







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 <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 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2025** will be the 29th edition of this two-day event. On the first day, the World Law Congress 2025 will feature more than 400 speakers, presenters, and panelists from 70+ countries across the five continents who will discuss multiple thematic working sessions topics focusing on **Peace Through Law**, the original WJA motto.

On the second day, the Closing Ceremony will be held at a landmark building in Santo Domingo. During this ceremony, the **World Peace & Liberty Award 2025** will be bestowed to an international personality. 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 presented to its President, Ursula von der Leyen.















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OPENING CEREMONY

Javier Cremades, Spain
President of the World Jurist Association

Carolina Mejía, Dominican Republic Mayor of Santo Domingo

INTERFAITH INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE

Panel 1

DIALOGUE AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE MONOTHEISTIC RELIGIONS

Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, Saudi Arabia Secretary General of the Muslim World League

Baltazar Porras, Venezuela XVI Archbishop of Caracas

WELCOMING COCKTAIL

6:00 PM

(Applicable registration and fee)

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FORUM

Panel 1

SUSTAINABLE MULTILATERALISM: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN 21ST CENTURY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

CHAIR

Antonio Herman Benjamin, Brazil

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

PANELISTS

Miodrag Đorđević, Slovenia Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Slovenia

Peter Umeadi, Nigeria Emeritus Chief Judge of Anambra

Ricardo Blanco Herrera, Chile President of the Supreme Court

Zaza Tavadze, Georgia

Former President of Constitutional Court of Georgia

Panel 2

DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE: VOICES OF DIFFERENT ACTORS

CHAIR

Ekaterina Trendafilova, Bulgaria

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

PANELISTS

José Igreja Matos, Portugal

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

Soranib Nathali Hernandez de Deffendini, Spain

Associate Professor of Public International Law and International Relations at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos/Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Nicola Pietrantoni, Italy

Partner at Studio legale associato Isolabella

Panel 3

RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT

Esohe Ikponmwen, Nigeria Emeritus chief justice of Edo State

Graciela Tagle, Argentina

Liaison Judge of the International Hague Network of Judges





INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT IN ONGOING INTERSTATE CONFLICTS

Graciela Gatti, Uruguay

President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Panel 5

PROTECTION OF LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

CO-CHAIRS

Shimon Shetreet. Israel

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

Pascal Pichonnaz, Switzerland

President, European law Institute ELI, University of Freiburg

PANELISTS

John Thomas, United Kingdom

Former Chief Justice England and Wales

Ellise Muir, Belgium

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

Takis Tridimas, United Kingdom

Professor of European Law at King's College

Sophie Turenne, United Kingdom

Assistant Professor in Comparative Law; Fellow in Law at the University of Cambridge

Christiane Wendehorst, Austria

Co-Head of the Department of Innovation and Digitalisation in Law Scientific Director of the European Law Institute

Fryderick Zoll, Poland

Proffessor at the Jagellonian University and Osnabrueck University

Kim Lane Scheppele, USA

Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Sociology and International Affairs in the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs

Panel 6

CODE OF ETHICS FOR JUDGES

Petr Angyalossy, Czech Republic President of the Supreme Court

Panel 7

INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY AND ENFORCING CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES

Topics:

Code of Ethics for Judges Independence of the Judiciary

CHAIR

Sujata Manohar, India

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

PANELISTS

Edgardo Cáceres, Honduras

Magistrate of the Supreme Court of Justice of Honduras (1994-2002)

Miodrag Đorđević, Slovenia

President of the Supreme Court of Slovenia

Petr Angyalossy, Czech Republic

President of de Supreme Court of de Czech Republic

Panel 8

EXPLORING SHARED VALUES AND PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING ACROSS RELIGUIOUS TRADITIONS

Manuel Breton, Spain

President of Caritas Española

HUMAN RIGHTS & FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

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HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ERA OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Erika Torregrosa, Spain

Principal Chief Executive Officer en DIPLOCORP

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DEMOCRACY AND MEDIA: EXPLORING THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN FREE PRESS AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS

Fabio Bertoni, USA

General Counsel at The New Yorker

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ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS IN PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

Alma Como, Albania

Head of Public and International Relations Department of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Albania

Amaka Ufodiama, Nigeria

Deputy Chief Registrar, Probate Registry.

Panel 12

ADDRESSING CHALLENGES IN ENSURING DIGITAL FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Arta Vorpsi, Albania

Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University



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

CHAIR

Hilarie Bass, USA

President of the Bass Institute for Diversity and Inclusion

PANELISTS

Esohe Ikponmwen, Nigeria

Emeritus Chief Judge of Edo Estate Nigeria

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INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

CHAIR

Carolina Marín Pedreño, Spain

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

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Rachael Kelsey, United Kindom

President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers (IAFL)

Daniela Horvitz, Chile

President of the UIA Family Commission, former President of AUUDEFA

Marcela Paula Bakit De Ruyt, USA

Family lawyer and Founder of Bakit & Cia

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SPORT: LEGAL PERSPECTIVE AND SOCIAL IMPACT

CHAIR

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INDIGENOUS LAW CHALLENGES

CHAIR

Borys Babin, Ukraine

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

PANELISTS

Oliver Loode, Estonia

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

ENVIROMENTAL & ENERGY RULE OF LAW FORUM

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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN THE ERA OF ENERGY TRANSITION: ADDRESSING LEGAL OPPORTUNITIES

CHAIR

Kari Kuusiniemi, Finland

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

PANELISTS



Christina Voigt, Norway

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

Lucio Ghia, Italy

President of the WJA (1995-1997)

Pere Pastor Vilanova, Andorra

Judge and President of Section III of the European Court of Human Rights

Luc Lavrysen, Belgium

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (NL)

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CHALLENGES TO SUSTAINABILITY IN THE AMERICAS

Luiz Claudio Allemand, Brazil

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

Carrie Gaard, Argentina

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

Sergio de Andréa, Brazil

Brazilian Academy of Legal Literature

Diego Patricio Pazmiño Vinueza, Ecuador

Consultant lawyer of IUSconsultores Law Firm

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

CHAIR

Rafael Fernando Feldmann, Brasil

Partner at Cascione Advogados

PANELISTS

Milagros de Camps, Dominican Republic

Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources

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SECURING THE FUTURE: EXPLORING CONTEMPORARY DIMENSIONS OF DEFENSE, SECURITY, AND CYBER GOVERNANCE

Kristjan Verbič, Slovenia

President VZMD - PanSlovenian Investors' & Stakeholders' Association

Siavash Shahrjerdi, France

Legal Counsel and Senior University Lecturer at University of Paris

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

Cesar Landa, Peru

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

James Black, USA

Vice President of the World Jurist Association and Partner at Falcon Rappaport & Berkman LLP

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MITIGATING THE RISK OF JUDICIAL BIAS IN AI UTILIZATION

CHAIR

Don Bivens, USA

Partner at Don Bivens PLLC

PANELISTS

Andres Diaz Arana, Colombia Partner at Pava Diaz Arana

Carmen Velasquez, USA

Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York - Queens County

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PRIVACY AND CYBERSECURITY

Milan Kristof, Luxembourg

Référendaire European Court of Justice

Tamta Margvelashvili, Georgia

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

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OVERREGULATION OR DEREGULATION IN THE DIGITAL SECTOR?

Marcelo Montero, Chile

Partner at Budais Abogados

PANELISTS

Ailin Gurfein, Argentina

Researcher- Proffesor at University of Business and Social Sciences

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THE RULE OF LAW IN THE WORLD'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

CHAIR

Viviane Reding, Luxembourg

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

PANELISTS

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Co-founder of SES and architect of SES Global, President Emeritus of EBAN

Santiago Solines, Ecuador

Partner at Solines & Asociados Abogados

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Irakli Samkharadze, Georgia

Director European Integration Research Centre

PANELISTS

Diego Valadés, Mexico

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

Marcela Szymanski, USA

Head of International Advocacy of Aid to the Church in Need International

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Rafael Heredia, México

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RULE OF LAW, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

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HUMAN DIGNITY

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Pierre Nihoul, Belgium

President of the Constitutional Court of Belgium (FR)

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ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

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CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE IN A COMPARATIVE VIEW I

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Holta Zacaj, Albania

President of the Constitutional Court

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Professor at Regensburg University

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Villu Köwe. Estonia

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Gresa Caka-Nimani, Kosovo

President of the Constitutional Cout

Miroslaw Granat, Poland

Judge of the Constitutional Court (2007-2016)

Gheorghe Stan, Romania

Judge of the Constitutional Court

Domnica Manole, Moldova

Judge of the Constitutional Court. President of the Constitutional Court (2019-2023)

Jolita Miliuviene, Lithuania

Adviser to the President of the Constitutional Court

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Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University

Sokol Sadushi, Albania

President of the Supreme Court



THE RULE OF LAW IN THE CONSTITUTION

Ján Sikuta, Slovak Republic

President of the Supreme Court of the Slovak Republic

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DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS AND LEADERSHIP

CHAIR

Tamara Sujú, Venezuela Director of CASLA Institute

PANELISTS

Lech Walesa. Poland

Former President of Poland and Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1983

Felipe González, Spain

Former President of Spain (1982 y 1996)

Óscar Arias, Costa Rica

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

Luís Almagro, Uruguay

Secretary of the Organization of American States (OEA)

RULE OF LAW IN THE LEGAL FIELD

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INTERSECTION OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS IN ECONOMIC PROGRESS

Ambiga Sreenevasan, Malasia

Partner at Sreenevasan, Advocates & Solicitors

Rafael García Millán, Spain

Partner at Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo

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STRESS MANAGEMENT AND SELF-AWARENESS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

CHAIR

Roberto Whyte, Spain

Trustee of the World Law Foundation

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CHAIR

Brunno Morette, Brasil

Partner at Cascione Advogados

PANELISTS

Máximo Manuel Bergés Chez, Dominican Republic Partner at Bergés Dreyfous Abogados

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Jin Huang, China

Vice President of the WJA, Vice President of China Law

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FINANCIAL TRENDS AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

Jiankun Li, China

Assistant Professor of China University of Political Science and Law

Moisés Castro Pizaña, México

Partner at Bufete Castro Pizaña

Nicola Tegoni, Italy

Equity Partner, Co-Chair of the Italy Practice Group at Dunnington, Bartholow & Miller LLP

Kehinde Oyewo, Nigeria

Legal assistant at the Moboluwaduro Chamber

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PERSONAL INJURIES: INTERNATIONAL APPROACH

Jeff Korek, USA

Partner at Gersowitz Libo & Korek, P.C.

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CHAIR

Hwang Cheol-Kyu, Republic of Korea

WJA Board Member, Immediate Past President of the International Association of Prosecutors

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RULE OF LAW: YOUTH VOICES SHAPING TOMORROW'S JUSTICE

Mauricio Junquera, México

Partner at Junquera Legal

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ADR AND THE RULE OF LAW

Alberto Preciado, Colombia

WLF Trustee and President of Preciado Abogados





May 5 08:00 PM PEACE THROUGH LAW GALA DINNER

(Applicable registration and fee)

May 6 09:30 AM – 12:00 PM (By invitation only)

CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE XIX WORLD LAW CONGRESS

Javier Cremades, Spain, President of the World Jurist Association

PRESENTATION OF THE WORLD LAW PEACE & LIBERTY AWARD

Laudatio

Stephan Harbarth, *Germany*, President of the Federal Constitutional Court Acknowledgement

Awardee

Remarks

H.M King Felipe VI of Spain, World Peace & Liberty Awardee 2019 (*tbc*) **Luis Abinader**, President of the Dominican Republic

COCKTAIL RECEPTION / AWARDEES' LUNCH

12:30 PM

(By invitation only)





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Javier Cremades, *Spain*, President of the World Jurist Association **Iván Duque**, *Colombia*, lawyer, writer, and politician. President of Colombia (2018-2022)

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