

Alessandro Leipold

Alessandro Leipold has had an extensive career in international economics and finance, centered in banking and international organizations – notably the European Commission and the International Monetary Fund. Mr. Leipold has written widely, including as a columnist for *Il Sole 24 Ore*, and given numerous presentations on international financial issues.

At the IMF, Mr. Leipold's career spanned surveillance and program work, leadership of the Fund's international capital markets missions, and Fund governance issues. From 1998, he was part of the European Department's senior management team, with responsibilities covering regional studies for Europe, and leadership of IMF missions to several major EU countries, including France, Italy, and Spain, as well as the Euro Area. As Acting Director of the European Department, Mr. Leipold led its activities during the outbreak of the global financial crisis in 2007-08, and the Fund's programs in Hungary, Ukraine, Latvia, and Iceland.

After leaving the IMF staff at end-2008, Mr. Leipold was Chief Economist at the Lisbon Council, a Brussels-based think tank, and a Senior Fellow at Luiss School of European Political Economy in Rome, where he lectured in 2015-16. He also was an Independent Director on the Board of Pioneer Investment. He returned to the IMF as Executive Director for Italy, Greece, Portugal, Albania, Malta and San Marino in 2017-18. Since then, he has been Economic Counsellor at the Lisbon Council and a Senior Fellow at Luiss University School of European Political Economy, as well as Board Member Emeritus, Clubhouse International, New York, and Board Member, Capital Clubhouse, Washington DC. Mr. Leipold holds a Degree in Economics from Bocconi University, Milan and conducted post-doctoral research at the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies.