. In addition, she also hosts “Living in Mexico” since 2004, a weekend radio review of the most important news in Mexico (www.imagen.com.mx/ana-maria-salazar). Her TV in English and Spanish includes ADN40 News the only national newscast about Mexico in English, and in Spanish includes a weekly analytical show on US politics: “The World according to Trump” and a weekly show analyzing violence, security and law enforcement issues called “Gabinete de Seguridad”, both at Financiero/BloombergTV, and she co-anchored a daily a political roundtable on Mexican politics called “El Primer Café” where she analyses and debates current affairs and breaking news for ADN40 TV and a weekly participation on a political roundtable “Al Cierre” for Financiero/BloombergTV .

Her TV work in Spanish includes a weekly participation on a political roundtable “De Bote Pronto” for UNOTV (www.unotv.com.mx), and she anchored and produced for 7 years “Seguridad Total”, a weekly investigative show dedicated to security issues in Mexico that broadcasted for seven years (www.youtube.com/seguridadtotaltv). She also co-anchored for 4 years a daily a political roundtable “El Primer Café” analyzing and debating current affairs and breaking news for Proyecto 40.

In addition to her daily TV and radio work in both English and Spanish, since 2001 she publishes a highly regarded column on politics, international affairs and security matters, and publishes in more than 10 newspapers including El Financiero-Bloomberg, El Informador, El Imparcial and other major Mexican newspapers, Forbes Mexico and “La Opinión” in California.

She anchored from 2002 – 2003 a daily TV nightly news program in Spanish at MVS, Channel 52. She is a recognized expert on national security issues and has provided analysis and commentaries for CNN (English and Spanish), BBC radio and TV, NBC, TV Azteca, Televisa, and numerous national and international media groups and

newspapers. She has received various awards in recognition of her media and community work.

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Before moving to Mexico in 2001, she held various high-level political appointments in the US government. Between June 1998 and January 2001, Ms. Salazar served at the Pentagon as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Drug Enforcement Policy and Support. As a result of her efforts at the Pentagon, in 2000 Ms. Salazar was recognized by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the 100 most influential Hispanic Americans in the United States. Prior to joining the Pentagon, Ms. Salazar served at the White House as Policy Advisor for President Clinton's Special Envoy for the Americas in 1998 and from March 1995 to June 1997, she served in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

In addition to her media work, Ms. Salazar heads Grupo Salazar Slack SC, a consulting firm based in Mexico that specializes on leadership, media, negotiations and gender training. Ms. Salazar is a prized public speaker and trainer and is recognized for her analysis and forecasts.

Ms. Salazar received her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1989 and a B.A. in "Political Economies of Industrial Societies" from the University of California at Berkeley in 1986. She is admitted to practice law in Massachusetts and in the District of Columbia and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

She has received numerous awards and recognitions including the "Medal for Outstanding Public Service" and the "Joint Meritorious Award" by the U.S. Secretary of Defense, the "Medalla Militar-Ministerio de Defensa" by the Colombian President, and the "Orden Naval Almirante Padilla" by the Colombian Secretary of the Navy. In 2000, Ms. Salazar was recognized by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the 100 most influential Hispanic Americans in the United States. Forbes Mexico recognized her as one of the 50 most powerful Mexican women in November 2012. In 2017, "Revista Seguridad" identified her as one of the 100 most influential Mexicans in the public

security arena. She has twice (2013 and 2017) been awarded a medal for her radio and TV work by the “Asociación Mexicana de Locutores” In 2010 she received the Tercer Premio Latinoamericano por la Vida y la Seguridad de las Mujeres y de las Niñas en América Latina y el Caribe, for her dedication to stopping the trafficking of women and children. The City of Puebla awarded her in 2011 the “Distinguished Guest” award. Oklahoma State University awarded her the prestigious Henry G. Bennett Fellow in 2006.