



**WORLD LAW CONGRESS
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2025**



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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**

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OPENING CEREMONY**Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo**

Napoleón Ricardo Estévez Lavandier, *Dominican Republic*
President Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic

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

Editrudis Beltrán, *Dominican Republic*
Rector of the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo

José Alejandro Aybar, *Dominican Republic*
Chancellor of Universidad del Caribe – UNICARIBE

Carolina Mejía, *Dominican Republic*
Mayor of Santo Domingo

Marko Bošnjak, *Slovenia*
President of the European Court of Human Rights

Miguel Angel Oliver, *Spain*
President of EFE Agency

Carlos Vives, *Colombia*
Singer and songwriter

WELCOMING COCKTAIL

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

9:00 AM 5:30 PM

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

Topics:
Code of Ethics for Judges
Independence of the Judiciary

CHAIR

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

PANELISTS

Stephan Harbarth, Germany
President of the Federal Constitutional Court

Miroslav Šeparović, Croatia
President of the Constitutional Court of Croatia

Miodrag Đorđević, Slovenia
President of the Supreme Court of Slovenia

Petr Anghalossy, Czech Republic
President of de Supreme Court of de Czech Republic

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 (1994-2002) and (2016-2023) and Vice President of the National Academy of Law of Honduras

Panel 2

CHALLENGES TO CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE IN IBERO-AMERICA**CHAIR**

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

PANELISTS

Cesar Landa, Peru



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

Panel 3

PROTECTION OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

CHAIR

Shimon Shetreet, Israel

President, International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace, Greenblatt Chair of Public and 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

Elise Muir, Belgium

Head of the Department for International and European Law, Head of the Institute for European Law of the KU Leuven and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe

Valentina Pavličić, Montenegro

President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro

Doris König, Germany

Vice President of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany

Panel 4

CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHIES

CHAIR

Cándido Conde-Pumpido, Spain

President of the Constitutional Court of Spain

PANELISTS

Pierre Nihoul, Belgium

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (FR)

Luc Lavrysen, Belgium

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (NL)

Panel 5

CHALLENGES TO JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE IN IBERO-AMERICA

CHAIR

Dimitry Berberoff Ayuda, Spain

Vice President of the Supreme Court of Spain

PANELISTS

Lidia Patricia Castillo Amaya, El Salvador

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

Panel 6

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

Fidelma Donlon, Ireland

Registrar of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers

Venkateswari Alagendra, Malaysia

Specialist Counsel at the Kosovo Specialist Chambers

Panel 7

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 Judges for Democracy Association

Marcelo Gallo Tagle, Argentina

President of the Latin American Federation of Magistrates

Elka Reyes Olivo, Dominican Republic

Vice-President of the Latin American Federation of Magistrates and Judge of the Dominican Republic

Adriana Ocorcú Chavarría, Costa Rica

Judge and President of the Costa Rican Association of the Judiciary

Panel 8

CHALLENGES OF AFRICAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS

CHAIR

Mumba Malila, Zambia

Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia

PANELISTS

Amadou Ousmane Toure, Mali

President of the Constitutional Court of Mali

Rizine Robert Mzikamanda SC, Malawi

Chief Justice of the Republic of Malawi

Cossi Dorothé Sossa, Benin

President of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Benin

Mamadou Badio Camara, Senegal

President of the Constitutional Council of Senegal

Panel 9

PILLARS OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF JUDGES

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

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

Yahya Afridi, Pakistan
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pakistan

Panel 10

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, Netherlands
Secretary General of HCCH

Ignacio Tirado, Spain
Secretary General of UNDROIT

Neale Bergman, USA
Senior Legal Officer of UNCITRAL

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

Jesus Campos Falcones, Spain
Partner at BBCC Consulting

Panel 11

IMPETUS TO SOCIAL PROGRESS IN AFRICA: MAKING THE RULE OF LAW WORK IN DEVELOPING NATIONS**CHAIR**

Peter Umeadi, Nigeria
Emeritus Chief Judge of Anambra State of Nigeria. 2011-2019.
Visiting Professor of Law, University of Nigeria Nsukka Enugu
Campus. World Jurist Association Board Member 2017-2019

PANELISTS

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

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

Panel 12

CHALLENGES OF INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE**CHAIR**

Piotr Hofmański, Poland

Former President of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

PANELISTS

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

Nicola Pietrantonio, Italy

Partner at Studio legale associato Isolabella

Rafael Heredia Rubio, México

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

Panel 13

EXPLORING SHARED VALUES AND PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING ACROSS CULTURAL TRADITIONS**CHAIR**

Manuel Breton, Spain
President of Caritas Española

PANELISTS

Alistair Dutton, United Kingdom
Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis

Tetiana Stawnychy, Ukraine
President of Caritas Ukraine

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

Natalia Peiro, Spain
Secretary General of Cáritas Española

HUMAN RIGHTS & FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

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CURRENT CHALLENGES TO HUMAN RIGHTS

Topics:
Judicial security
Freedom of speech
Right to life
Antidiscrimination
Migrations

CHAIR

Arta Vorpsi, Albania
Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University

PANELISTS

Dragana Kolarić, Serbia



Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia

Erika Torregrossa, Spain
Principal Chief Executive Officer en DIPLOCORP

Amaka Ufodiama, Nigeria
Deputy Chief Registrar, Probate Registry

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

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

Panel 15

**HUMAN DIGNITY AS A FUNDAMENTAL VALUE AND PRINCIPLE:
AN AFRICAN APPROACH**

CHAIR

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

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

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

Sangwani Nyimbiri,
Coordinator of SEACJF

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 16

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 17

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

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 (ACOJUD) and Vice President of the Central American Federation of Judges and Judges for Democracy (FECAJUD).

Panel 18

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

Sayra Viviana Arango Puerta, Colombia
Litigation lawyer and researcher

Panel 19

RULE OF LAW WITHIN THE FAMILY LAW SYSTEM

CHAIR

Rachael Kelsey, United Kingdom
President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL)

PANELISTS

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)

Ana María Kudisch, Mexico
President of the Mexican Bar Association and IAFL member

Veronica Vymazal Bascope, Chile
Family Judge of Osorno

Panel 20

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

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INDIGENOUS LAW CHALLENGES

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)

ENVIROMENTAL & ENERGY RULE OF LAW FORUM

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NATURE FOR DEVELOPMENT

CHAIR

Luc Lavrysen, Belgium

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (NL)

Antonio Herman Benjamin, Brazil

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

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TOWARDS A POLLUTION FREE PLANET

CHAIR

Kari Kuusiniemi, Finland

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

PANELISTS

Pere Pastor Vilanova, Andorra

Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of Andorra

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CHALLENGES TO SUSTAINABILITY

CHAIR

Lucio Ghia, Italy

President of the WJA (1995-1997)

PANELISTS

Luiz Claudio Allemand, Brazil

President of the Arbitration Chamber of the Federation of Industries of Espírito Santo

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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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

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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

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**

Don Bivens, USA
Partner at Don Bivens PLLC, former member of the ABA Board of Governors

PANELISTS

Andres Diaz Arana, Colombia
Partner at Pava Diaz Arana

Siavash Shahrjerdi, France
Legal Counsel and Senior University Lecturer at University of Paris

Marcelo Montero, Chile
Partner at Budais Abogados

Santiago Solines, Ecuador
Partner at Solines & Asociados Abogados

Panel 29

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

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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

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ASSESSMENTS OF ELECTORAL RULES OF 2024**CHAIR**

Irakli Samkharadze, Georgia
Director European Integration Research Centre

PANELISTS

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

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THE POPULIST CHALLENGES TO LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW

President & CEO The Reynolds Foundation

Carlos Vives, Colombia
Artist

CHAIR

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

PANELISTS

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

Elena Simina Tanasescu, Romania
Judge of the Constitutional Court of Romania

Omar Leonel Fernández, Dominican Republic
Senator of the Dominican Republic

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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

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

Tim Reynolds, USA
Chairman & Founder The Reynolds Foundation

PANELISTS

Álvaro Salas, Costa Rica

CONSTITUTIONAL UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES

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RULE OF LAW, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

CO-CHAIRS

Rainer Arnold, Germany
Professor at Regensburg University

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

PANELISTS

Alejandro Amaya, Argentina
Professor at the University of Buenos Aires

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

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

Bertrand Mathieu, France
Professor at University Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne)
Ancien Conseiller d'État

Valentina Colcelli, Italy
CNR, Perugia/Firenze

Sokol Sadushi, Albania
President of the Supreme Court

Cristina Titirișcă, Romania
Assistant-Magistrate at the Constitutional Court

Natalia Mushak, Ukraine
National Aviation University

Lorenza Violini, Italy
Professor at the University of Milan

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

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

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

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

Panel 37

HUMAN DIGNITY



CHAIR

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

PANELISTS

Selvete Gerxhaliu, Kosovo
Judge of the Constitutional Court

Arta Vorpsi, Albania
Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University

Gabriella Mangione, Italy
Professor at the University of Insubria

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

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ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY**CO-CHAIRS**

Stefanie Kisgen, Germany
CEO bei Steinbeis School of International Business and Entrepreneurship (SIBE)

PANELISTS

Wolfgang Weiss, Germany
Executive Director of Agrofert Germany GmbH

Elisabeth Lintl, Germany
Judge at the Superior Court of Justice (OLG) Nuremberg

Marieta Safta, Romania
Law Professor at Titu Maiorescu University

Viktor Mushak, Ukraine
Professor at the University of Shevchenko

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CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE IN A COMPARATIVE VIEW I**CO-CHAIRS**

Holta Zecaj, Albania
President of the Constitutional Court

Rainer Arnold, Germany
Professor at Regensburg University

PANELISTS

Villu Kõve, Estonia
President of the Supreme Court

Gresa Caka-Nimani, Kosovo
President of the Constitutional Court

Mirosław Granat, Poland
Judge of the Constitutional Court (2007-2016)

Gheorghe Stan, Romania
Judge of the Constitutional Court

Domnica Manole, Moldova

President of the Constitutional Court

Jolita Miliuviene, Lithuania
Parliamentary Ombudsperson, assoc. professor at Mykolas Romeris University

Visar Morina, Kosovo
Professor and Doctor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Prishtina

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CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE IN A COMPARATIVE VIEW II**CO-CHAIRS**

Jean-Philippe Derosier, France
Professor of Public Law, Center for Legal Research, University of Lille

Rainer Arnold, Germany
Professor at Regensburg University

PANELISTS

Tudorel Toader, Romania
Rector and Professor at the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University.
Minister of Justice (2017-2019)

Marieta Safta, Romania
Law Professor at Titu Maiorescu University

Mathieu Disant, France
Professor at Université de Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)

Anna Rytel-Warzocho, Poland
Professor at the University of Gdansk

Germán López Daza, Colombia
Professor at Universidad Surcolombiana (Colombia)

Arta Vorpsi, Albania
Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University

Sokol Sadushi, Albania
President of the Supreme Court

Andrzej Jackiewicz, Poland
Associate professor at University of Bialystok

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CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES OF MICROSTATES**CHAIR**

Hilmar Hoch, Liechtenstein
President of the Constitutional Court of Liechtenstein

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THE RULE OF LAW IN THE CONSTITUTION AND THE FUTURE OF THE RULE OF LAW**CHAIR**

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

PANELISTS

Irena Kucina, Latvia
President of the Constitutional Court of Latvia



Revati Mohite Dere, India
Judge of the Bombay High Court

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

Gheorghe Stan, Romania
Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Romania

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

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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)

Óscar Arias, Costa Rica
President of Costa Rica 1986-1990 and 2006-2010, and Nobel Peace Prize in 1987

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

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CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES OF IBERO-AMERICA

CHAIR

Jorge Enrique Ibáñez, Colombia
Vice president and future President of the Constitutional Court of Colombia

PANELISTS

Víctor Olea Peláez, Mexico
Former president of the Mexican Bar Association

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CONSTITUTIONAL TRANSITIONS AND CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRACY IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES

CHAIR

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May 5

08:00 PM

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(Applicable registration and fee)

May 6

09:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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12:30 PM

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