



Dr. Astrid S. Tuminez

Biography

Dr. Astrid S. Tuminez joined Microsoft in October 2012 as the regional director of legal and corporate affairs in Southeast Asia, responsible for driving government relations, corporate citizenship, and business and regulatory initiatives in that region.

She is also an adjunct professor, the former vice-dean (research) and assistant dean (executive education) of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (National University of Singapore). Previously, at the US Institute of Peace, she assisted in advancing peace negotiations between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. Astrid was also a senior advisor to the Salzburg Global Seminar, director of research for alternative investments at AIG Global Investment, a consultant to the World Bank, and an institutional sales/research professional at Brunswick Warburg.

In the 1990's, she ran the Moscow office of the Harvard Project on Strengthening Democratic Institutions, where she worked with leading reformers. She was also a program officer at the Carnegie Corporation of New York, focusing on grant-making in democratization, conflict prevention, and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. She is a member and former adjunct fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is the author of the book, *Russian Nationalism Since 1856: Ideology and the Making of Foreign Policy*, and other publications on a range of subjects.

In 2012, Astrid authored, *Rising to the Top? A Report on Women's Leadership in Asia*, a project supported by the Asia Society and the Rockefeller Foundation. She has been a US Institute of Peace scholar, a Freeman fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar, a fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School, a distinguished alumna of Brigham Young University, a fellowship recipient of the Social Science Research Council and the MacArthur Foundation, and a member of the International Advisory Board of the Asian Women Leadership University project and the Institute on Disability and Public Policy. She serves on the board of the Bank of the Philippine Islands and ASKI Global, a non-governmental organization focused on training and financing entrepreneurship among Asian women migrant laborers.

Astrid was selected in 2013 as a "Top 100 Global Influencer" by the Filipina Women's Network of the US. She holds a master's in Soviet Studies from Harvard University and a PhD in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is based in Singapore, and is the proud mother of three children, ages 17, 12, and four.