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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 2019

OPENING LECTURE

"THE HISTORICAL IMPACT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM: The 60th Anniversary of the IACHR and the 40th Anniversary of the IACHR"

Lugar: Centro Cultural (no. 12 on the map)

9:00 - 11:00

- Lenín Moreno, President of Ecuador
- Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño, President of the IACHR
- Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor Poisot, President of the IACHR
- Michelle Bachelet Jeria, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (pre-recorded video)
- Dr. Íñigo Salvador, Attorney General of the State of Ecuador

PANEL

"CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM."

Lugar: Centro Cultural (no. 12 on the map)

11:30 - 13:00

- Eduardo Ferrer Mac-Gregor Poisot, President of the IACHR
- Joel Hernández García, First Vice President of the IACHR
- Antonia Urrejola Noguera, Second Vice-President of the IACHR
- Carlos Ayala Corao, Former Member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
- Marcela Briceño-Donn, Consultant, IAHR Specialist

Moderator: Efrén Guerrero, Dean of the Faculty of Jurisprudence of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Ecuador

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Migrant and Refugee Children: Common Experiences and Collaboration for Human Rights Responses

Lugar: Torre I, auditorio 1 (no. 15 on the map)

Objective: The purpose pursued by the event is to make visible the contexts of profound violence experienced by children who must migrate from their countries and who, many times, are faced with journeys and migratory processes that threaten their physical and psychological integrity, being deprived of their rights to health, education, housing, and, of course, to live and be protected by their families, among many others. And also, to grant glances and experiences from the children themselves that allow to generate good practices and collaboration between States.

Methodology: For the development of the event, it is proposed the exhibition of three adolescents from the region, who will present their experiences, through which they intend to raise initiatives and good practices for the States, in a space of about 50 minutes. After that, two experts will give their opinions and suggestions in the matter with interventions of 25 minutes each, to finally close with the conclusions of the space.

Panelists: Three teenagers from the region and two experts: One of the experts would come from the office of the special representative of the United Nations Secretary General on violence against children and another, an international expert on human mobility.

Organizers:

- Network of Children and Adolescents of Latin America and the Caribbean,
- Rednnyas
- Save the Children
- World Vision Chile
- Corporación Opción, Chile
- Educación 2020, Chile
- Colectivo Sin Fronteras
- Defensoría de la Niñez, Chile
- Global March Against Child Labour
- RIA El Salvador

14:00 - 16:00

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 2019

The right to free, prior and informed consultation and consent in Latin America

Lugar: Torre I, auditorio 3 no. 15 on the map)

Objectives

- To take stock of the main limitations that exist for the proper exercise of CPLI in Latin America.
- To discuss the advances and challenges faced by indigenous peoples at the regional level in exercising their territorial rights, through CPLI and other tools under international human rights law.

Methodology:

1. Introduction on the importance of the right to CPLI and its indisputable relationship with the strengthening of the rule of law (by Marie-Christine Fuchs or Katya Salazar; 10 minutes)
2. Presentation of the national panorama on the implementation of the right to consent and prior consultation in three countries of the region, balance and perspectives for the future.
3. Progress and pending challenges in the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Human Rights System for the protection of the territorial rights of IPs (by Daniel Cerqueira, 15 minutes)
4. Open public question forum (30 minutes)

Panelists:

- Representatives of the IACHR and the IACHR
- CSOs working on the issue
- Academic experts on the subject
- State institutions
- Indigenous Leaders

Organizers: The Konrad Adenauer Foundation's Rule of Law Program for Latin America, Due Process of Law Foundation and the Center for Economic and Social Rights of Ecuador (CDES).

14:00 - 16:00

Challenges of religious freedom in Latin America: socio-political and legal perspectives

Lugar: Torre I, auditorio 4 (no. 15 on the map)

Objectives: to open spaces for debate, exchange and dialogue, taking religious freedom as a framework that allows us to think not only about the specificity of religious incidence but also about the possible mechanisms and tools of relationship with other political agents.

Methodology: The activity aims to be an open and interdisciplinary panel, with specialists who can deal with the subject from different perspectives and implications. The panel will have three exhibitors, to whom a moderator will ask questions in the following topics:

How would you assess the current status of religious freedom in Latin America? (All)

-Are there legal frameworks developed in the field of religious freedom in Latin America? What formats do they take (laws, national decrees, public policies, judicial decisions, electoral regulations, etc.)? Are they efficient? What would be required for their strengthening? (Legal Specialist)

-How do you evaluate the public presence of religious groups with respect to the advancement of draft laws on gender issues? (Gender Specialist)

-How is religious freedom being addressed within the inter-American system today? (Representative GEMRIP/REDLAD)

-What do you think are the debates that should take place at the national and regional levels to address the current challenges to religious freedom in the region? (All)

-Organizers:

-Latin American Network for Democracy (REDLAD)

-Group of Multidisciplinary Studies on Religion and Public Incidence (GEMRIP)

14:00 - 16:00

Presentation of the Report "Business and Human Rights: Inter-American Standards".

Lugar: Centro Cultural (no. 12 on the map)

Objective: The objective of the event is to present the work of REDESCA, mainly the Business and Human Rights Report. Likewise, to generate a space in which learned lessons and experiences can be exchanged among the different attendees of the event in order to generate a common agenda for the implementation of standards in the region.

Methodology: There will be a plenary session followed by a discussion that will exchange the ideas presented in the report. The plenary will be in charge of the Special Rapporteur where she will make the official presentation of the REDESCA report on the subject. Next, there will be a presentation of the invited panelists for the conversation that once concluded will open the space for an exchange with the attendees of the event.

Presenters: Soledad García Muñoz, Rapporteur DESCA

Organizers: REDESCA- IACHR

14:00 - 16:00

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Domestic systems of implementation of decisions of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Lugar: Torre I, auditorio 1 (no. 15 on the map)

16:00 - 18:00

Objectives: The objective of this event is to promote dialogue and exchange of experiences on domestic mechanisms and systems for the implementation of international human rights decisions, in particular on good practices and challenges related to their establishment and functioning.

The contributions of the interventions will serve as inputs for the preparation of a Guide to Good Practices that the IACHR is developing to identify and highlight the best examples of structures, systems, mechanisms, institutions, procedures and legal figures that have been established at the level of the States of the region to comply with human rights decisions.

Panelists: authorities from OAS member states to present information on the domestic systems for implementing human rights decisions that have been established in their countries; civil society organizations, national human rights institutions, and academics with expertise in the field to provide their opinions and experiences interacting with these national mechanisms and systems.

Organizers: IACHR

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Corruption and Human Rights

Lugar: Torre I, auditorio 3 (no. 15 on the map)

Objectives: Present the report on "Corruption and Human Rights" prepared by the IACHR to the public and generate a space for dialogue regarding the convergence of the human rights situation and the phenomenon of Corruption in the Americas.

The objective of the event is to visualize the way in which corruption is affecting the bases of a rule of law and the impact that this phenomenon is having on human rights.

Methodology:

Thematic Presentations Panel followed by a dialogue space open to the public.

Opening Words: (10 min)

Ramiro Orias, DPLF Representative

Gina Romero, Representative of RedLad and the Citizen Corruption Observatory

Panelists:

Presentation of the book "Corruption, rule of law and human rights"

Daniel Pinilla Cadavid, Project Coordinator, State of Law Program for Latin America of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Luis Daniel Vásquez, Co-author of the book, Cases of corruption in the region presented in the book

Claudio Nash, Co-editor of the book and Consultant of the IACHR on Corruption issues, advances in corruption in the Inter-American Human Rights System and recommendations of the book

Preliminary Presentation of the Report of the IACHR: Corruption and Human Rights

Commissioner Joel Hernandez, First Vice President of the IACHR

Norma Colledani, Coordinator of the Technical Cooperation and Public Policy Section of the IACHR

Organizers: IACHR, Rule of Law for Latin America Program of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Due Process of Law Foundation, Latin American and Caribbean Network for the Democracy

16:00 - 18:00

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The performance of the IDB Group's Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism as protection of human rights in Latin America and the Caribbean

Lugar: Torre I, auditorio 4 (no. 15 on the map)

Objectives: to explore the relationship of the MICI with national and international normative contexts in the exercise of human rights. This line will be subscribed with conceptual, normative and case information relevant to this subject.

Methodology: The format of the session is the Conversation format, in which the various bodies promoting human rights in the region participate, through their various mandates during which various cases managed by MICI will be presented, focusing the discussion on the current environmental and social conflicts, the framework of rights to information and the protection of human rights defenders, and the special violation of these rights for indigenous communities in the Region.

Panelists:

- Victoria Márquez Mees, Director of MICI
- Manuel Morales, Director of ECOLEX
- Natalia Greene, Director of CEDENMA
- Juan Dumas, member of the Roster of Facilitators of MICI
- Jairo Cantincús Presidente de la Federación de Centros Awá del Ecuador

Organizers:

Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism of the IDB Group.

ECOLEX - Environmental Law and Management Corporation.

CEDENMA - Coordinadora Ecuatoriana de Organizaciones para la Defensa de la Naturaleza y el Medio Ambiente (Ecuadorian Coordinator of Organizations for the Defense of Nature and the Environment).

16:00 - 18:00

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 2019

Environment, Human Rights and Climate Change in the Americas

Lugar: Centro Cultural (no. 12 on the map)

16:00 - 18:00

Objective: The objective is the presentation of the main regional environmental and human rights standards. Likewise, this session also aims to generate a space for discussion that allows to unite in a conceptual and legal way the doctrinal approaches that develop the protection of Human Rights and also of the Rights of Nature, in the context of the region and the protection of the territories of indigenous peoples and nationalities.

Methodology: The event will take the form of a conversation, which will seek to address three main topics in the topic. These are: rights of nature, defense of territory and natural resources, and the human right to water. National and international experts on the topics will be present, as well as members of civil society who have worked on the subject.

Organizers: REDESCA-IACHR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2019

PANEL 1 **9:00 - 11:00**

"EXPERIENCES OF FOLLOW-UP AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SIDH RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS."

Lugar: Centro Cultural (no. 12 on the map)

9:00 – 11:00

- Maria Fernanda Álvarez, Human Rights Director of the Attorney General of the State of Ecuador (TBC)
- Representative of the State of Mexico (TBC)
- Representative of civil society (TBC)
- Claudio Grossman, Dean Washington School of Law American University, and Former President of the IACHR

Moderator: Pablo Saavedra, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

PANEL 2 **11:30 - 13:00**

"CONSTRUCTION OF SPACES FOR PARTICIPATION AND DIALOGUE BETWEEN STATES AND CIVIL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

Lugar: Centro Cultural (no. 12 on the map)

11:30 – 13:00

- Natalia Córdoba Ulate, Legal Director of the Foreign Affairs Ministry of the State of Costa Rica
- State Representative of Canada (TBC)
- Ramiro Orias Arredondo, Senior Program Officer Due process of Law Foundation (DPLF)
- Ariela Peralta, IAHR Specialist

Moderator: Paulo Abrão, Executive Secretary of the IACHR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2019

Inter-American Conference on Public Policies with a Human Rights Approach

Lugar: Centro Cultural (no. 12 on the map)

Objective: To support the strengthening of state capacities in the area of public policy formulation with a human rights focus and to establish a dialogue and rapprochement with state officials from different countries in the region in order to jointly identify challenges and good practices for the formulation of public policies with a human rights focus, as well as to be able to advance in possible lines of technical assistance from the IACHR for institutional strengthening and the formulation of public policies.

Methodology:

First moment: Presentation of the IACHR Report on Public Policies with a Human Rights Approach and presentation of an expert on the current situation in the Region with respect to the challenges and advances in the consolidation of a human rights paradigm in public policies.

Second Moment: Conversation guided by the following questions:

- What are the advances in your country that contribute to the consolidation of the Human Rights approach in Public Policies?
- What are the challenges in your country for the implementation of Public Policies with a Human Rights approach?
- Proposal for the setting up of an hour of route in the technical cooperation in Public Policies with the IACHR.

Third moment: Open dialogue table with the authorities and representatives of civil society to advance in the design of a possible road map or action plan in the area of technical cooperation and institutional strengthening in public policies.

Organizers: IACHR

14:00 - 18:00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2019

Forced Sterilizations of Indigenous Women in the Americas

Lugar: Torre I, auditorio 1 (no. 15 on the map)

Objective: to share information on advances in international doctrine, identify - and connect with - relevant actors, and end the stigma and silence surrounding forced sterilization.

Methodology: A panel of victims and civil society organizations will present the findings of their efforts to document, denounce, and seek justice in relation to forced sterilizations of Indigenous women in the Americas. They will identify other countries where they are aware of cases of forced sterilization, and comment on common patterns or characteristics shared among countries where this human rights violation is occurring. They will also explain the evolution of international human rights law on this issue in recent years.

Presenters: Speakers would include Alisa Lombard (SWL partner), María Ysabel Cedano (DEMUS Director), Lisa Reinsberg (IJRC Executive Director), among other representatives of victims and their organizations.

Organizers:

- Demus
- Semaganis Worme Lombard
- International Justice Resource Center

14:00 - 16:00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2019

Presentation of Principles on Memory Policies. Memory Strategies to Fight Denialism and Revisionism in the Americas

Lugar: Torre1, auditorio 2 (no. 15 on the map)

14:00 - 16:00

Objectives: Present the IACHR document: "Principles on public policies by heart". It is also proposed to adjust the diagnosis of threats related to negative and relativistic discourses in the region and concomitant acts of violence; to share preliminary information gathered by RESLAC on strategies and actions developed from memory sites in order to counteract them as well as to reflect on their effectiveness; and to offer our conclusions to other institutions that could face similar situations.

Methodology: Panel

Participants: Antonia Urrejola, IACHR Rapporteur for Memory, Truth and Justice, Verónica Torras and Germán Vargas (for RESLAC)

Organizers: IACHR with the support of the Network of Latin American and Caribbean Sites of Memory (RESLAC)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2019

The Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights to Abolish the Death Penalty

Lugar: Torre I, auditorio 3 (no. 15 on the map)

14:00 - 16:00

Objectives: to promote adherence to the Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights to Abolish the Death Penalty, focusing on the causes that prevent States from adhering to the Protocol and on strategies to reach out to States in order to promote adherence.

Participants: Kevin Miguel Rivera Medina, President of the World Coalition against the Death Penalty, a representative of an NGO based in a country that has not yet ratified the American Protocol and a representative of an OAS member state that has already ratified the Protocol.

Organizers: The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2019

Impunity as a factor of violence against journalists and media workers. Proposals for the use of the ODS 16.10 indicator reporting system.

Lugar: Torre I, auditorio 4 (no. 15 on the map)

Objectives

Formulate proposals for the use of the indicator reporting system of the Sustainable Development Goal ODS 16.10 that measures the level of press freedom, access to information and the safety of journalists, to be used by the Inter-American System of Human Rights in the reports of the IACHR RELE with the ultimate aim of reducing impunity in crimes against the press.

Methodology: Form a panel, which will begin with a presentation by the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, followed by a panel discussion made up of representatives of four of the countries of Voces del Sur to advance the discussion on impunity as one of the fundamental factors of violence against journalists and media workers, as well as a comparative analysis of national mechanisms for the safety of journalists in the region and propose common solutions to the problem of violence against the press.

Moderators: Dr. Frank LaRue, in his capacity as former UN Freedom of Expression Rapporteur and member of Fundamedios.

Organizers: Voces del Sur

14:00 - 16:00

Progress and challenges in the face of violence and discrimination against women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean

Lugar: Torre I, auditorio 1 (no. 15 on the map)

Objectives: The objective of this event is to focus on how the mechanisms of the inter-American human rights system (ISHR) have addressed the issue, analyzing the challenges and good practices in this area.

Methodology:

o OPENING SESSION

o Presentation "Main findings in the eradication of violence and discrimination against women, girls and adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean".

o Discussion Round tables:

o The eradication of violence and discrimination against women, girls and adolescents in Latin America and the Caribbean through the individual case system.

o Follow-up to the recommendations of the IACHR to eradicate violence and discrimination against women, girls and adolescents: challenges and good practices

Panelists: Commissioner Esmeralda Arosemena, President of the IACHR and Commissioner-Rapporteur for Women, Margarete May Macaulay

Organizers: IACHR, Canada

16:00 - 20:00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2019

Causes of housing rights violations and DESCAs in informal settlements in Latin America and the Caribbean

Lugar: Torre 1, auditorio 2 (no. 15 on the map)

Objectives: to find the causes and possible proposals in the context of rights violations in informal settlements in Latin America and the Caribbean. In the same way, to establish from a human rights perspective what would be the mechanisms of protection of the DESCAs, through the inter-American systems and the challenge of these before this problematic. As well as the linkage of States and communities for their protection.

Methodology: By means of the creation of questions and their possibilities of answer, in a participative way, to propose and debate the possible causes and solutions to approach the problematic in the context of violation of rights.

16:00 - 18:00

The objective is for each group to formulate 4 more questions, adding 5 whys in total including the initial question.

- Solutions: Once we have the 5 questions and 5 answers, the group must analyze the information and face each answer, must propose a possible action or strategy that can give solution to that cause.
- Plenary: Each group of the audience will share in plenary the questions posed with their respective answers. The objective is to identify which questions were repeated most frequently, and to classify the answers according to the number of repetitions that were given. In this way, the most frequently asked questions can be prioritized, revealing the most common causes identified by the participants.
- Analysis: In the same way, each group will present the solutions they proposed to each one of the causes, in order to reach a consensus as a group on which proposals should be taken to the IACHR and which can be developed.

Moderator: Abg. Diana Carolina Perdomo Brito - Universidad la Gran Colombia, Bogotá.

Participants: Facilitators: Abg. María Juliana Mercau and Architect Jonathan David Muñoz

Organizers: TECHO International Organization and Research Coordination Faculty of Law and Human Rights Observatory of La Gran Colombia University, Bogotá D.C.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2019

Afrodescendant Communities and indigenous people Involved in Territorial Dispossession and Environmental Racism

Lugar: Torre 1, auditorio 3 (no. 15 on the map)

16:00 - 18:00

Objectives: to deepen the situation of Afro-Ecuadorian communities in the northern zone of Esmeraldas-Ecuador, which have the highest rates of poverty due to unsatisfied basic needs, compared to the province and the rest of the country, and also has the highest rate of violent deaths. The aim is to find out the causes of the abandonment of racialized territories, make the situation visible and take urgent measures since we are facing a very serious situation of human rights violations against this ethnic minority and that the necessary reparative measures have not even been implemented within the framework of the Decade of the Afro Peoples.

Participants:

Leaders, leaders of African descent, indigenous people and academic experts on the subject

Organizers: Red Coordinadora de Organizaciones Negras de Esmeraldas (RED CONE) Red Ecuatoriana de Alternativas a la Palma Aceitera, Pastoral Social de Esmeraldas, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Acción Ecológica.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2019

Impacts and challenges in the implementation, at the national level, of inter-American standards on gender equality: a comparative view from human rights defenders in Colombia and Honduras.

Lugar: Torre 1, auditorio 4 (no. 15 on the map)

16:00 - 18:00

Objectives: To analyze the impact and challenges of inter-American standards on gender equality from the perspective of two organizations that are partners of ASFC, Humanas Colombia (Bogotá) and Equipo Jurídico de Derechos Humanos (Tegucigalpa), which have made, and continue to make, use of the ISHR to make visible situations of gender-based violence (GBV), in particular violations of the human rights of women, girls and members of the LGBTI population. The comparative view of the two partner organizations, who work in different legal, social and political contexts, aims to expose the role and impact of the ISHR at the national level for the protection of the particular human rights in each context.

Participants:

- Adriana Benjumea Lawyer, Humanas Colombia, Bogotá
- Claudia Herrmannsdörfer Lawyer, Human Rights Legal Team, Tegucigalpa
- Stelsie Angers Head of Mission in Colombia, CFSA
- Elise Hansbury Human Rights Training and Laboratory Coordinator, ASFC
- Lucas Valderas Head of Mission in Honduras, ASFC

Organizers: Lawyers Without Borders Canada (ASFC)

JUEVES 7 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2019

Nature and effects of advisory opinions

Lugar: Torre 1, auditorio 2 (no. 15 on the map)

Objectives: In the event, the legal nature of the advisory opinions will be analyzed, from two perspectives, that of Constitutional Law and from International Law, in order to identify their legal value and the possibilities of their implementation in the Internal Legal System of the State.

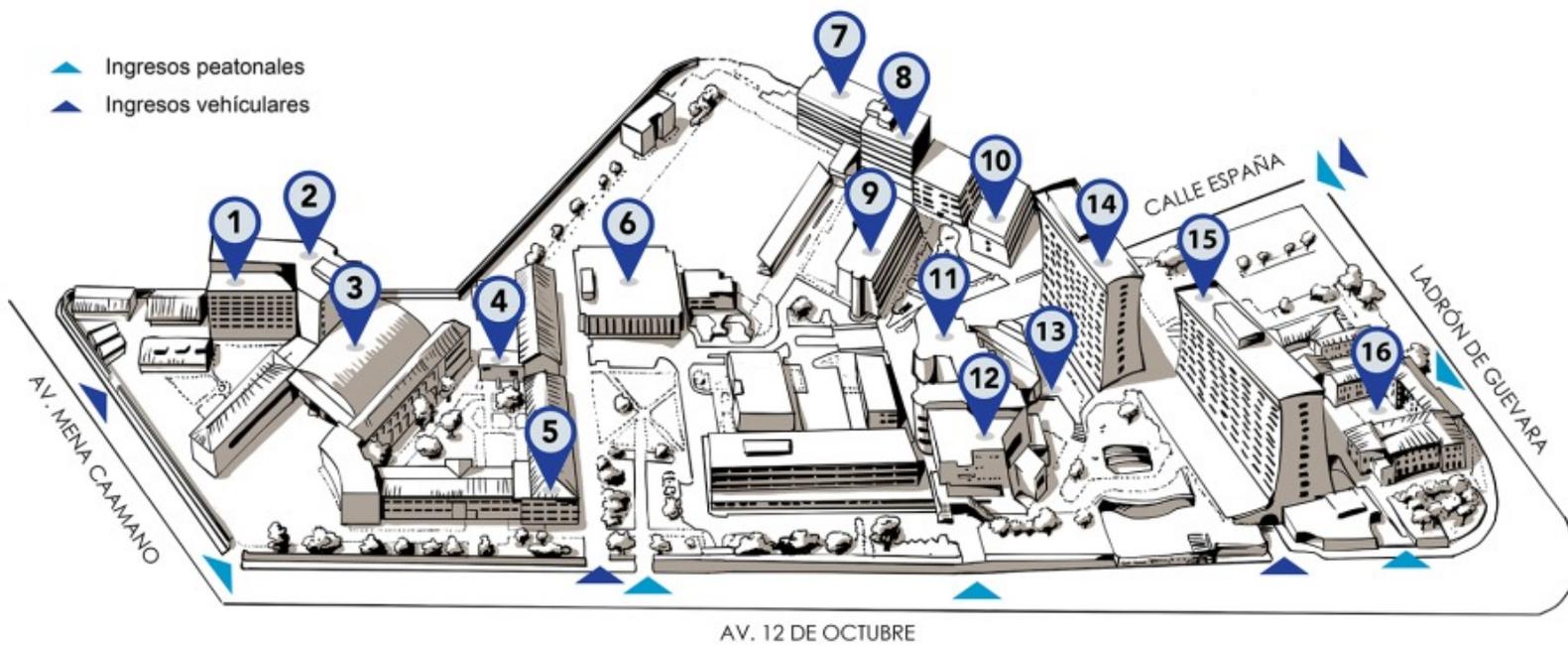
Methodology: Introduction to the topic and specification of the analysis points by an official of the State Attorney General's Office. Subsequently, the interventions of two Judges of the Constitutional Court of Ecuador, by virtue of their experience and the role of the Constitutional Court in the Ecuadorian legal system; After which, an official of the State Attorney General's Office will intervene to analyze the nature of the Advisory Opinions. Likewise, there will be the intervention of a Constitutional Law professor who allows a vision of the subject from the academy. The event will be concluded with questions from the public and with the conclusions of the panel in charge of the Attorney General's Office.

Participants:

Teresa Nuñez, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Ecuador
Karla Andrade, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Ecuador
Phd (c) Carlos Espín Arias, Attorney General's Office of Ecuador
Phd. Byron Villagomez, Attorney General's Office of Ecuador
Dr. Jhoel Escudero Martinez, Dean of the Law and Justice Center IAEN

Organizadores: Attorney General's Office of Ecuador

18:00 - 20:00



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