WORLD LAW CONGRESS NEW YORK 2023

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THE ORGANIZERS

"A world ruled by law, and not by the force" has been the <u>World Jurist Association</u>'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 <u>WJA</u> 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 <u>World Law Congress</u> 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 at the United Nations 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.





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8:00-9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:45 **OPENING CEREMONY**

Javier Cremades García, Spain President of the World Jurist Association

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

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

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 discussion on 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 Benjamin, Brazil President GJIE, and Justice of the National High Court of Brazil – STJ

José Igreja Matos, Portugal WLF 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

Nicholas Robinson, USA Executive President of ICEL. Chair Emeritus WCEL-IUCN. Emeritus Professor at the University of Pace

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

Thomas Clark, USA General Counsel, Asian Development Bank

Panel 1 JUDICIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL RULE OF LAW: CHALLENGES & TRENDS

CO-CHAIRS Suntariya Muanpawong, Thailand Vice Chief Justice, Region 5

Andrew David Raine, Australia UNEP Law Division

PANELISTS

Alfredo Gutierrez, Mexico Justice of the Supreme Court

Andromache Karakatsanis, Canada Justice of the Supreme Court

Keith Lindblom, United Kingdom Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal of England and Wales

Sapana Pradhan Malla, Nepal Justice of the Supreme Court

Ragnild Noer, Norway Justice of the Supreme Court

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

Sergio Muñoz, Chile Justice of the Supreme Court

Fabien Raynaud, France Justice of the Council of State

Maria Filomena Dumandan Singh, Philippines Justice of the Supreme Court

Panel 2 JUDICIAL EDUCATION AND/FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL RULE OF LAW

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

Michele Weeks, Barbados Judge of the High Court

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

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

Ricardo Lorenzetti, Argentina Justice at the Supreme Court

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

CHAIR

Kari Kuusiniemi, Finland Trustee of the WLF, 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

Ekaterini N. Iliadou, Greece Professor at the Athens Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Kelly Hewitt, Philippines Senior Advisor to the Vice President and Principal Energy Specialist at the Asian Development Bank

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

> Panel 4 ENERGY MARKET & ENERGY TRANSITION: NEW OR OLD CHALLENGES?

COORDINATOR 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

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

Panel 5 DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR CLIMATE LAW

CHAIR

Delei Peng, China Professor of Chinese Business Law at East China University of Science and Technology Business School

PANELISTS

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

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

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 Najar, Colombia Judge of the Constitutional Court

Li Du, China Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Macau

Panel 6 WATER JUSTICE

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

PANELISTS

Stefano Burchi, Italy Chairman of the Water & Wetlands Law Specialist Group of the World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)

Barbara van Koppen, South Africa Principal Researcher on Poverty, Gender, and Water in the International Water Management Institute

Kunzang Kunzang, Bhutan

Head of Legal Office at the National Environment Commission, Researcher at the Asian-Pacific Network for Global Change

Panel 7 ARBITRATION IN THE ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE

CHAIR

Pilar Colomés, Spain Counsel in the Litigation and International Arbitration Department at Eversheds Sutherland

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 Xtrategy LLP, Co-founder of the World Arbitration Update and The Washington Arbitration Week

Dasong Yuan, China Professor, School of Law, Beijing Normal University

Panel 8 CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY TRANSITION AND THE RULE OF LAW IN THE AMERICAS

COORDINATOR

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 Villaroel at Univerisdad Autónoma

Panel 9 MAKING PEACE WITH NATURE AND MAKING NATURE A KEY FOR PEACE

CHAIR

Nicholas Robinson, USA Executive President of ICEL; Chair Emeritus of the WCEL-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

Dongli Huang, China Professor, Hebei University of Economics Business

PANEL 10

CLIMATE PROTECTION, ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY IN EUROPE

TOPICS

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

CO-CHAIRS Anna Rytel-Warzocha, Poland Professor at the University of Gdansk

Ekaterini N. Iliadou, Greece Professor at the Athens Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

PANELISTS Gerardo Codes, Spain General Counsel of Iberdrola

Lorenza Violini, Italy Professor at Milano University

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

Andrzej Jackiewicz, Poland Professor at Bialystok University Irakli Samkharadze, Georgia Director European Integration Research Centre

Stefanie Kisgen, Germany Professor at Steinbeis University Berlin

Panel 11 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 12 GREEN BOND FRAMEWORK, MULTILATERAL AND SOVEREIGN PERSPECTIVES

Organized by CAF - Development Bank of Latin America

CHAIR

Representative of the Development Bank of Latin America

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)

Representative of the Ministry of Finance of Chile (tbd)

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

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

Representative of the law firm Latham & Watkins Llp (tbd)

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FORUM

Panel 13 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 14 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

Panel 15 JUDGES OF THE WORLD: SOLVING PROBLEMS INHERENT TO DIGITAL FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

CHAIR

Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor, Mexico WLF 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

HUMAN RIGHTS FORUM

Panel 16 JUSTICE & THE RULE OF LAW: GUARANTEES OF HUMAN DIGNITY

TOPICS

Inclusive justice and human rights: tools to promote equality, nondiscrimination, 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

Richard Wagner, Canada Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

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 Gòmez, Costa Rica President of the Supreme Court of Justice

Sergio Muñóz, Chile Former President of the Supreme Court of Justice

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 17 DEATH PENALTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

PANELISTS

Carmen Velasquez, USA Justice at the New York Supreme Court

Bassem Eid, Palestine Palestinian Human Rights Expert

Fedwa Bouzoubaa, Morocco International Lawyer

Mauricio Pava Lugo, Colombia General Director of Pava & Díaz Arana Abogados

Zheng Tang, China Professor, Associate Dean at Wuhan University Academy of International Law, and Global Governance

Panel 18 LEGAL RESPONSE TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

CHAIR Juan Pablo Gallego, Argentina WLF Trustee, specialist lawyer in Human Rights

PANELISTS

Martin Baron, USA Editor from Washington Post (2012-2021) and Boston Globe (2001-2012)

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

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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

Diana Hamade, United Arab Emirates



Lawyer and arbitrator. Arab Woman Legal Award 2018

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

Panel 20 TOWARDS RECOGNIZING AN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHT TO CLAIM INNOCENCE

CHAIR

José Igreja Matos, Portugal WLF Trustee, President of the International Association of Judges

PANELISTS

Diego García-Sayán, Peru WLF 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)

Allyson Duncan, USA President of the Asian, North American and Oceanian Group of the International Association of Judges

Joanna Seybert, USA Senior US District Judge for Eastern New York

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

PANELISTS

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

Lali Papiashvili, Georgia Former Vice President of the Constitutional Court

Lisa Beattie Frelinghuysen, USA Senior Affiliate at BanyanGlobal

Teresa del Riego, Spain Lawyer. Deputy Director to the World Law Foundation

Panel 22 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

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

Noah Higón, Spain Jurist, patient, and activist for the visibilization of rare diseases

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

Shenjian Xu, China Professor, Dean of School of Juris Master, China University of Political Science and Law. Deputy Director of the Chinese Clinical Legal Educators

Lin Tang, Australia Professor of Law, University of International Business and Economics, China

Panel 23 REFUGEE CRISIS: CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY

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

PANELISTS

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

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

Hachem Boulos, Lebanon Director of Boulos Law Firm

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

THE RULE OF LAW: WORLDWIDE PERSPECTIVE

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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.

COORDINATOR 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 WLF Trustee, Vice President of the European Parliament

Cristina Vollmer de Burelli, Venezuela Executive Director of SOS Orinoco

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

Diego Arria, Venezuela Former President of the United Nations Security Council

Panel 25 UNIVERSALITY OF RULE OF LAW – PART A

CO-CHAIRS Rainer Arnold, Germany Professor at Regensburg University

Cristina Hermida Llano, Spain Professor at Rey Juan Carlos University

PANELISTS

Domnica Manole, Moldova President of the Constitutional Court

Dobrila Kacarska, North Macedonia President of the Constitutional Court

Sokol Sadushi, Albania President of the Supreme Court

Marjana Semini, Albania Judge of the Constitutional Court

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

Rodica Secrieru, Moldova Legal expert and advisor of the Constitutional Court

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

Fiona Papajorgji, Albania Judge of the Constitutional Court Jolita Miliuvienė, Lithuania Adviser to the President of the Constitutional Court

Panel 26 UNIVERSALITY OF RULE OF LAW – PART B

CO-CHAIRS Rainer Arnold, Germany Professor at University of Regensburg

Cristina Hermida Llano, Spain Professor at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

PANELISTS

Merab Turava, Georgia President of the Constitutional Court

Viktor Muraviov, Ukraine Professor at Taras Shevchenko University of Kiev

George Lomtadze, Georgia Chief of Foreign Relations of the Constitutional Court

Mircea Criste, Romania Deputy Ombudsman

Serhiy Maksymov, Ukraine National Law Academy

Gheorge Stan, Romania Judge of the Constitutional Court

Remzie Istrefi-Peci, Kosovo Judge at the Constitutional Court

Natalia Mushak, Ukraine National Aviation University

Panel 27 JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

CHAIR Shimon Shetreet, Israel Greenblatt Professor of Public and International Law Public Law, Courts, and Judges

PANELISTS

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

Pascal Pichonnaz, Germany President of the European Law Institute

Gonçalo Almeida Ribeiro, Portugal Vice president of the Constitutional Court

Carmen Corral Ponce, Ecuador Vice President of the Constitutional Court

Sophie Turenne, United Kingdom

University Lecturer in European Union Law, Fellow in Law, and Director of Studies in Law at Murray Edwards College

Giuseppe Ferrari, Italy Professor of Constitutional Law at Bocconi University and vicepresident of the International Academy of Comparative Law

Panel 28 DEMOCRACY & CONSTITUTION

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

PANELISTS / PANELISTAS

Ángel J. Gómez Montoro, Spain Director of the Madrid Campus of the University of Navarra

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

Hernán Salgado, Ecuador President of the Constitutional Court (2019-2022)

César García Novoa, Spain Director of the Taxation Program at the University of Santiago de Compostela

Eduardo Cifuentes, Colombia Former President of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace

Carlos Ayala Corao, Venezuela Vice-president of the International Commission of Jurists

Panel 29 ELECTORAL SYSTEMS IN AFRICA

COORDINATOR Edward Amoako Asante, Ghana President of the Court of Justice of the Economic Community of West African States

PANELISTS

Peter Umeadi, Nigeria Emeritus Chief Justice of Anambra State

Uju Peace Okeke, Nigeria Human Rights Activist, Professor at the University of Nigeria Nsukka

Ukamaka Ufodiama, Nigeria Member of the WJA, Deputy Chief Registrar of Probate of Anambra State Judiciary, Awka

Nkechi Ibeneme, Nigeria Professor at Modonna University Okija & Federal Polytechnic Nekede Owerri

> Panel 30 ANTI-CORRUPTION: LINKS TO ORGANIZED CRIME

CHAIR Lorenzo Tordelli, Italy Head of the European Unit of the Italian- Latin American International Organization (IILA)

PANELISTS

Giovanni Tartaglia Polcini, Italy Magistrate, Legal Advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Co-President of the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group

Claudia Escobar, Guatemala Commission of International Experts in the Fight Against Corruption

Christine M. Cline, USA Division Chief, Office of Global Programs and Policy, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs

Roberto Tartaglia, Italy Deputy Head of the Department for Legal and Legislative Affairs of the Italian Prime Minister's Office

Cecilia Perez Rivas, Paraguay Minister of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Paraguay to the Organization of American States

Kristjan Verbič. Slovenia President VZMD - PanSlovenian Investors' & Stakeholders' Association

Panel 31 RULE OF LAW: CHINESE PERSPECTIVE

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

PANELISTS

HU Jiaxiang, China Professor at KoGuan Law School, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Jiehan Feng, China Professor and Deputy Director of Wuhan University Institute of International Law

Ed Tillinghast, USA Partner at Sheppard Mullin

Lu Peiwei, China Director of Beijing Yidu Law Firm, Former Procurator, of the Supreme People's Procuratorate of PRC

Jesus Campos Falcones, Spain Responsible for the legal area at BB&CC Consulting China

> Panel 32 MORE RULE OF LAW, BETTER STATE? INTER-AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

CHAIR Marisol Peña Torres, Chile



President of the Constitutional Court (2013 - 2014). Academy of Social, Political and Moral Sciences of the Instituto de Chile

PANELISTS

Allan R. Brewer-Carías, Venezuela WLF Trustee, Professor Emeritus of the Universidad Central de Venezuela, Former Cambridge Professor

Alberto Dalla Via, Argentina Director of the Doctorate and master's Commission of the School of Law of the University of Buenos Aires

Augusto Trujillo Muñoz, Colombia President of the Colombian Academy of Jurisprudence

Rafael Badell, Venezuela Second Vice-President of the Academy of Political and Social Sciences

WORLD LAWYERS FORUM

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CHAIR Marc Grossman, USA Senior Partner at Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman

PANELISTS / PANELISTAS

Denis C. Mitchel, USA Partner at Stein Mitchell, Beato & Missner

Caroline Taylor, United Kingdom Attorney at Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman

Simon Morrison, Australia Managing Director & CEO at Shine Justice

Warren Collins, United Kingdom Partner and personal injury solicitor at Penningtons Manches Cooper

Maria Jose Azar-Baud, Argentina International Collective Redress Expert and advocate in Paris & Buenos Aires

Wei Sun, China Senior Partner of Zhong Lun Law Firm

Eric Breiteneder, Austria Founder of BREITENEDER Rechtsanwälte GmbH

Panel 34 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?

CHAIR Jaime Chavez Alor, USA Latin America Policy Director at Vance Center

PANELISTS

Todd Crider, USA Attorney Partner at Simpson Thacher

Dolores Aguinaco, Mexico President of Fundación Barra Mexicana

Pablo Guerrero, Chile Attorney Partner at Barros & Errázuriz

Antonia Stolper, USA Attorney of Counsel at Shearman

Panel 35 INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND TECHNOLOGY

CHAIR

Hwang Cheol-Kyu, Republic of Korea WJA Board Member, Immediate Past President of the International Association of Prosecutors

PANELISTS

Elisa Figueiredo, Brazil Partner at Fernandes, Figueiredo, Françoso and Petros

Juan Domingo Alfonzo Paradisi, Venezuela Managing Partner at Torres Plaz & Araujo

Santiago Solines, Ecuador WLF Trustee, Partner at Solines & Asociados

Luiz Claudio Allemand, Brazil Partner at Allemand Consultoria e Advocacia Empresarial

James Black, USA WJA Board Member, Partner & General Counsel Falcon Rappaport & Berkman; Adjunct Professor Hofstra University School of Law

Tong Qi, China Professor, Associate Dean at Wuhan University Academy of International Law, and Global Governance

Guillermo Cáez. Colombia Partner at CMM Abogados

> Panel 36 CIVICS, CIVILITY, & COLLABORATION: CORNERSTONES OF DEMOCRACY

ΤΟΡΙΟ

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

COORDINATOR Deborah Enix-Ross, USA

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President of the American Bar Association

PANELISTS

Elizabeth Andersen, USA Executive Director of the World Justice Project

Adrienne Nelson, USA Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, and Co-Chair, ABA Commission on the Cornerstones of Democracy

Bridget Mary McCormack, USA President and CEO, American Arbitration Association-International Centre for Dispute Resolution

Suzanne Spaulding, USA Senior Adviser for Homeland Security and Director, Defending Democratic Institutions Project, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Michele Coleman Mayes, USA Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, New York Public Library

Lauren Kanfer, USA Counsel, New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice, and Member, New York City Bar Civic Education Task Force

Panel 37 PEACE THROUGH ART AND CULTURAL PROPERTY LAW

COORDINATOR Giulia Ghia Lanzone, Italy Director of International Friends Verderame

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Panel 38 TOURISM & PERSONAL INJURIES

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Panel 39 LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ON EMPOWERING THE RULE OF LAW

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> DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION & AI

Panel 40 CAN INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM SURVIVE?

TOPICS

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

CHAIR Juan Luis Cebrián, Spain WLF Strategic Advisor, Honorary President of El País

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Panel 41 ETHICS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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Merav Shor, USA Legal & Strategy, Digital Assets in JP Morgan

Serisha Barrat, South Africa CEO & Founder of Lawyered Up

Panel 42 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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Panel 43 FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN THE DIGITAL ERA

TOPICS

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

CHAIR

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YOUTH'S VIEW OF THE RULE OF LAW

The objective of this forum is to monitor the opening of the political space to young people around the world. Despite being at the forefront searching for solutions to the face world problems, youngsters do not have enough opportunities to show their futuristic proposals.

Panel 44 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.

CHAIR

Víctor Martínez-Simancas, Spain Senior Counsel at Iberdrola Networks Business

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Panel 45 PEACE THROUGH LAW: A YOUTH PERSPECTIVE

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PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE

Panel 46 MARITIME LAW & SECURITY

CHAIR

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Silvia Giacoppo, Argentina Senator and President of the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament (Parlatino)

Amina Magouri, Tunisia Director of SALMA Dialogue for Security & Peace

Naigen Zhang, China Professor of Law, Fundan University

Panel 47

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

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> Panel 48 MEXICO: THE FUTURE TO COME

CHAIR Víctor Olea, Mexico President of the Mexican Bar Association

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> Panel 49 LAW & LABOUR

COORDINATOR Gina Magnolia Riaño, Colombia Secretary General of the Ibero-American Organization of Social Security

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Zhixiong Huang, China Professor and Vice Dean of Wuhan University Law School

Panel 50 REGULATING GLOBAL STABLECOINS & OTHER CRYPTOCURRENCIES

CHAIR

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July 20 Venue: TBC

GALA DINNER (Users pay)

July 21

United Nations Headquarters - New York (By Invitation Only) 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE XXVII WORLD LAW CONGRESS

Masters of Ceremony

Hilarie Bass

USA, President of the American Bar Association (2017-2018). Trustee of the World Law Foundation

Patricia Lee Refo

USA, President of the American Bar Association (2020-2021)

10:00 h. Opening Remarks

Eric Adams USA, Major of New York City

Rowan D. Wilson

USA, Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals

Andrew Young

USA, American civil rights leader, politician, clergyman, member of the U.S. House of Representatives (1973–1977), US Ambassador to the United Nations, and Mayor of Atlanta (1982–1990)

Announcement of the World Law Congress 2025

Henry Molina

Dominican Republic, President of the Supreme Court of the Dominican Republic

10:25 h.

WJA Medals of Honor

Laudatio

Berit Reiss-Andersen Norway, Chairwoman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee Maria Ressa (Video) Philippines, journalist, Nobel Peace Prize awardee 2021

Freedom of Speech Awardee

Martin Baron USA, former editor for the Washington Post and Boston Globe

Laudatio

John Kerry (TBC) USA, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate

SDGs Pioneer in Legal Practice Awardee

Brad Karp

USA, Chairman of Paul Weiss, and Trustee of the World Law Foundation

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Presented to Santiago Martín Garrido, General Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Iberdrola, Spain

Laudatio

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

Champion of the Rule of Law Awardee

Ricardo Pérez Manrique

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Laudatio

Deborah Enix-Ross

USA, President of the American Bar Association

Navi Pillay (Video)

South Africa, UN Human Rights High Commissioner (2008- 2014), judge of the International Criminal Court (2003-2008) and President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

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Jed S. Rakoff USA, Senior Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

Champion of the Rule of Law Awardee

United Nations Office of Legal Affairs

Presented to Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel, Portugal

11:25 h.

Presentation of the World Law Peace & Liberty Award

Remarks

Javier Cremades

Spain, President of the World Jurist Association

Reading of the Act Granting the World Peace & Liberty Award

Viviane Reding

Luxembourg, Vice-President of the World Law Foundation

WJA World Peace & Liberty Awardee

European Commission

Presented to Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

Acknowledgement

Ursula von der Leyen Germany, President of the European Commission

11:50 h.

Closing of the World Law Congress

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

Closing Remarks

António Guterres Portugal, Secretary General of the United Nations

LUNCHEON

UN Delegates Dining Room. 4th Floor 1:00 PM (By invitation only)

WJA Ruth Bader Ginsburg Medal of Honor

Awardee **Rosalie S. Abella** Canada, Justice of the Supreme Court (2004-2021)

WJA Medal of Honor Laudatio Sherrilyn Ifill USA, President and Director-Counsel Emeritus, NAACP Legal Defense Fund Champion of the Rule of Law Awardee

David Mills

USA, Professor of the Practice of Law at Stanford University

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