



**WORLD LAW CONGRESS  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2025**



**Santo Domingo | May 04-06**

## 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 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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)*

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## XXIX WORLD LAW CONGRESS' PANELS

### OPENING CEREMONY

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

**Carolina Mejía**, Dominican Republic  
Mayor of Santo Domingo

### INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FORUM

Panel 1

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

##### CHAIR

**Antonio Herman Benjamin**, Brazil  
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

#### INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

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

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

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

Panel 4

#### 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

Professor 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

**DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST JUDGES****Petr Angyalossy**, Czech Republic

President of the Supreme Court

## Panel 7

**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)

## Panel 8

**EXPLORING SHARED VALUES AND PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING ACROSS RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS****Manuel Breton**, Spain

President of Caritas Española

**HUMAN RIGHTS & FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION**

## Panel 9

**HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ERA OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES****Erika Torregrosa**, Spain

Principal Chief Executive Officer en DIPLOCORP

## Panel 10

**DEMOCRACY AND MEDIA: EXPLORING THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN FREE PRESS AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS****Fabio Bertoni**, USA

General Counsel at The New Yorker

## Panel 11

**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

## Panel 13

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

President of the Bass Institute for Diversity and Inclusion

## Panel 14

**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

**PANELISTS****Rachel Kelsey**, United Kingdom

President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers

**Daniela Horvitz**, Chile

President of the UIA Family Commission, former President of AIJUDEFA



## Panel 15

**SPORT: LEGAL PERSPECTIVE AND SOCIAL IMPACT****CHAIR**

**Elisabeth Cassin**, France  
World Law Foundation Trustee

## Panel 16

**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)

**ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY RULE OF LAW FORUM**

## Panel 17

**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

## Panel 18

**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

## Panel 19

**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

**DIGITAL CHALLENGES: IA, CYBERSECURITY, SOCIAL MEDIA & DATA PROTECTION**

## Panel 20

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

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

## Panel 21

**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)

## Panel 22

**MITIGATING THE RISK OF JUDICIAL BIAS IN AI UTILIZATION**

**Don Bivens**, USA  
Partner at Don Bivens PLLC

## Panel 23

**5G PRIVACY AND CYBERSECURITY**

**Milan Kristof**, Luxembourg  
Référéndaire European Court of Justice

## Panel 24

**OVERREGULATION OR DEREGULATION IN THE DIGITAL SECTOR?**

**Marcelo Montero**, Chile  
Partner at Budais Abogados

**ELECTORAL ERA AND GEOPOLITICAL EVENTS**

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**ASSESSMENTS OF ELECTORAL RULES OF 2024****CHAIR**

**Irakli Samkharadze**, Georgia  
Director European Integration Research Centre

**Diego Valadés**, Mexico

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



## Panel 26

## PARADIGM SHIFT RESULTING FROM THE 2024 ELECTIONS

**Rafael Heredia**, México

Agent of the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Federal District

## CONSTITUTIONAL UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLES

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## RULE OF LAW, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

## CO-CHAIRS

**Rainer Arnold**, Germany

Professor at Regensburg University

**Luca Mezzetti**, Italy

Dean of the Faculty of Law and amaskiLaw Professor at University of Bologna

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Professor at the University of Buenos Aires

**Cristina Hermida del Llano**, Spain

Professor at Rey Juan Carlos University

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Profesor at the University of Lisbon

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Profesor at University Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne)  
*Ancien Conseiller d'État*

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CNR, Perugia/Firenze

**Sokol Sadushi**, Albania

President of the Supreme Court

**Cristina Titirișcă**, Romania

Assistant-Magistrate at the Constitutional Court

**Natalia Mushak**, Ukraine

National Aviation University

**Lorenza Violini**, Italy

Professor at the University of Milan

**Marianella Ledesma**, Peru

President of the Constitutional Court (2020-2022)

**Alan Bronfman**, Chile

Professor of Constitutional Law and Parliamentary Law at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso

## Panel 28

## HUMAN DIGNITY

## CHAIR

**Selin Esen**, Turkey

First Vice-President of the International Association of Constitutional Law

## PANELISTS

**Selvet Gerxhaliu**, Kosovo

Judge of the Constitutional Court

**Arta Vorpsi**, Albania

Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University

**Gabriella Mangione**, Italy

Professor at the University of Insubria

## Panel 29

## ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

## CO-CHAIRS

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CEO bei Steinbeis School of International Business and Entrepreneurship (SIBE)

## PANELISTS

**Ekaterina Trendafilova**, Bulgaria

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

**Wolfgang Weiss**, Germany

Executive Director of Agrofert Germany GmbH

**Elisabeth Lintl**, Germany

Judge at the Superior Court of Justice (OLG) Nuremberg

**Marieta Safta**, Romania

Law Professor at Titu Maiorescu University

**Viktor Mushak**, Ukraine

Professor at the University of Shevchenko

## Panel 30

## CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE IN A COMPARATIVE VIEW I

## CO-CHAIRS

**Holta Zacaj**, Albania

President of the Constitutional Court

**Rainer Arnold**, Germany

Professor at Regensburg University

## PANELISTS

**Villu Köwe**, Estonia

President of the Supreme Court

**Gresa Caka-Nimani**, Kosovo

President of the Constitutional Court

**Mirosław Granat**, Poland

Judge of the Constitutional Court (2007-2016)

**Gheorghe Stan**, Romania

Judge of the Constitutional Court

**Domnica Manole**, Moldova



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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## CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE IN A COMPARATIVE VIEW II

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Professor of Public Law, Center for Legal Research, University of Lille

**Rainer Arnold**, Germany  
Professor at Regensburg University

### PANELISTS

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

**Marieta Safta**, Romania  
Law Professor at Titu Maiorescu University

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

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

**Germán Lopez Daza**, Colombia  
Professor at Universidad Nacional de Colombia

**Arta Vorpsi**, Albania  
Professor of Constitutional Law, Tirana University

**Sokol Sadushi**, Albania  
President of the Supreme Court

## 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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### M&A TRANSACTIONS IN LATIN AMERICA IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CURRENT TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION

### CHAIR

**Brunno Morette**, Brasil  
Partner at Cascione Advogados

### PANELISTS

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

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### GLOBAL LEGAL DYNAMICS: NAVIGATING CHANGE AND SEIZING OPPORTUNITIES IN A TRANSFORMATIVE ERA

**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

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### PERSONAL INJURIES: INTERNATIONAL APPROACH

**Jeff Korek**, USA  
Partner at Gersowitz Libo & Korek, P.C.

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### MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS

### 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

Panel 40

### 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**

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

**Acknowledgement**

**Awardee**

**Remarks**

**Luis Abinader**, President of the Dominican Republic

**H.M King Felipe VI of Spain**, World Peace & Liberty Awardee 2019 (*tbc*)

**COCKTAIL RECEPTION / AWARDEES' LUNCH**

**12:30 PM**

*(By invitation only)*



## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

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

## LOCAL COMMITTEE

**Milton Ray Guevara**, *Dominican Republic*, World Law Foundation Trustee, Former President of the Constitutional Court (2011-2023)

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

**María Juliana**, *Colombia*, Co-founder I+D Foundation  
**Diego Solana**, *Spain*, attorney and International Advisor of the World Law Foundation

