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Leslie Lipschitz became Director of the IMF Institute in December 2003. He joined the IMF in 1974, and during his 30 years of service at the Fund has held increasingly senior positions in four area departments (Western Hemisphere, Asian and Pacific, European, and African) and the Policy Development and Review Department (PDR). He received his PhD in economics from the University of London.

Lipschitz has worked extensively in Asia, Africa, and Europe and has led numerous IMF missions. He has participated in the Fund's work on surveillance over the major industrial countries, led program negotiations for both emerging and developing countries, and, most recently, been closely involved in the Fund's policy development work in surveillance and conditionality.

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