

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS “DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES: DEMOCRACY AND REGULATION IN EUROPE AND AMERICA”

HYBRID CONGRESS
JUNE
20th and 21st
2023
MEXICO CITY

Preliminary Program

“Digital Technologies: Democracy and Regulation in Europe and America”

Hybrid congress, June 20th and 21st, 2023

Objective of the event: Engage in the debate on the regulatory process of digital technologies, social media, and artificial intelligence currently taking place in Europe — particularly regarding the implications of their use for political-electoral rights and democracy — with the aim of having Latin American countries join a similar regulatory initiative.

Speakers: Up to 30 international speakers will participate in the event, both on-site and virtually. Invitees include members of the Venice Commission, members of the Commission's Sub-Commission on Latin America, representatives of constitutional courts or electoral authorities, and experts in the field.

Audience: Justices, clerks, civil society organizations, academic personnel from research centers, international organizations, and electoral experts.

Location: Hybrid event

- On-site: José Luis de la Peza Auditorium, High Chamber of the Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary, Mexico City
- Digital platform: Zoom, with prior registration

Schedule (GMT -6, Mexico City):

- June 20th, 09:00 – 14:35
- June 21st, 09:00 – 14:20

Simultaneous translation: English, Spanish and French



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TUESDAY, JUNE 20 TH	
DAY 1	
08:00 - 09:00	REGISTRATION
09:00 – 10:45	<p>OPENING SESSION. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEMOCRATIC INTEGRITY AND THE DIGITAL CONTEXT IN WHICH DEMOCRACY OPERATES</p> <p>Objective. Discuss how recent technological developments have transformed the mechanisms of political participation and identify the ways in which these changes both strengthen electoral integrity and undermine fundamental rights.</p> <p>Format: Times to be defined according to the number of participating justices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reyes Rodríguez Mondragón, Chief Justice of the High Chamber of Mexico’s Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary • TEPJF Justices • Claire Bazy-Malaurie, President, Venice Commission • Francisco Guerrero Aguirre, Secretary for Strengthening Democracy, Organization of American States (OAS) – <i>Virtual</i> • Albertina Piterbarg, Freedom of Expression and Elections Expert, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
10:45 - 11:05	OFFICIAL PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK
11:05 – 12:45	<p>PANEL 2. TECHNOLOGIES AVAILABLE TO THE JUDICIARY WORLDWIDE</p> <p>Objective. Analyze the most recent justice-related technological advancements, with an emphasis on electoral justice, and discuss how these developments have brought tribunals closer to society.</p> <p>Format: 1 hour 15 minutes for participations (approx. 12 minutes per speaker and panel chair), 25 minutes for Q&A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinorah Cantú Pedraza, Senior Fellow at the Governance Lab (The GovLab) at New York University (NYU), Founder and CEO of Bot Factory



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- Alberto Dalla Vía, President of the National Electoral Chamber of Argentina (Observer of the Venice Commission) – *Virtual*
- Fernando Castillo Víquez, President of the Constitutional Chamber of Costa Rica (Member of the Venice Commission)
- Janine M. Otálora Malassis, Justice of the High Chamber of Mexico’s Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary

Moderator: tbc

12:45 - 12:55	COFFEE BREAK
12:55 – 14:35	PANEL 3. SOCIAL MEDIA AND DISINFORMATION IN ELECTORAL PROCESSES: ANALYSIS OF THEIR USE IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

Objective. Given the transition of political campaigns to the digital world, study how the lack of regulation of social media platforms and the abuse of new technologies have enabled the spread of disinformation that puts electoral integrity at risk; moreover, discuss what regulations could mitigate this problem without jeopardizing freedom of expression.

Format: 1 hour 15 minutes for participations (approx. 12 minutes per speaker and panel chair), 25 minutes for Q&A.

- Julia Brothers, Senior Advisor for Elections, National Democratic Institute (NDI) – *Virtual*
- Rafael Rubio, Professor of Constitutional Law, Complutense University of Madrid
- Altus Baquero Rueda, Justice of the National Electoral Council of Colombia
- José Ignacio Vásquez Márquez, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Chile (Member of the Venice Commission)
- Srđan Darmanović, Chairman of the Council for Democratic Elections (Member of the Venice Commission)
- José Luis Vargas Valdez, Justice of the High Chamber of Mexico’s Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary

Panel presided by: Daniel Zovatto, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance - International IDEA

END OF DAY 1



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 ST	
DAY 2	
08:00 - 09:00	REGISTRATION
09:00 – 10:40	PANEL 4. HATE SPEECH AND VIOLENCE: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND GENDER EQUALITY
<p>Objective. Discuss the points of intersection between, on the one hand, hate speech and gender-based political violence and, on the other, the emergence of new technologies that intensify these problems and, therefore, violate the political rights of women and other vulnerable groups, with the aim of establishing international regulatory standards on the matter.</p> <p>Format: 1 hour 15 minutes for participations (approx. 12 minutes per speaker and panel chair), 25 minutes for Q&A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivana Bartoletti, Global Chief Privacy Officer, Wipro, and Visiting Cybersecurity and Privacy Fellow, Pamplin College - Virginia Tech – <i>Virtual</i> • Cármen Lúcia Antunes Rocha, Justice of the Supreme Federal Court of Brazil (Member of the Venice Commission) • Simona Granata, Director/Secretary, Venice Commission <p>Moderator: Rosario Guerra Díaz, Lecturer at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) - tbc</p>	
10:40 - 10:50	COFFEE BREAK
10:50 – 12:30	PANEL 5. WHAT ARE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND IN WHICH AREAS OF ELECTIONS ARE THEY USED?
<p>Objective. Determine the features of digital technologies — from digitization to artificial intelligence — identify their main applications in the different stages of the electoral process, particularly in the jurisdictional sphere, and discuss the common principles that must be considered for their regulation.</p> <p>Format: 1 hour 15 minutes for participations (approx. 12 minutes per speaker and panel chair), 25 minutes for Q&A.</p>	



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- Matt Bailey, Senior Global Advisor for Cyber and Information Integrity, International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
- Antonio López Vega, Director of the Ortega y Gasset University Research Institute, José Ortega y Gasset-Gregorio Marañón Foundation (FOM)
- Óscar Sánchez Muñoz, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Valladolid (Member of the Venice Commission) – *Virtual*
- Oliver Kask, President of the National Election Commission, Estonia, former President of the Council for Democratic Elections (Member of the Venice Commission) – *Virtual*
- Martha Leticia Mercado Ramírez, Justice of the Electoral Tribunal of Mexico City

Moderator: tbc

12:30 - 12:40

COFFEE BREAK

12:40 – 14:20

PANEL 6. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: BENEFITS AND DRAWBACKS OF ITS USE IN POLITICAL COMMUNICATION AND PROPAGANDA

Objective. Discuss the most recent developments in artificial intelligence and its current applications in the political-electoral field, especially regarding political communication and propaganda. In this sense, analyze the advantages and disadvantages of its use in a context of scarce regulation and discuss how legal frameworks could be transformed in the face of the rapid evolution of this technology.

Format: 1 hour 15 minutes for participations (approx. 12 minutes per speaker and panel chair), 25 minutes for Q&A.

- Dragoș Tudorache, Member of the European Parliament, Romania; Chair of the Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence in the Digital Age (AIDA) – *Virtual*
- Mario Hernández Ramos, Professor of Constitutional Law, Complutense University, Madrid, and Member of the Bureau and the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI)
- Marjorie de los Ángeles Chávez Macías, Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador
- Sergio Arturo Guerrero Olvera, Chief Justice of the Guadalajara Regional Chamber of Mexico’s Electoral Tribunal
- Albertina Piterbarg, Freedom of Expression and Elections Expert, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Moderator: tbc

END OF THE EVENT



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