



Panel 27 – 20 July 2023, 4.00 – 5:30 pm

Judicial Independence

CHAIR

Professor Shimon Shetreet, Israël, Greenblatt Prof. of Public and International Law, Co-Reporter of ELI Mt Scopus Judicial independence project, President of International Association of Judicial Independence and World Peace (JIWP)

Presentation of Speakers and Introductory Comments

PANELISTS

Professor Angelika Nussberger, Germany, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights (2017-2019)

Contemporary Reflections on Judicial Independence (Recorded)

Professor Pascal Pichonnaz, Switzerland, President of the European Law Institute (ELI), Full Professor of Private Law, Comparative law and Roman law (University of Fribourg, Switzerland), member of the International Academy of Comparative Law

The ELI projects on the Rule of Law and Democracy : The ELI-Mt Scopus Standards of Judicial Independence and further Projects

President Milton Ray Guevara, Dominican Republic, World Law Foundation Trustee, President of the Constitutional Court

President M'hammed Abdenabaoui, Morocco, President delegate of the Supreme Council of the Judiciary

Justice Gonçalo Almeida Ribeiro, Portugal, Vice-president of the Constitutional Court
The Portuguese Judges case

Justice Carmen Corral Ponce, Ecuador, Vice President of the Constitutional Court
How to Strengthen Judicial Independence : A look from the Constitutional Court of Ecuador

Professor Sophie Turenne, United Kingdom, Professor at the University of Cambridge, Co-Reporter, ELI Mt Scopus Judicial Independence project
The ELI Mt Scopus position on central issues of European Standards of judicial independence

Professor Giuseppe Ferrari, Italy, Bocconi Milan University, Member, Advisory Committee, ELI MT Scopus Judicial independence project, Vice President of the International Academy of Comparative Law (2014 to 2022)
Protecting Judicial independence: Jurisprudence of top European Supreme Courts and The ELI Mount Scopus Judicial Independence project

Prof. Zheng TANG, China, Professor at Law, Associate Dean at Wuhan University Academy of International Law, and Global Governance
Judicial independence and Technology

Venue

New York City Bar
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New York City

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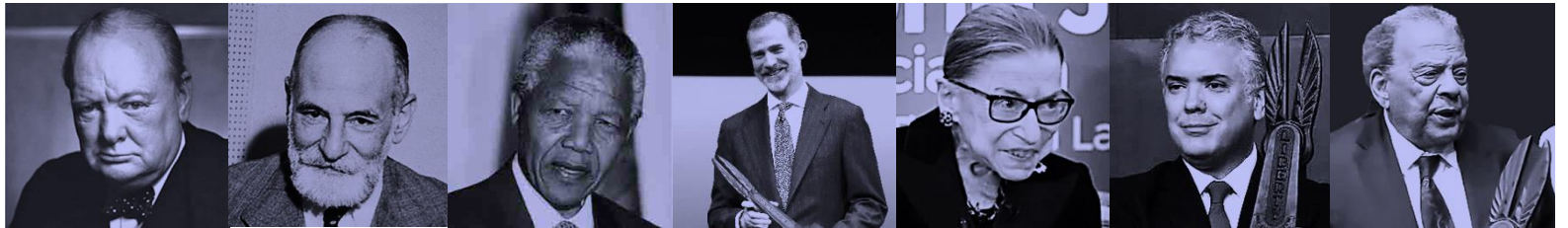


WORLD LAW CONGRESS NEW YORK 2023

July 20 - 21



60 years making Peace Through Law



THE ORGANIZERS

“*A world ruled by law, and not by the 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.

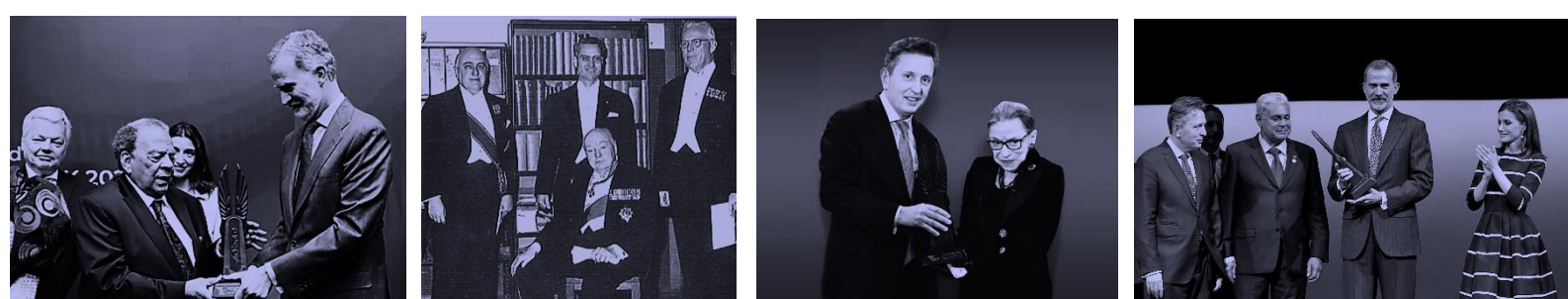
As a result of the Madrid Declaration of 2019, the **World Law Foundation** was created as the executive arm to organize the main activities of the World Jurist Association. The [Board of Trustees](#) and the Advisory Board of the WLF are composed of prominent jurists and professionals, including former 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 two 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 NEW YORK 2023** will be the 28th edition of this two-day event. The World Jurist Association will celebrate its 60th anniversary going back to its roots in the United States of America. On the first day, a series of simultaneous round tables will take place, gathering around 300 panelists from around the world, to discuss current topics focusing on **Peace Through Law**, the original WJA motto.

The Closing Ceremony will be held **on July 21, 2023**. During this ceremony, the World Peace & Liberty Award 2023 will be bestowed to the European Commission and presented to its President, **Ursula von der Leyen**. 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, and US civil rights leader Andrew Young.



Letter from Hon. Luc Lavrysen

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium

President of the EU Forum of Judges for the Environment



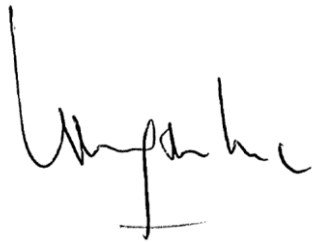
Dear Participants of the World Law Congress 2023 in New York,

The purpose of the World Jurist Association is to promote the Rule of Law. “A world ruled by law, not force” has been the mission of the WJA since its founding in 1963. The WJA is more than ever needed as the Rule of Law is today under pressure in different parts of the world.

The motto of the World Law Congress is very timely “60 Years Making Peace Through Law”, as we are confronted with various wars and aggressions these days.

Moreover, there is the triple global environmental crisis: climate change, loss of biodiversity and environmental pollution. Therefore, I welcome in particular the great attention for climate and energy law related issues that will be discussed at the Conference in the framework of the **Forum of Energy Transition and Climate**.

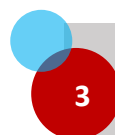
I hope the New York Conference will mark the start of a lasting program of work within the WJA on those capital issues for our future and those of the next generations. I wish the organizers and the participants a very fruitful conference and look forward to the results thereof.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lavrysen'.

Emeritus Professor Luc Lavrysen, PhD

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium

President of the EU Forum of Judges for the Environment





WORLD LAW CONGRESS 2023

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July 20
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July 20

New York City Bar

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

XXVIII WORLD LAW CONGRESS' PANELS

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:20 **OPENING CEREMONY**

Javier Cremades García, Spain
President of the World Jurist Association

Guillermo Lasso, Ecuador
President of the Republic

Susan Kohlmann, USA
President of the New York City Bar Association

9:20 – 9:45 **WJA MEDAL OF HONOR**

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Iván Duque, Colombia
President of the Republic of Colombia (2018-2022)

Champion of the Rule of Law Awardee

Ricardo Pérez Manrique, Uruguay
President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

JUDGES & ENVIRONMENTAL RULE OF LAW FORUM

Organized by the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (GJIE) in cooperation with the World Jurist Association, the International Association of Judges (IAJ), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE), the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL), and the Africa Judicial Education Network on Environmental Law (AJENEL).

Supreme court and senior judges from around the world discuss the role of judges in the implementation of the Environmental Rule of Law. Judicial responsibilities, challenges, and trends in bringing the concept of Environmental Law to reality. Judicial education as an important tool in assisting judges with the complexities of the Environmental Rule of Law, highlighting successful experiences from different regions.

FORUM OPENING REMARKS

Antonio Hernan Benjamin, Brazil
President GJIE, and Justice of the National High Court of Brazil – STJ

Javier Cremades García, Spain
President of the World Jurist Association

José Igreja Matos, Portugal
World Law Foundation Trustee, President of the International Association of Judges

Patricia Kameri-Mbote, Kenya
Director of the UN Environment Program - UNEP Division of Law.
Professor at University of Nairobi

Grethel Aguilar, Costa Rica
Director General de la Unión Internacional para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (IUCN)

Christina Voigt, Norway
Professor at the University of Oslo and Chair, IUCN-WCEL

Thomas Clark, USA
General Counsel, Asian Development Bank

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Michelle O'Bonsawin, Canada
Justice, Supreme Court. Indigenous Peoples, and the Environmental Rule of Law

Panel 1

JUDICIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL RULE OF LAW: CHALLENGES & TRENDS

CO-CHAIRS

Suntariya Muanpawong, Thailand
Vice Chief Justice of the Region 5

Andrew David Raine, Australia
UNEP Law Division

PANELISTS

Samuel Arias Arzeno, Dominican Republic
Justice at the Supreme Court

Antonio Hernan Benjamin, Brazil
President GJIE, and Justice of the National High Court of Brazil – STJ

Sapana Pradhan Malla, Nepal
Justice of the Supreme Court

Sergio Muñoz, Chile
Justice of the Supreme Court of Justice. President of the Supreme Court of Justice (2014-2016)

Samson Okong'o, Kenya
Justice of the Environment and Land Court

Maria Filomena Dumandan Singh, Philippines
Justice of the Supreme Court

Panel 2

JUDICIAL EDUCATION AND/FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL RULE OF LAW

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Ambeng Kandakasi, Papua New Guinea
Deputy-Chief Justice at the Supreme Court

Michele Weeks, Barbados
Judge of the High Court

PANELISTS

Elisa Samuel Boerekamp, Mozambique
Judge and Director of the Judicial Academy

Nambitha Dambuza, South Africa
Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeal. President of the African
Judicial Education Network on Environmental Law

Dimitri de Boer, United Kingdom
Regional Director of Program ClientEarth China

Christina Pak, Philippines
Senior Counsel of the Asian Development Bank

Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, Pakistan
Justice of the Supreme Court

Damaris Vargas Vasquez, Costa Rica
Justice of the Supreme Court

WJA ENERGY TRANSITION & CLIMATE FORUM

Panel 3

RULE OF LAW, ENERGY TRANSITION & CLIMATE

WJA Medals of Honor

CHAIR

Kari Kuusiniemi, Finland
Trustee of the World Law Foundation, President of the Supreme
Administrative Court

PANELISTS

Judit Varga, Hungary
Minister of Justice

Luc Lavrysen, Belgium
President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium, President of the
European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment

Santiago Martínez Garrido, Spain
General Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Directors of
Iberdrola

Christina Voigt, Norway
Professor at the University of Oslo and Chair, IUCN-WCEL

Kelly Hewitt, Philippines
Principal Energy Specialist, Asian Development Bank

Brian Preston, Australia
Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court in New South Wales

Sven Volkmer, USA
Attorney Partner at White & Case

Panel 4

ENERGY MARKET & ENERGY TRANSITION: NEW OR OLD CHALLENGES?

CHAIR

Luis Eduardo Sanmiguel, Colombia
Founder of Pro-Corp, former Vice President of Halliburton

PANELISTS

Pere Pastor Vilanova, Andorra
Judge and President of Section III of the European Court of Human
Rights

Cristina Pereteatcu, Republic of Moldova
State Secretary for Energy

José Ramón Bauzá, Spain
Member of the European Parliament

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

David Schizer, USA
Dean Emeritus of Columbia Law School

Kanerva Sunila, Finland
Senior Associate of Environment, Infrastructure, Natural Resources
& Energy at Castren & Snellman

Ettore Maria Lombardi, Italy
Professor of Private Law at the University of Florence. Expert in
energy transition and climate change

Pedro Azagra, Spain
CEO of Avangrid

Panel 5

DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR CLIMATE LAW

CHAIR

Michal Nachmany, United Kingdom
CEO and Founder of Climate Policy Radar

PANELISTS

Greg Kempe, South Africa
Chief Technology Officer and Co-founder of Laws.Africa

Michael Gerrard, USA
Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia
University, leader of the Climate Change Litigation Database

Catherine Higham, United Kingdom
Coordinator of the project Climate Change Laws of the World of the
Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics

Jorge Enrique Ibáñez Najjar, Colombia
Judge of the Constitutional Court

Panel 6
ARBITRATION IN THE ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE

CHAIR

Pilar Colomés, Spain

Counsel at the International Arbitration Department at Eversheds Sutherland and Professor of Public International Law

PANELISTS

Ximena Fuentes, Chile

Former Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs of Chile

Vanessa Rivas Plata, Peru

Chairperson Special Commission Representing the State in International Investment Disputes

Lisa Sachs, USA

Director Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment Columbia Law School

Pilar Perales Viscasilas, Spain

Professor at Law, International Commercial Law and International Arbitration, Carlos III University and Member of the Sustainability Board of Mapfre

José Antonio Rivas, Colombia

Founding Partner of Xstrategy LLP, Co-founder of the World Arbitration Update and The Washington Arbitration Week

Santiago Solines, Ecuador

World Law Foundation Trustee, Partner at Solines & Asociados

Panel 7
CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY TRANSITION AND THE RULE OF LAW IN THE AMERICAS

CHAIR

Héctor Herrera, Mexico

Founding Partner of Herrera y Sato, S.C. and Former President of the Mexican Bar Association (2019-2021)

PANELISTS

Carrie Gaard, Argentina

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

Luis F. Macías, Colombia

Founding Partner of Macías Gómez & Asociados, first Head of the Legal Department of the Ministry of the Environment

Lucila I. M. Hemmingsen, USA

Partner of King & Spalding. Global trial and litigation specialist / International arbitration and litigation.

Lucio Ghia, Italy

President of the WJA (1995-1997)

Jesús Eduardo Troconis Heredia, Venezuela

Professor of International Law and Chief of Catedra Mario Villaruel at Universidad Carlos III

Panel 8
MAKING PEACE WITH NATURE AND MAKING NATURE A KEY FOR PEACE

CHAIR

Nicholas Robinson, USA

Executive President of ICEL; Chair Emeritus of the WCCEL-IUCN; Emeritus Professor at the University of Pace, NY, USA

PANELISTS

Daniel Zavala Porras, Costa Rica

Minister-Counsellor of the Costa Rica Permanent Mission to the UN, New York

Montserrat Abad Castelos, Spain

Professor of Public International Law at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain; Vice-Chancellor of ICEL and Co-Director of its International Secretariat

Victor Tafur, Colombia

Deputy Executive President of ICEL and UN Representative in NY; Adjunct Professor at Pace University; Founder Partner of Tafur Domínguez Law Firm

Teresa Parejo, Spain

Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility Director, IBERIA; Co-director of the ICEL's International Secretariat

Kevin Chand, Vanuatu

Legal Adviser, Permanent Mission of Vanuatu to the United Nations, New York

Scott Mahoney, USA

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Avangrid

Panel 9
CLIMATE PROTECTION, ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY IN EUROPE

TOPICS

Environmental protection and securing energy supply are the main current challenges.

CHAIR

Anna Rytel-Warzocho, Poland

Professor at the University of Gdansk

PANELISTS

Gerardo Codes, Spain

General Counsel of Iberdrola

Elisabeth Lintl, Germany

Judge at the Superior Court of Justice (OLG) Nuremberg

Lorenza Violini, Italy

Professor at Milano University

Mathieu Disant, France

Professor at Université de Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)

Wolfgang Weiss, Germany

Executive Director of Agrofert Germany GmbH

Andrzej Jackiewicz, Poland



Professor at Bialystok University

Irakli Samkharadze, Georgia
Director European Integration Research Centre

Stefanie Kisgen, Germany
Professor at Steinbeis University Berlin

Panel 10

CHALLENGES OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION IN LATAM: THE PROTECTION OF THE AMAZON

CHAIR

Humberto Romero Muci, Venezuela
Former President of the Academy of Political and Social Sciences

PANELISTS

Cecilia Sosa Gómez, Venezuela
Vice-President of the Academy of Political and Social Sciences

Delia Muñoz, Peru
Full Member of the Academy of Moral, Political and Social Science

Ricardo Abello, Colombia
Member of the Colombian Academy of Jurisprudence

Sergio de Andréa, Brazil
Brazilian Academy of Legal Literature

Panel 11

GREEN BOND FRAMEWORK, MULTILATERAL AND SOVEREIGN PERSPECTIVES

Organized by CAF - Development Bank of Latin America

CHAIR

Jorge Luis Silva, Mexico
Legal Consultant, CAF

PANELISTS

Michelle Muschett, Panama
Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator, and the Director, Regional Bureau for the Regional Bureau for Latin America, and the Caribbean of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Antonio Recine, Venezuela
Financial Policy Manager, CAF

Philip Keefer, USA
Principal Economic Advisor at the Inter-American Development Bank

Carola Moreno, Chile
Coordinator of Finance and International Affairs, Ministry of Finance

Elizabeth Plotnikov, Venezuela
Senior Counsel, CAF

Roderick O. Branch, USA

Partner at Latam & Watkins

Diego Andrés Pérez, Chile
Finance Coordination Advisor. Ministry of Finance

Representative of the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Colombia (*tbd*)

Representative of the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Uruguay (*tbd*)

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FORUM

Panel 12

CHALLENGES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER & MODERATOR

Luz Ibáñez, Peru
Vice President of the International Criminal Court

PANELISTS

Luis Moreno Ocampo, Argentina
First Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court

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

Ivana Hrdličková, Czech Republic
President of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon

Ekaterina Trendafilova, Bulgaria
President of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. Former ICC Judge, President of the Pre-Trial Division

Renan Villacís, Ecuador
Director of the Secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute

Blas J. Imbroda, Spain
Honorary President of the International Criminal Bar Association

Panel 13

PROTECTION OF THE RULE OF LAW IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

CHAIR

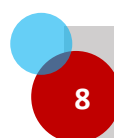
Rosario Silva de Lapuerta, Spain
Vice-President of the Court of Justice of the European Union (2018-2021)

PANELISTS

Lucia Serena Rossi, Italy
Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Sinisa Rodin, Croatia
Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Eugene Regan, Ireland
Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union



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JUDGES OF THE WORLD: SOLVING PROBLEMS INHERENT TO DIGITAL FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

CHAIR

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World Law Foundation Trustee, Vice President, and former President of the Interamerican Court of Human Rights

PANELISTS

Berit Reiss-Andersen, Norway

Chair of the Norwegian Nobel Peace Committee

Ricardo Pérez Manrique, Uruguay

President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Egils Levits, Latvia

10th President of Latvia. Judge of the European Court of Justice (2004-2019)

Encarnación Roca, Spain

Vice President Emeritus of the Constitutional Court. Partner at Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo

Edward Asante, Ghana

President of the Court of Justice of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

Jeff Jarvis, USA

Director of the Tow-Knight Center for Entrepreneurial Journalism at the City University of New York's Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism

Guilherme Canela De Souza Godoi, Brazil

Chief, Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists Section, UNESCO

HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM

Panel 15

JUSTICE & THE RULE OF LAW: GUARANTEES OF HUMAN DIGNITY

TOPICS

Inclusive justice and human rights: tools to promote equality, non-discrimination, and the fight against gender-based violence.

Pillars, technology, and principles of an open justice system

Judicial Integrity and Independence in the Rule of Law

Access to justice as a guarantee of rights

Efficiency, governance, and transparency in digital justice

CHAIR

Luis Henry Molina Peña, Dominican Republic

President of the Supreme Court of Justice

PANELISTS

Norma Piña, Mexico

Presiding Minister of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation

Maite Oronoz, USA

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico

Orlando Aguirre Gómez, Costa Rica

President of the Supreme Court of Justice

Sergio Muñoz, Chile

Justice of the Supreme Court of Justice. President of the Supreme Court of Justice (2014-2016)

Linda Maguire, Panama

Deputy Regional Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Latin America and the Caribbean

Rebecca Bill Chavez, USA

President & CEO, Inter-American Dialogue

Panel 16

DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW AND POPULISM

CHAIR

Guillermo Lasso, Ecuador

President of the Republic

Ivan Duque, Colombia

President of the Republic of Colombia (2018-2022)

Luis Almagro Lemes, Uruguay

Secretary General of the Organization of American States

Leopoldo López, Venezuela

Co-Founder World Liberty Congress and democratic activist

Panel 17

DEATH PENALTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

CHAIR

Fedwa Bouzoubaa, Morocco

International Lawyer

PANELISTS

Carmen Velasquez, USA

Justice at the New York Supreme Court

Bassem Eid, Palestine

Palestinian Human Rights Expert

Mauricio Pava Lugo, Colombia

General Director of Pava & Díaz Arana Abogados

Joe Paul Ocaña Merino, Ecuador

Lawyer. President of the Bar Association of Pichincha

Panel 18

LEGAL RESPONSE TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

CHAIR

Juan Pablo Gallego, Argentina

World Law Foundation Trustee, specialist lawyer in Human Rights

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Martin Baron, USA



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Patricia Lee Refo, USA

President of the American Bar Association (2020-2021), Partner at Snell & Willmer

Ulrich Wastl, Germany

Partner at Westpfahl Spilker, Co-author of the report on sexual abuse in the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising

Liza M. Velázquez, USA

Partner at Paul Weiss

Martin Pusch, Germany

Partner at Westpfahl Spilker, Co-author of the report on sexual abuse in the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising

Cydney Korek, USA

Associate at Gersowitz Libo & Korek P.C. Former Assistant District Attorney in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office

Panel 19

INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

CHAIR

Carolina Marín Pedreño, Spain

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

PANELISTS

Rachael Kelsey, United Kingdom

President-elect of the IAFL. Member of the Family Law Committee of the Scottish Civil Justice Council

Daniela Horvitz, Chile

President of the UIA Family Commission, former President of AIJUDEFA

Pamela M. Sloan, USA

Fellow at IAFL

Sulema Jahangir, Pakistan

Fellow at IAFL

Adelaide Benneh Prempeh, Ghana

Dual Qualified Barrister in Ghana and UK. Fellow of the IAFL

Lavanya Regunathan Fischer, India

Lawyer, Founder of RF Advocates

Andrés Conde, Spain

CEO Save the Children

Panel 20

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHT TO CLAIM INNOCENCE

CHAIR

José Igreja Matos, Portugal

World Law Foundation Trustee, President of the International Association of Judges

PANELISTS

WJA Medals of Honor

Diego García-Sayán, Peru

World Law Foundation Trustee, UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers (2016-2022)

José Ramón Cossío, Mexico

Minister of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation (2003-2018)

Joanna Seybert, USA

Senior US District Judge for Eastern New York

Úrsula Indacochea, Peru

Program Director Fundación para el Debido Proceso (*Due Process Foundation*)

Leo Maury Gordon, USA

Senior Judge of the US Court of International Trade

Juango Ospina, Spain

Trustee of the World Law Foundation. Criminal Lawyer

Panel 21

GENDER EQUALITY AS A CATALYST FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE UN-SDGs

CHAIR

Maite Oronoz, USA

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico

PANELISTS

Hermine S. Hayes-Klein, USA

Attorney, Human Rights Advocate, Public Speaker

Sujata Manohar, India

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

Hilarie Bass, USA

President of the American Bar Association (2017-2018). President and founder of the Bass Institute for Diversity and Inclusion.

Lisa Beattie Frelinghuysen, USA

Senior Affiliate at BanyanGlobal

Teresa del Riego, Spain

Lawyer. Deputy Director to the World Law Foundation

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HUMAN RIGHTS & SUSTAINABLE ACCESS TO HEALTH

CHAIR

Manuel García Goñi, Spain

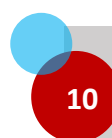
Professor at Complutense University of Madrid

PANELISTS

Carlos Alberto Tejada Noriega, Peru

Mayor of San Borja - Lima, former Minister of Health

Li Du, China



Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Macau

Mónica Sánchez Izquierdo, Ecuador
Minister, Political Coordinator of Ecuador to the Security Council, UN

David Clarke, Switzerland
Unit Head, Health Systems Governance and Financing, World Health Organization

Chenguang Wang, China
Professor, Director of Health Law Research Center, Tsinghua University Law School

Panel 23

REFUGEE CRISIS: CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY

CO-CHAIRS

Juan Carlos Gutiérrez, Venezuela
President of the WJA Human Rights Institute

Ana Irene Delgado, Panama
Embassador of Panama to the United Kingdom (2012-2014)

PANELISTS

Iván Duque, Colombia
Lawyer, writer, and politician. President of Colombia (2018-2022)

Hachem Boulos, Lebanon
Director of Boulos Law Firm

Ricardo Schembri, Colombia
President of the Superior Council of Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar. Legal Director of the Andean Community

María Teresa Paillés, Mexico
President of the Board and Founder of Abogadas MX, Partner at SMPS Legal

Lijiang Zhu, China
Professor And Vice Dean at School of International Law of China University of Political Science and Law

Javier Jaramillo, Colombia
Trustee of the World Law Foundation. Lawyer and manager at Pro-Corp

THE RULE OF LAW: WORLDWIDE PERSPECTIVE

Panel 24

HYBRID REGIMES IN THE AMERICAS & HEMISPHERIC SECURITY

TOPICS

The dangerous relationships of non-democratic regimes in the Americas. The use of strategic minerals and their smuggling.

CHAIR

Tamara Sujú Roa, Venezuela
WJA Representative to the International Criminal Court, Executive Director of CASLA Institute

PANELISTS

Luis Almagro Lemes, Uruguay
Secretary General of the Organization of American States

Dita Charanzová, Czech Republic
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Cristina Vollmer de Burelli, Venezuela
Executive Director of SOS Orinoco

Joseph M. Humire, USA
Executive Director of the Center for a Secure Free Society

Panel 25

UNIVERSALITY OF RULE OF LAW – PART A

CO-CHAIRS

Rainer Arnold, Germany
Professor at Regensburg University

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

PANELISTS

Domnica Manole, Moldova
President of the Constitutional Court

Sokol Sadushi, Albania
President of the Supreme Court

Alexander Tanase, Moldova
Member of the Venice Commission. President of the Constitutional Court (2011-2017)

Marjana Semini, Albania
Judge of the Constitutional Court

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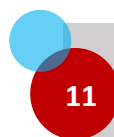
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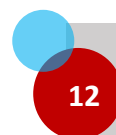
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INTER-AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

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**WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS ABOUT DEMOCRACY IN THE DIGITAL
AGE?**

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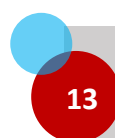
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Panel 35

INTERNATIONAL PRO BONO PRACTICE: SUPPORTING THE RULE OF LAW

TOPICS

Benefits of engaging in international pro bono work. Successful cases. How can lawyers make a difference in the world through these projects?

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CIVICS, CIVILITY, & COLLABORATION: CORNERSTONES OF DEMOCRACY

TOPICS

How lawyers can promote civics education, civil discourse, collaborative outreach to restore confidence in institutions and the judicial system, and to protect the rule of law

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LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ON EMPOWERING THE RULE

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DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION & AI

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CAN INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM SURVIVE

TOPICS

Governmental attacks, disinformation generated w
intelligence, crumbling business models and existential
faced by media outlets.

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RULE OF LAW, CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE, AND TECHNOLOGY

TOPICS

Technological development has a far-reaching impact on the legal system. Jurisprudence is constantly developing constitutional principles in this regard.

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FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN THE DIGITAL E

TOPICS

Digitization has revolutionized communications. F
expression, pillar for free democratic societies,
strengthened but it is also at risk.

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DEMYSTIFYING THE NEW DIGITAL WORLD: AI, BLOCKCHAIN AND DATA PROTECTION. HOW IT AFFECTS THE LAW

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YOUTH'S VIEW OF THE RULE OF LAW

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ESG: A GLOBAL VISION

TOPICS

Sustainability, ESG, and its implication beyond businesses and the environment. Multi-continental view of the current ESG situation, progresses and trends.

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PEACE THROUGH LAW: A YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

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**THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF THE 21ST CENTURY:
THE HUMANIZATION OF LAW & THE PRO-PERSON PERSPECTIVE**

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12:00 h.

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12:30 PM

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