

Beatriz Ventura

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Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Beatriz Ventura's academic degree background stems primarily from the University of California (Berkeley) and the Université Louis Pasteur (Strasbourg, France), but includes a wide variation of complementary studies at other academic centers, NGOs, business and research institutes. She has lived in the United States, France and Brazil and traveled extensively for professional, educational and personal reasons.

Before coming to the Embassy in 1989, Beatriz Ventura worked for the World Health Organization/Oficina Sanitaria Panamericana (UN Specialized Agency) as International Cooperation Project Technician, the South African Government as Information Officer and later Director for the South African Tourist Corporation (SATOUR) for the Southern Cone of the Americas and steered the English Translation Department of the Social and Political Sciences collection of Grupo Editor Latinoamericano. Ms. Ventura is also active in the cultural world as a writer, an essayist and a translator and teacher of literature, particularly poetry, as well as lecturer on culture and culture management studies.

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