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Graciana del Castillo is an expert on macroeconomic and financial issues, particularly in emerging countries. She was the first senior economist in the Cabinet of the UN Secretary-General in the early 1990's, involved in ongoing operations in Latin America, Asia, and Africa. She continued work on countries in Latin America at the IMF and taught financial programming to government officials and directors of central banks in countries from Russia to Ecuador. Dr. del Castillo participated in jump-starting Kosovo's economy, and was invited by the IMF and the World Bank to moderate a major donor's meeting on Timor-Leste in Prague at the time of their annual meetings in 2000. She was a director at Standard & Poor's and the Centennial Group, a senior consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank, a visiting scholar at the OECD Development Center, and a participant in Asian Development Bank and JBIC projects in Asia and Latin America. At S&P she analyzed economic and political risk of government debt and other financial instruments, participated in sovereign ratings committees for countries across the world, and worked on methodological issues relating to risk assessment. Other aspects of her research and policy consulting include the political economy of reconstruction in countries coming out of war or financial crisis, with focus on economic and financial policymaking and effective macroeconomic management. She is a founding partner of the Macroeconomics Advisory Group (MAG). With a Ph.D. in Economics from Columbia University (1986), she has been Adjunct Professor there since 1990, was Associate Director of the Center on Capitalism and Society (2008-09) and is Senior Research Scholar since 2008. Oxford University Press published her book on *Rebuilding War-Torn States: The Challenge of Post-Conflict Reconstruction* in December 2008. Her articles have appeared in top economic and political journals and over 60 newspapers worldwide.