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May 4 to 6, **Santo Domingo**



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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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**OPENING CEREMONY
PANELISTS & SPONSORS WELCOME COCKTAIL**

May 5

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OPENING CEREMONY**Aula Magna, 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

Senator of the Dominican Republic

Lucio Ghia, Italy

President of the WJA (1995-1997)

Marko Bošnjak, Slovenia

President of the European Court of Human Rights

Napoleón Estévez Lavandier, Dominican Republic

President Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of the Dominican Republic

Iván Duque, Colombia

President of Colombia (2018-2022)

Carlos Vives, Colombia

Singer and songwriter

Bestowal of the World Jurist Association's Medal of Honor to**Norma Piña, Mexico**, President of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation**WELCOMING COCKTAIL**

7:00 PM

*(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

NEW GENERATIONS AND RULE OF LAW**CHAIR****Sonia Sotomayor**, United States

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States

Panel 2

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 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 de Supreme Court of de 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 3

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 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

Olsian Çela, Albania
General Prosecutor of Albania

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.

Moisés Castro Pizaña, México
President of the Mexican National Committee of the International Union of Lawyers (UIA)

Panel 6

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 7

THREATS AND SAFEGUARDS FOR JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE IN THE AMERICAS

CHAIR

Hartmut Rank, Germany
Rule of Law Program Director of Konrad Adenauer Foundation

PANELISTS

Fernando Castillo Víquez, Costa Rica
President of Constitutional Chamber of the Supreme Court

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

Alejandra Cárdenas Reyes, Ecuador
Judge of the Constitutional Court

Manuel Ulises Bonnelly, Dominican Republic
Judge of the Constitutional Court

Panel 8

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

Florjan Kalaja, Albania
Judge at the Special Court of Appeal for Corruption and Organized Crime

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

Zhao Yongchen, China
PHD. of Peking University, Professor at Hainan University

CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL

Panel 9

CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (I)**JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND PERSONAL SAFETY****CHAIR**

Mumba Malila, Zambia
Chief Justice of the Republic of Zambia

PANELISTS

Irena Kucina, Latvia
President of the Constitutional Court of Latvia

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

Adelino Manuel Muchanga, Mozambique
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Mozambique

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

Sokol Berberi, Albania

Emeritus judge of the Constitutional Court and current Responsible Professor for the Initial Training Program of the School of Magistrates of the Republic of Albania

Panel 10

CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (II)**REVIEWING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF LAWS****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

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

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

Kadir Özkaya, Turkey
President of the Constitutional Court of Turkey

Asim Vokshi, Albania
Judge of the Supreme Court

Panel 11

CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (III)**INTERRELATIONS BETWEEN CONSTITUTIONAL AND ORDINARY COURTS****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

Dimitry Berberoff Ayuda, Spain
Vice President of the Supreme Court of Spain

Paola Meneses, Colombia
Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Colombia

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CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (IV)

HUMAN DIGNITY

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 Southern & Eastern Africa Chief Justice's Forum (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

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

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CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (V)

CONSTITUTIONAL CONFLICTS OF JURISDICTION BETWEEN CENTRAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS

CHAIR

Snežana Armenko, Montenegro
President of the Constitutional Court of Montenegro

PANELISTS

Ubena John Agatho, Tanzania
Justice of the Court of Appeal of Tanzania

Gheorghe Stan, Romania
Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Romania

Sonila Bejtja, Albania
Judge of Constitutional Court of Albania

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

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CONSTITUTIONAL COURTS IN TIMES OF DEMOCRATIC PERIL (VI)

ENFORCEMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL COURT DECISIONS

CHAIR

Norma Piña, Mexico
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation of Mexico

PANELISTS

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

Miguel Polo Rosero, Colombia
Magistrate of the Constitutional Court of Colombia

Genti Ibrahim, Albania
Judge of the Constitutional Court of Albania

Revati Mohite Dere, India
Judge of the Bombay High Court

HUMAN RIGHTS & FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Panel 15

CURRENT CHALLENGES TO HUMAN RIGHTS

CHAIR

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

PANELISTS

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

Erika Torregrossa, Colombia
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

Panel 16

EXPLORING SHARED VALUES AND PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS

CHAIR

Manuel Breton, Spain
President of Caritas Española

PANELISTS

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

Bhuwan Ribhu, India
Founder of Just Rights for Children

Alda Sadiku, Albania
Seconded Judge of Albania

Zhuolun Li, China
Lecturer at Lanzhou University

Panel 17

INNOVATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RULE OF LAW

CHAIR

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

Panel 18

WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE RULE OF LAW**CHAIR****Hilarie Bass**, USA

President of the American Bar Association 2019 – 2022, Founder Bass Institute for Diversity and Inclusion, Trustee World Law Foundation

PANELISTS**Esohe Ikponmwen**, Nigeria

Emeritus Chief Judge of Edo State Nigeria

Aminata Ly Ndiaye, Senegal

Vice President of the Constitutional Council of Senegal

Patricia Lee Refo, USA

Past President of the American Bar Association and Partner at Snell & Wilmer

Panel 19

INDIGENOUS RIGHTS, CULTURAL PRACTICES, INTERNATIONAL MIGRATIONS & 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

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

Lijiang Zhu, China

Professor and Vice Dean at the School of International Law of China University of Political Science and Law

Eliana Bejarano, Colombia-Spain

Partner at Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo, specialist in indigenous rights

Panel 20

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

María Helena Mainard, Uruguay

Minister of the Court of Appeals and President of the Uruguayan Magistrates Association - AMU

Panel 21

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND TOLERANCE DIALOGUE**PANELISTS****Kyr Kirilo (Bojovic)**, Serbia

Bishop of the Diocese of Buenos Aires, South and Central America

Baltazar Enrique Porras Cardozo, Venezuela

Cardinal of the Catholic Church

Arjan Dodaj, Albania

Archbishop of Tiranë-Durrës

Isaac Sacca, Buenos Aires

Chief Sephardic Rabbi of Buenos Aires

Sava Milovanović, Belgrade

Representative of the Serbian Orthodox Church

Panel 22

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**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 23

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

President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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

PANELISTS

Albana Boksi, Albania
Judge of the Supreme Court of Albania

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 24

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 (International Association of Family Law Jurists), Lawyer

Marcela Paula Bakit De Ruyt, USA
Family lawyer and Founder of Bakit & Cia

ENVIROMENTAL & ENERGY RULE OF LAW FORUM

Panel 25

LAW, CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURE**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

Milagros de Camps, Dominican Republic
Chief Sustainability Officer at InterEnergy Group, former Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources of Dominican Republic

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

Iva Zemani, Albania
Seconded Judge of Albania

Pablo Lorenzetti, Argentina
Judge of the Civil, Commercial and Labor Court of Appeals, Chamber II of Rafaela

Jorge Neri, Venezuela-Spain
CEO of Cambio16, platform for change towards a sustainable economy, Trustee of the World Law Foundation

Jin Yinqiang, China
President of the High People's Court of Fujian Province

Toni Fickentscher, Germany
Notary candidate, Trustee of the World Law Foundation

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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 Vinuesa, 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

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

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Michał Jackowski, Poland

Law professor, Co-Founder of AI startups, AI policy leader and expert in digital transformation

PANELISTS

Zhao Bing, China

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

Ailin Gurfein, Argentina

Researcher- Professor at University of Business and Social Sciences

Kristjan Verbič, Slovenia

President VZMD - PanSlovenian Investors' & Stakeholders' Association

Marta González, Spain

Partner in the Litigation and Health Sciences Department of Eversheds Sutherland in the Madrid office and Director of the Pharma Unit

Hongxu Zhang, China

Associate Professor at Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture

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TECHNOLOGY, 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 Hoxha, Albania

Seconded Judge of Supreme 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

Ricardo Ríos Ferrer, Mexico

President of the Mexican Bar Association (2015-2017)

Mianmao Zhu, China

Professor at Hainan Open University

Pablo Solines, Ecuador

Partner at Solines & Asociados

Panel 29

INNOVATIONS IN THE USE OF AI

CHAIR

Leonel Fernández, Dominican Republic

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

PANELISTS

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)

Zicheng Gao, China

President of All China Lawyers Association (ACLA)

Nihale El Azzouzi, Morocco

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

Marcelo Montero, Chile

CEO of Budasis Abogados, Chile

Chen Ruojian, China

Deputy Secretary-General of Commission of Foreign Affairs of All China Lawyers Association

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

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)

Luis Almagro, Uruguay
Secretary of the Organization of American States (OEA) (2015-2025)

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

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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

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

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

Marieta Safta, Romania
Law Professor at Titu Maiorescu University

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

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

Omar Leonel Fernández, Dominican Republic
Senator of the Dominican Republic

Laura Díez Bueso, Spain
Magistrate of the Constitutional Tribunal of Spain

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LATIN AMERICA: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Felipe Calderón, Mexico
President of Mexico (2006-2012)

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

Panel 35

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

Alfredo Juncá Wendehake, Panama
Judge of Electoral Tribunal

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RESHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD**CHAIR**

Leopoldo López, Venezuela
General Secretary of the World Liberty Congress

PANELISTS

Tim Reynolds, USA
Chairman & Founder The Reynolds Foundation

Álvaro Salas, Costa Rica
President & CEO The Reynolds Foundation

Carlos Vives, Colombia
Artist

Marco Vizenzo, Italy
Geopolitic and business advisory

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May 6

09:30 AM – 2:00 PM

(By invitation only)

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Aula Magna of the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo

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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Remarks

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

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