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Resignations and Appointments

Appointment of ordinary members of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

The Holy Father has appointed as ordinary member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences the distinguished Professor Pedro Morandé Court professor emeritus of sociology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.

Professor Pedro Morandé Court

Professor Pedro Morandé Court was born in Santiago de Chile, Chile, on 3 August 1948. He holds a degree in sociology from the “Friedrich-Alexander” University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany. In the Pontifical University of Chile he has served as ordinary lecturer and then head of the department of sociology (1987-1990), pro-rector (1990-1995), dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences (1995-2014), and is currently professor emeritus. He specialised in sociology of culture and religion, and in sociology of the family with special focus on the Latin American people and their social history. He has published numerous articles on the family and cultural identity of Latin America.

The Holy Father has appointed as ordinary member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences the distinguished Professor Mario Draghi, former president of the European Central Bank (Italy).

Professor Mario Draghi

Born in Rome on 13 September 1947, Professor Mario Draghi holds a degree in political economy from the “La Sapienza” University of Rome, and was awarded a doctorate in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1981 he became ordinary lecturer in economics and monetary policy at the “Cesare Alfieri” Faculty of the University of Florence. He has served as executive director of the World Bank and director general of the Ministry of the Treasury of the Italian government. He was governor of the Bank of Italy from 2005 to 2011, and president of the Financial Stability Board from 2006 to 2011, when he became president of the

European Central Bank until 2019. He is member of the management board of the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) and the Group of 30 (G30). He is the author of numerous publications, with contributions ranging from macroeconomics to international economy and monetary policy.

The Holy Father has appointed as ordinary member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences the distinguished Professor Kokunre Adetokunbo Agbontaen Eghafona, professor of sociology and anthropology at the University of Benin (Nigeria).

Professor Kokunre Adetokunbo Agbontaen Eghafona

Professor Kokunre Adetokunbo Agbontaen Eghafona was born on 1 October 1959 in London, Great Britain. She studied at the University of Benin, in Benin City, Nigeria, obtaining a degree in history and subsequently a Master of Arts. She was also awarded a Master of Science in archaeology and anthropology from the University of Ibadan, in Ibadan, Nigeria. In the University of Benin she is a lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology from 1992; she became senior lecturer in 1996, associate professor in 2003, an ordinary professor in 2008, and has also held numerous administrative roles, including: head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2009-2013) and director of part-time programmes (2016). She has also been responsible for sustainable development within the United Nations network of sustainable solutions (2012-2017). She is the author of numerous scientific publications. Her current scientific activities include measures to combat human trafficking in Nigeria.
