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THE ORGANIZERS

“A world ruled by law, and not by force” has been the [World Jurist Association](#)’s mission since its founding in 1963. As a non-governmental organization with **special consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC** (Economic and Social Council), the [WJA](#) was created to become a free and open forum for judges, lawyers, law professors and other professionals from around the world to cooperate in strengthening and expanding the Rule of Law and its institutions. Amongst its main activities are the organization of the biannual World Law Congress and the presentation of the World Peace & Liberty Award.

As a result of the Madrid Declaration of 2019, the **World Law Foundation** was created as the executive arm to organize the main activities of the World Jurist Association. The [Board of Trustees](#) and the Advisory Board of the WLF are composed of prominent jurists and professionals, including former presidents and prime ministers, presidents of high courts, directors of prestigious institutions, lawyers, academics, and businesspeople.

THE WORLD LAW CONGRESS

The [World Law Congress](#) is a congress of congresses where different organizations and institutions hold their own panels, being the Biennial Congress of the WJA the main event. For three days, global leaders, including heads of State, authorities, justices from supranational and national high courts, policy makers, academics, lawyers, activists, and students, discuss a wide variety of current topics to which the legal community should propose solutions. The history of the World Law Congress is as extensive as the Association’s history. It began in 1963 in Athens, and has continued, almost unstoppable, every two years to this day.

The **WORLD LAW CONGRESS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2025** will be the 29th edition of this three-day event. On the first day, the Opening Ceremony will take place with the participation of local authorities, followed by the Interface International Dialogue, where leaders of the main religions of the world will discuss on Peace through Law. The second day will feature more than 300 speakers, presenters, and panelists from 70+ countries across the five continents, who will discuss multiple topics, from AI regulation to independence of the judiciary to challenges in corporate practice.

Finally, on the third day, during the Closing Ceremony the **World Peace & Liberty Award 2025** will be bestowed to **Sonia Sotomayor**, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America. The award has been previously presented to Sir Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela, René Cassin, Felipe VI King of Spain, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the Colombian society in hands of its then President Ivan Duque, US civil rights leader Andrew Young and the European Commission, received by President Ursula von der Leyen.





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PANELISTS & SPONSORS WELCOME COCKTAIL**

May 5

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OPENING CEREMONY**Aula Magna of the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo****Javier Cremades, Spain**

President of the World Jurist Association

Carolina Mejía, Dominican Republic

Mayor of Santo Domingo

Editrudis Beltrán, Dominican Republic

Rector of the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo

José Alejandro Aybar, Dominican Republic

Chancellor of Universidad del Caribe – UNICARIBE

Pablo Ulloa, Dominican Republic

Ombudsman of the Dominican Republic

Omar Leonel Fernández, Dominican Republic

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Kadir Özkaya, Turkey

President of the Constitutional Court of Turkey

Lucio Ghia, Italy

President of the WJA (1995-1997)

Marko Bošnjak, Slovenia

President of the European Court of Human Rights

Edmundo González Urrutia, Venezuela

President elect of Venezuela

Napoleón Ricardo Estévez Lavandier, Dominican Republic

President Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic

Carlos Vives, Colombia

Singer and songwriter

WELCOMING COCKTAIL

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*(Applicable registration and fee)***May 5, 2025**

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XXIX WORLD LAW CONGRESS' PANELS**Universidad del Caribe (UNICARIBE)****INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FORUM**

Panel 1

INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY, CODE OF ETHICS AND ENFORCING CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES**CHAIR****Stephan Harbarth, Germany**

President of the Federal Constitutional Court

KEYNOTE SPEAKER**Sujata Manohar, India**

Judge of the Supreme Court (1994-99), member of the National Human Rights Commission (2000-2004)

PANELISTS**Napoleón Ricardo Estévez Lavandier, Dominican Republic**

President Magistrate of the Constitutional Court

Miroslav Šeparović, Croatia

President of the Constitutional Court of Croatia

Miodrag Đorđević, Slovenia

President of the Supreme Court of Slovenia

Petr Angyalossy, Czechia

President of the Supreme Court of the Czechia

Gonçalo de Almeida Ribeiro, Portugal

Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of Portugal

Edgardo Cáceres Castellanos, Honduras

Magistrate of the Supreme Court of Justice of Honduras (1994-1998), (1998-2002) and (2016-2023) and Vice President of the National Academy of Law of Honduras

Panel 2

PROTECTION OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE**CHAIR****Shimon Shetreet, Israel**

President, International Association of Judicial Independence & World Peace, Greenblatt Chair Public & international Law, Hebrew University

KEYNOTE SPEAKER**Pascal Pichonnaz, Switzerland**

President, European Law Institute ELI, University of Freiburg

PANELISTS**Marko Bošnjak, Slovenia**

President of the European Court of Human Rights

Margaret Satterthwaite, USA

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers



Valentina Pavličić, Montenegro
President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro

Doris König, Germany
Vice President of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany

Elise Muir, Belgium
Vice Dean for Research, Head of the Institute for European Law of the KU Leuven and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe

Panel 3

CONVERSATIONS ON CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHIES**CHAIR**

Cándido Conde-Pumpido, Spain
President of the Constitutional Court of Spain

PANELISTS

Stephan Harbarth, Germany
President of the Federal Constitutional Court

Pierre Nihoul, Belgium
President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (FR)

Luc Lavrysen, Belgium
President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (NL)

Panel 4

DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE: VOICES OF DIFFERENT ACTORS**CHAIR**

Ekaterina Trendafilova, Bulgaria
President of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers and former Judge at the International Criminal Court

PANELISTS

Nazhat Shameem Khan, Fiji
Deputy Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

Minou Tavarez Mirabel, Dominican Republic
Former Chair of the Board of Direction of the Trust Fund for Victims of Crimes under the Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court

Venkateswari Alagendra, Malaysia
Specialist Counsel at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers

Fidelma Donlon, Ireland
Registrar of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers

Panel 5

CHALLENGES AND BEST PRACTICES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN JUDICIARY**CHAIR**

Jaime Chavez-Alor, Mexico
Associate Executive Director of the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice

PANELISTS

Rosanna Vásquez, Dominican Republic
President of the Dominican Association of Judges for Democracy

Marcelo Gallo Tagle, Argentina
President of the Latin American Federation of Magistrates

Elka Reyes Olivo, Dominican Republic
Judge, Vice-President of the Latin-American Federation of Magistrates

Adriana Orocú Chavarría, Costa Rica
Judge, President of the Costa Rican Association of the Judiciary

Ruby Ibarra, Panama
Judge, President of the Panamanian Association of Magistrates & Judges.

Panel 6

CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (I)**CHAIR**

Mumba Malila, Zambia
Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia

PANELISTS

Amadou Ousmane Toure, Mali
President of the Constitutional Court of Mali

Irena Kucina, Latvia
President of the Constitutional Court of Latvia

Rizine Robert Mzikamanda SC, Malawi
Chief Justice of the Republic of Malawi

Roberto Molina Barreto, Guatemala
Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Guatemala and former Attorney General of the Nation (2005-2006)

Cossi Dorothé Sossa, Benin
President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Benin

Panel 7

CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (II)**CHAIR**

Duro Sessa, Croatia
President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Croatia (2017-2021) and President of the International Association of Judges

PANELISTS

Jassim Mohammed Abboud, Iraq
President of the Federal Supreme Court of the Republic of Iraq

Snežana Armenko, Montenegro
President of the Constitutional Court of Montenegro

Kadir Özkaya, Turkey
President of the Constitutional Court of Turkey

Diallo Mamadou Batia, Mauritania
President of the Constitutional Council of Mauritania

Yahya Afridi, Pakistan



Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pakistan

Asim Vokshi, Albania
Judge of the Supreme Court

Mamadou Badio Camara, Senegal
President of the Constitutional Council of Senegal

Panel 8

CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (III)

CHAIR

Ricardo Lorenzetti, Argentina
President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Argentina (2007-2018)
and current Minister of the Court

PANELISTS

Enrique Arnaldo Alcubilla, Spain
President of the Ibero-American Conference on Constitutional
Justice and Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Spain.

Hilmar Hoch, Liechtenstein
President of the Constitutional Court of Liechtenstein

Syed Refaat Ahmed, Bangladesh
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Peter S. Shivute, Namibia
Chief Justice of Namibia

Genti Ibrahimi, Albania
Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Albania

Paola Meneses, Colombia
Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Colombia

Panel 9

CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (IV)

CHAIR

Ján Sikuta, Slovak Republic
President of the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic

PANELISTS

Bheki Maphalala, Eswatini
Chief Justice of the Kingdom of Eswatini and Chairperson of SEACJF

Luke Malaba, Zimbabwe
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Zimbabwe

Noppadon Theppitak, Thailand
Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand and
former Ambassador of Thailand to several countries

Fatimata Sanou Touré, Burkina Faso
Magistrate of the Constitutional Council of Burkina Faso and
former Ombudsman of Burkina Faso

Abdelaziz Laaroussi, Morocco
Professor of International Law and Political Science, Vice Dean of
Scientific Research and Partnership at the Faculty of Law of the
Mohammed V University of Rabat

Panel 10

CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (V)

CHAIR

Ibrahim Hamis Juma, Tanzania
Chief Justice of the Judiciary of Tanzania

PANELISTS

David Esparon, Seychelles
Judge of Supreme Court of Seychelles

Arman Dilanyan, Armenia
President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

Revati Mohite Dere, India
Judge of the Bombay High Court

Gheorghe Stan, Romania
Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Romania

Udom Sittiwiratham, Thailand
Justice of the Constitutional Court of the Kingdom of Thailand

Antonio López Castillo, Spain
Professor of Constitutional Law at the Universidad Autónoma de
Madrid

Panel 11

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CO-OPERATION

CHAIR

James Ding, China
Phd and Law Officer, Head of the International Law Division, DoJ,
Hong Kong

PANELISTS

Christophe Bernasconi, The Netherlands
Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International
Law (HCCH)

Ignacio Tirado, Italy
Secretary General of UNIDROIT- International Institute for the
Unification of Private Law

Neale Bergman, Austria
Senior Legal Officer of UNCITRAL- United Nations Commission on
International Trade Law

Nicolás Lozada Pimiento, Colombia
Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of the Universidad
Externado de Colombia

Ling Yang, China
Phd and Director of the Hong Kong International Legal Talents
Training Office, DoJ, Hong Kong

Panel 13

CHALLENGES OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CHAIR

Piotr Hofmański, Poland
Former President of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

PANELISTS



INNOVATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RULE OF LAW

CHAIR

María Juliana Ruíz, Colombia
Co-founder of I+D Fondation

PANELISTS

Iván Duque, Colombia
President of Colombia (2018-2022), and co-founder of I+D Fondation

Panel 17

WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE RULE OF LAW

CHAIR

Hilarie Bass, USA
President of the American Bar Association 2019 – 2022 and
President of the Bass Institute for Diversity and Inclusion

PANELISTS

Esohe Ikponmwen, Nigeria
Emeritus Chief Judge of Edo State Nigeria

Aminata Ly Ndiaye, Senegal
Vice President of the Constitutional Council of Senegal

Deborah Enix-Ross, USA
Former President of the American Bar Association (ABA) and
Senior Advisor at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP

Patricia Lee Refo, USA
Past President of the American Bar Association and Partner at Snell
& Wilmer

Panel 18

INDIGENOUS RIGHTS, CULTURAL PRACTICES & UNIVERSAL
HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION

CHAIR

Borys Babin, Ukraine
Ukraine Presidential representative in Crimea (2017-2018), Ad hoc
expert OSCE and Minority Rights Group International

PANELISTS

Oliver Loode, Estonia
Human Rights activist, United Nations Permanent Forum on
Indigenous Issues (UNPFII, 2014–2016)

Peter Umeadi, Nigeria
Emeritus Chief Judge of Anambra State of Nigeria. 2011-2019.
World Jurist Association Board Member 2017-2019. Presidential
Candidate in Nigeria 2023. Life Bencher

Héctor Fabio Henao Gaviria, Colombia
Director of the National Secretariat of Social Pastoral of the
Episcopal Conference of Colombia

Uju Peace Okeke, Nigeria
Human Rights Lawyer; Gender Researcher. Lecturer, Faculty of Law
University of Nigeria Nsukka, Enugu Campus

Biobele Abraham Georgewill, Nigeria
Justice of Court of Appeal, Nigeria. Chairman of Sierra Leone
Presidential Commission of Inquiry 2018

Graciela Gatti, Uruguay
President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal
Tribunals

Soranib Nathali Hernandez de Deffendini, Spain
Associate Professor of Public International Law and International
Relations at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos/Universidad Carlos III de
Madrid

Rafael Heredia Rubio, México
Trustee of the World Law Foundation. Founder Heredia Rubio
Abogados. Professor at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Simón Pedro Deffendini Silva, Spain
Associate Professor of Public International Law and International
Relations, Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Madrid

Panel 14

EXPLORING SHARED VALUES AND PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING
ACROSS CULTURAL TRADITIONS

CHAIR

Manuel Breton, Spain
President of Caritas Española

PANELISTS

Tetiana Stawnychy, Ukraine
President of Caritas Ukraine

Bhuwan Ribhu, India
Founder of Just Rights for Children

Alda Sadiku, Albania
Seconded Judge of Albania

HUMAN RIGHTS & FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Panel 15

CURRENT CHALLENGES TO HUMAN RIGHTS

CHAIR

Dragana Kolarić, Serbia
Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia

PANELISTS

Hüseyn Demir, Germany
President of Human Rights Defenders e.V

Erika Torregrossa, Spain
Principal Chief Executive Officer en DIPLOCORP

Amaka Ufodiama, Nigeria
Deputy Chief Registrar, Probate Registry

Marko Cortés Mendoza, Mexico
Senator of the Congress of the Union of Mexico

Saloua Soumati, Morocco
PhD candidate in Public Law and Political Science at Mohammed V
University of Rabat

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CHALLENGES TO THE PERSONAL SAFETY OF JUDGES IN LATIN AMERICA**CHAIR****Walter Barone**, Brazil

1st Vice-President of the International Union of Magistrates (UIM) and President of the Ibero-American Group of the UIM

PANELISTS**Roberto Carlos Calderón Escobar**, El Salvador

Magistrate of the Supreme Court of Justice of El Salvador

Frederico Mendes Junior, Brazil

President of the Association of Brazilian Magistrates

Marcela Ruiz, Argentina

President of the Argentine Federation of the Judiciary and the Judicial Branch (FAM)

Adriana Orocú Chavarría, Costa Rica

President of the Costa Rican Judiciary Association (ACAJUD) and Vice President of the Central American Federation of Judges and Judges for Democracy (FECAJUD).

Panel 20

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS**CHAIR****Juan Pablo Gallego**, Argentina

President of Gallego Abogados Argentina, member of the Transitional Justice commission and panel of Argentina and expert in international human rights law. Trustee of the World Law Foundation.

PANELISTS**Dimitry Berberoff Ayuda**, Spain

Vice President of the Supreme Court of Spain

Lidia Patricia Castillo Amaya, El Salvador

Magistrate of the Civil Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Republic of El Salvador

Sayra Viviana Arango Puerta, Colombia

Litigation lawyer and researcher

Panel 21

RULE OF LAW WITHIN THE FAMILY LAW SYSTEM**CHAIR****Rachael Kelsey**, United Kingdom

President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL)

PANELISTS**Albana Boksi**, Albania

Judge of the Supreme Court of Albania

Ana María Kudisch, Mexico

President of the Mexican Bar Association and IAFL member

Lavanya Regunathan Fischer, India and Germany

Lawyer and IAFL member

Dilia Leticia Jorge Mera, Dominican Republic

Lawyer and former Administrative Vice Minister of the Presidency

Heather Hostetter, USA

Elected President IAFL, Family lawyer Maryland and District of Columbia (USA)

Veronica Vymazal Bascope, Chile

Family Judge of Osorno

Panel 22

CHILD PROTECTION IN CROSS BORDER SITUATIONS**CHAIR****Carolina Marín Pedreño**, Spain

Vice President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL). Former President of Westminster and Holborn Law Society

PANELISTS**Nataša Plavšić**, Serbia

Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia

Marzia Ghigliazza, Italy

IAFL member, Family lawyer

Pamela Sloan, USA

IAFL member, Family Lawyer in New York

Daniela Horvitz, Chile

IAFL member, former President of the Family Commission UIA

Lola Lopez Muelas Vicente, Spain

IAFL member, President of the Spanish Association of Family Lawyers AEAFA

Lidio Duval, USA

Secretary of AIJUDEFA, Lawyer

Marcela Paula Bakit De Ruyt, USA

Family lawyer and Founder of Bakit & Cia

ENVIROMENTAL & ENERGY RULE OF LAW FORUM

Panel 23

LAW, NATURE AND CLIMATE CHANGE**CO-CHAIR****Kari Kuusiniemi**, Finland

President of the Supreme Administrative Court. Trustee of the World Law Foundation

Luc Lavrysen, Belgium

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (NL)

PANELISTS**Antonio Herman Benjamin**, Brazil

Chief Justice of the National High Court of Brazil (STJ), President GJIE

Iva Zemani, Albania

Seconded Judge of Albania



LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND ETHICAL DISPUTES OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN TODAY'S SOCIETY: STEERING THE COMPLEXITIES OF AI GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

CHAIR

James Black, USA
Vice President of the World Jurist Association and Partner at Falcon Rappaport & Berkman LLP

PANELISTS

Ailin Gurfein, Argentina
Researcher- Professor at University of Business and Social Sciences

Kristjan Verbič, Slovenia

President VZMD - PanSlovenian Investors' & Stakeholders' Association

Zhao Bing, China

Judge of the People's Court of Huaiyin District, Jinan City, Shandong Province

Panel 24

CHALLENGES TO SUSTAINABILITY**CHAIR**

Lucio Ghia, Italy
President of the WJA (1995-1997)

PANELISTS

Nerlito Sampaio Neves, Brazil
Partner and lawyer at Allemand Consultoria e Advocacia Empresarial

Carrie Gaard, Argentina

Founder of Carrie Gaard Bureau, Green Business Assistance & ECO Diplomacy

Diego Patricio Pazmiño Vinueza, Ecuador

Consultant lawyer of IUSconsultores Law Firm

Andrea Spada Jiménez, Spain

PhD Professor at the University of Malaga

Ettore Maria Lombardi, Italy

Professor of Private Law and International Business Law at the University of Florence School of Law

Panel 25

CLIMATE CHANGE, THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE CURRENT SCENARIO OF ECONOMIC INSTRUMENTS FOR DECARBONIZATION IN DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS

CHAIR

Rafael Fernando Feldmann, Brazil
Partner at Cascione Advogados

PANELISTS

Milagros de Camps, Dominican Republic
Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources

Hazel Ocampo, USA

Environmental Lawyer at Greenberg Traurig

Ana Pimentel, Dominican Republic

Vice Minister of Environment

DIGITAL CHALLENGES: AI, CYBERSECURITY, SOCIAL MEDIA & DATA PROTECTION

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PRIVACY AND CYBERSECURITY**CHAIR**

Milan Kristof, Luxembourg
Référéndaire European Court of Justice

PANELISTS

Tamta Margvelashvili, Georgia
Director of the Competition, Capital and Financial Markets Practice at Nodia, Urumashvili and Partners

Sonila Bejtja, Albania

Seconded Judge of Constitutional Court of Albania

Andrés Ruiz, Spain

Lawyer and founder of Todojuristas.com

Montserrat Pérez, Dominican Republic

Director of the Presidency of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic

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INNOVATIONS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE USE OF AI**CHAIR**

Santiago Solines, Ecuador
Partner at Solines & Asociados Abogados

PANELISTS

Mauricio Pava Lugo, Colombia
Partner at Pava Diaz Arana

Siavash Shahrjerdi, France

Legal Counsel and Senior University Lecturer at University of Paris

Marcelo Montero, Chile

CEO of Budasis Abogados, Chile

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AI IN LEGAL PRACTICE

CHAIR

Leonel Fernández, Dominican Republic
President of the Dominican Republic (1996-2000. 2004-2012)

PANELISTS

Viviane Reding, Luxembourg
Vice Chair of the World Law Foundation, VP of the European Commission (2010-2014)

Cesar Landa, Peru
President of the Constitutional Court (2006-2008), Trustee of the World Law Foundation, Minister of Foreign Affairs (2022)

Santiago Nieto Castillo, Mexico
General Director of the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, Attorney General of Hidalgo (2022-2024) and Head of the Financial Intelligence Unit (2018-2021)

Nihale El Azzouzi, Morocco
PhD Student in Management Sciences, and head of the Cooperation, Partnerships, and Internships Department at Mohammed V University in Rabat

Panel 30
TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACE

CHAIR

Carlos Moreira Creus, Switzerland
Founder and CEO of WISEKey

PANELISTS

Juan Carlos Sainz-Borgo, Costa Rica
Vice President at UN University for Peace

Victor Hugo Guerra, Colombia
Global Head Compliance Group of ICC Institute for World Business Law

Ouided Bouchamaoui, Tunisia
Winner of the Nobel Prize (2015)

ELECTORAL ERA AND GEOPOLITICAL EVENTS

Panel 31
DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS AND LEADERSHIP

CHAIR

Tamara Sujú, Venezuela
Director of CASLA Institute

PANELISTS

Lech Walesa, Poland
President of Poland (1990-1995) and Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1983

Felipe González, Spain
President of Spain (1982 and 1996)

Dita Charanzová, Czech Republic
Former Vice-President of the European Parliament (2019-2024) and Member of the European Parliament (MEP) (2014-2024)

Luís Almagro, Uruguay
Secretary of the Organization of American States (OEA)

Fredo Arias-King, Mexico
President of the Prague-based think tank CASLA Institute

Panel 32
ASSESSMENTS OF ELECTORAL RULES OF 2024

CHAIR

Narciso Arellano, Panama
President of the Electoral Tribunal

PANELISTS

Irakli Samkharadze, Georgia
Director European Integration Research Centre

Cristian Deliorga, Romania
Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Romania

Diego Valadés, Mexico
Emeritus Researcher at the Institute of Juridical Research of the National Autonomous University of Mexico

Marcela Szymanski, USA
Head of International Advocacy of Aid to the Church in Need International

Panel 33
THE POPULIST CHALLENGES TO LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW

CHAIR

Egils Levits, Latvia
President of Latvia (2019 - 2023)

PANELISTS

Stephan Harbarth, Germany
President of the Federal Constitutional Court

Víctor Oléa, Mexico
President of the Mexican Bar Association (2023-2025)

Juliane Kokott, Germany
Advocate General before the Court of Justice of the European Union

Jörg Polakiewicz, Germany
Director of the Directorate of Legal Advice and Public International Law of the Council of Europe

Omar Leonel Fernández, Dominican Republic
Senator of the Dominican Republic

Panel 34
DISCUSSION ABOUT INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

CHAIR

Iván Duque, Colombia
President of Colombia 2018-2022



PANELISTS

Tuto Quiroga, Bolivia
Former President of Bolivia (2001-2002)

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THE CHALLENGE OF DISINFORMATION**CHAIR**

Manuel Campo Vidal, Spain
Journalist, Emeritus Professor of Spanish Academy of Television,
Science and Audiovisual Arts ELISE

PANELISTS

Alicia Ortega, USA and Dominican Republic
Director of SIN Group

Pablo Mackinney, Dominican Republic
Journalist and writer

Fabio Bertoni, USA
General Counsel at The New Yorker

José Monegro, Dominican Republic
Director of EL DIA newspaper

Juan Carlos Isaza, Colombia
Director of Alianza Informativa Latinoamericana

Mariasela Álvarez, Dominican Republic
Director and TV Anchor

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RESHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD**CHAIR**

Edmundo González Urrutia, Venezuela
President elect of Venezuela

PANELISTS

Tim Reynolds, USA
Chairman & Founder The Reynolds Foundation

Álvaro Salas, Costa Rica
President & CEO The Reynolds Foundation

Leopoldo López, Venezuela
General Secretary of the World Liberty Congress

Carlos Vives, Colombia
Artist

Jin Huang, China
Vice President of the WJA, Vice President of China Law

CONSTITUTIONAL UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES

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RULE OF LAW, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY I**CHAIR**

Luca Mezzetti, Italy
Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Bologna

PANELISTS

Sokol Sadushi, Albania
President of the Supreme Court

Cristina Hermida del Llano, Spain
Professor at Rey Juan Carlos University

Vasco Pereira da Silva, Portugal
Professor at the University of Lisbon

Valentina Colcelli, Italy
CNR, Perugia/Firenze

Cristina Titirișcă, Romania
Assistant-Magistrate at the Constitutional Court

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RULE OF LAW, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY II**CHAIR**

Luca Mezzetti, Italy
Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Bologna

PANELISTS

Marianella Ledesma, Peru
President of the Constitutional Court (2020-2022)

Alexander Brösti, Slovak Republic
Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic (2000-2007)

Remzije Istrefi-Peci, Kosovo
Judge of the Constitutional Court of Kosovo

Natalia Mushak, Ukraine
National Aviation University

Lorenza Violini, Italy
Professor at the University of Milan

Alan Bronfman, Chile
Professor of Constitutional Law and Parliamentary Law at the
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso

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HUMAN DIGNITY**CHAIR**

Selin Esen, Turkey
First Vice-President of the International Association of
Constitutional Law

PANELISTS

Pierre Nihoul, Belgium
President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (FR)

Jorge Enrique Ibáñez, Colombia
President of the Constitutional Court of Colombia

Ilir Panda, Albania
Vice President of the Supreme Court of Albania

Selvet Gerxhaliu, Kosovo
Judge of the Constitutional Court



Dina Josefina Ochoa Escribá, Guatemala
Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Guatemala

Vojsava Kola, Albania
Judge of the Supreme Court of Albania

Arta Vorpsi, Albania
Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University and Chief of Staff of the President of Albanian Supreme Court

Gabriella Mangione, Italy
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CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE IN A COMPARATIVE VIEW I

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CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE IN A COMPARATIVE VIEW II

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CONSTITUTIONAL TRANSITIONS AND CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRACY IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES

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RULE OF LAW IN THE LEGAL FIELD



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**INTERSECTION OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS
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**THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-AWARENESS IN A LEGAL
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**M&A TRANSACTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT
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**ARBITRATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION**

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**FINANCIAL TRENDS , REGULATORY COMPLIANCE IN
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GALA DINNER

8:00 PM

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May 6

09:30 AM – 2:00 PM

(By invitation only)

9:30-10:30

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

Muhammad bin Abdul Karim Issa, *Saudi Arabia*, Secretary General of the Muslim World League

Baltazar Enrique Porras Cardozo, *Venezuela*, Cardinal of the Catholic Church

Arjan Dodaj, *Albania*, Archbishop of Tiranë-Durrës

10:30-11:00

PAUSE

11:00-2:00

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Muhammad bin Abdul Karim Issa, *Saudi Arabia*, Secretary General of the Muslim World League

CONVERSATION ON THE CHALLENGES OF THE RULE OF LAW

Hon. Stephan Harbarth, *Germany*, President of the Federal Constitutional Court.

Hon. Sonia Sotomayor, *United States*, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Javier Cremades, *Spain*, President of the World Jurist Association.

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Hon. Stephan Harbarth, *Germany*, President of the Federal Constitutional Court

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Acknowledgement and Presentation by Spanish King

Hon. Sonia Sotomayor, *United States*, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Remarks

H.M. King Felipe VI of Spain, World Peace & Liberty Awardee 2019

H.E. Luis Abinader, President of the Dominican Republic

PEACE THROUGH LAW GALA LUNCH

2:00 PM

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