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Augusto Lopez-Claros is an international economist with over 30 years of experience in international organizations, including most recently at the World Bank. For the 2018/2019 academic years Augusto Lopez-Claros was on leave from the World Bank as a Senior Fellow at the Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

Between 2011 and 2017 he was the Director of the World Bank's Global Indicators Group, the department responsible for the Bank's Doing Business report and other international benchmarking studies. Previously he was Chief Economist and Director of the Global Competitiveness Program at the World Economic Forum in Geneva, where he was also the Editor of the Global Competitiveness Report, the Forum's flagship publication, as well as a number of regional economic reports. Before joining the Forum he worked for several years in the financial sector in London, with a special focus on emerging markets. He was the International Monetary Fund's Resident Representative in the Russian Federation during the 1990s.

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In May of 2018 Sweden's Global Challenges Foundation awarded Augusto Lopez-Claros the New Shape Prize for his work (with Arthur Dahl and Maja Groff) "Global Governance and the Emergence of Global Institutions for the 21st Century." St. Martin's Press has just published his book (co-authored with Bahiyyih Nakhjavani) Equality for Women = Prosperity for All.