



CONVENTIONALITY CONTROL:

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PANEL 1: INAUGURATION AND PANEL 1. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CONVENTIONALITY CONTROL IN LATIN AMERICA AND EUROPE

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	Areas of expertise	Human Rights, Constitutional Law.
	Professional experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deputy Secretary of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe.• Head of the Constitutional Cooperation Division of the Venice Commission.• Lawyer at the Secretariat of the European Court of Human Rights.• Deputy Human Rights Defender in Bosnia and Herzegovina.• Lawyer at the European Commission on Human Rights.



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PANEL 2: PRESENTATION OF THE GUIDE OF THE OBSERVATORY ON GENDER EQUALITY

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Current position

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Member of the Scientific Committee, Global Network on Electoral Justice (GNEJ)

Scientific Leader, Observatory on Gender Equality board, Global Network on Electoral Justice (GNEJ)

Attorney and Counselor at Law as an Expert Witness in Electoral and Campaign Finance Law and Mediator

Education

- J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

- Bachelor's degree, University of California, Berkeley.

Areas of expertise

Campaign finance regulation, lobbying registration and reporting, ethics, conflicts of interest related to public officials and employees, government law.

Professional experience

- Chair, Federal Election Commission (FEC).
- Vice Chair, Federal Election Commission (FEC).
- Chair, California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).
- Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Torts and Consumer Litigation in the Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice.
- Attorney, Santa Clara County Counsel's Office
- Governor-Elect, Board of Governors of the State Bar of California.
- Member, Judicial Council of the State of California
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Current Position	Secretary, Council for Democratic Elections, Venice Commission, Council of Europe
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctorate in Law from the University of Geneva. • Degree in Advanced European Studies from the College of Europe.
Areas of expertise	Venice Commission, Electoral law, Political Parties, Swiss Constitutional Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, European Union Law, European Internal Market Freedoms.
Professional experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of the Elections and Political Parties Division, Venice Commission, Council of Europe. • President, Electoral Office of the Council of Europe for 13 years. • Director of the Elections and Referendums Division of the Venice Commission.

ADRIANA GUTIÉRREZ CANCINO



Current position	Specialist, Secretary for Strengthening Democracy at the Organization of American States (OAS)
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Areas of expertise	International affairs, public policy, government and democracy, project design and management, technical cooperation in political processes and institutional strengthening.
Professional experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisor to the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, Colombia. • Advisor to the Presidential Human Rights Program, Colombia. • Officer of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission. • Specialist, Department of Conferences and Meetings Management, OAS. • Coordinator of the OAS Internship Program.



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	Areas of expertise	Women's Rights, International Development.
	Professional experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director, Program Division, UN Women, New York. • Director, Global Portfolio Services Office, UN Women, UNOPS, Copenhagen. • Regional Director, UNOPS for Latin America and the Caribbean. • Senior Advisor, Deputy Resident Representative in Paraguay and Manager of the Recovery, Reconciliation and Reform Program, United Nations Development Program-UNDP. • Political Counselor at the Uruguayan Embassy in Washington DC, delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay. • Alternate Representative of Uruguay, Board of Governors, World Bank.

ISABEL TORRES GARCÍA

	Current position	Consultant Specialist in Democratic Governance, Political Participation and Gender Equality, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations Development Programme-UNDP
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	Areas of expertise	Human Rights, Women's Rights and their international protection, Democracy and Electoral Systems, Political Rights, Violence against Women (including violence in politics), Gender Equality.



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Professional experience

- Advisor and consultant for various agencies of the United Nations System and international organizations with 25 years of experience in their areas of expertise.
- Coordinator (9 years), Women's Human Rights Program, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, Costa Rica.
- Guest lecturer at various international forums and universities.
- Author, co-author, academic coordinator and editor of more than 40 articles and publications on human rights.



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PANEL 3: THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND EUROPE: THE *PRO PERSONA* PRINCIPLE IN ELECTORAL PROCESSES

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	Areas of expertise	International Humanitarian Law in Europe and Latin America, Judicial Dialogue issues, Inter-American Court of Human Rights jurisprudence, Relations between Human Rights and Democracy.
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	Areas of expertise	Electoral Legal Frameworks, Electoral Conflict Resolution and Electoral Integrity.
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	Areas of expertise	Promotion, exercise and dissemination of human rights of the inhabitants of the Colombian territory, Administrative Law.
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PANEL 4: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DOMESTIC CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

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- PhD in Law, University of Paris I - Panthéon-Sorbonne
- Diploma in Advanced Studies (DEA) in Comparative Public Law of European States, University of Paris I- Pantheon-Sorbonne.
- Master, University of Paris X Nanterre

Areas of expertise

Constitutional, Comparative, Administrative,
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Professional experience

- Head of ForInCIP, the International Forum on the Constitution and Political Institutions
- Scientific Director of the Journal *Jurisdoctrina*

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Electoral Expert

Education

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Areas of expertise

Public and electoral law.

Professional experience

- President, National Academy of Letters of Uruguay.
- Justice, Electoral Court of Uruguay.
- Observer, chief and general coordinator of international missions in Latin American countries, for UNIORE, UNASUR, OAS and CEELA.
- Co-founder, Council of Electoral Experts of Latin America-CEELA and of the Electoral Council of the Union of South American Nations-UNASUR.
- Senator in Uruguay.
- Secretary General, Departmental Government of Montevideo.



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- Honorary Professor, Ricardo Palma University, Peru.

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Current Position

Researcher, Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas-IIJ,
National Autonomous University of Mexico-UNAM

Professor, School of Law, National Autonomous
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Education

- Law Degree and PhD in Law from the National Autonomous University of Mexico-UNAM.

Areas of expertise

Electoral Processes, Electoral Justice, Ethics and
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Professional experience

- Member, Advisory Council, National Human Rights Commission (Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos-CNDH).
- President, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights-CIDH.
- Counselor, National Commission of Medical Arbitration.
- Justice, High Chamber, Electoral Tribunal of the Judiciary of the Federation.
- Commissioner, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights-IACHR.
- Researcher level III of the National System of Researchers.
- Member, Board of Governors, UNAM.
- First Rapporteur, Inter-American Commission on Judicial Independence.



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PANEL 5: INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND JURISPRUDENCE: MODELS OF INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

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Current Position

Secretary-Rapporteur, Qualifying Tribunal of Elections, Chile

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Education

- Postgraduate degree in Constitutional Law from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.
- B.A. from the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.

Areas of expertise

Electoral Justice, Constitutional Law.

Professional experience

- Acting President, Constitutional Convention of the Republic of Chile.
- Member of international electoral observation missions in several Latin American countries.

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Alternate Magistrate, Supreme Electoral Tribunal, El Salvador.

Education

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Areas of expertise

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Professional experience

- General Legal and Administrative Attorney, Jomi SA. de CV. and S y M. Laboratories.
- Legal Collaborator, Chamber of Transit, First Section of the Center.
- Advisor of different companies dedicated to international commerce.
- Professor, Universidad Panamericana.
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- Delegate of Duicentro. San Vicente, National Registry of Natural Persons.



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JOSÉ THOMPSON



Current position

Executive Director, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH)

Director, Center for Electoral Assistance and Promotion (CAPEL)

Vice-Dean, School of Law, University of Costa Rica

Education

- Postgraduate studies and the *Università degli Studi di Perugia*, Italy.
- Lawyer, University of Costa Rica.

Areas of expertise

Justice, Democracy, Electoral Systems, Human Rights and International Law.

Professional experience

- Professor, School of Law, University of Costa Rica.
- Deputy Director, Center for Electoral Assistance and Promotion (CAPEL).
- International Observer.
- Professor of International Public Law and Human Rights, School of Law, University of Costa Rica (since 1984).
- *Chargé d'Affaires* a.i., Embassy of Costa Rica to the United States of America.
- Minister Counselor and Consul General, Embassy of Costa Rica to the United States of America.

RAFAEL RUBIO



Current Position

Professor of Constitutional Law, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain

Councilor, Council of Transparency and Participation, Community of Madrid

Member of the Scientific Committee, Global Network on Electoral Justice (GNEJ)

Scientific Leader, Observatory on Social Media, Global Network on Electoral Justice (GNEJ)

Education

- Doctor in Constitutional Law from the Complutense University of Madrid.



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	Areas of expertise	Constitutional law, impact of technology on the configuration of fundamental rights (electoral rights, freedom of expression, hate crimes), open government, transparency.
	Professional experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member, Venice Commission, Council of Europe. • Director, Research Group on Participation and New Technologies (i+dem), UCM. • Member, Open Government Forum, Corresponding Academician, Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation. • Deputy Director, Center for Political and Constitutional Studies (Ministry of the Presidency of the Government of Spain). • Visiting Professor, University of Navarra. • Visiting Researcher, Universities of Georgetown, Harvard, George Washington and <i>Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna</i>.

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	Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ph.D. in Law. • State exams in Law. • Master's degree in political science.
	Areas of expertise	European Law, Electoral Law, Political Science.
	Professional experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President, Committee on Scrutiny of Elections, Immunity and the Rules of Procedure, German Parliament. • Member, Parliamentary Oversight Panel and member of the Council of Elders. • Chair, Subcommittee on European Law. • Member, Committee on Legal Affairs, German Parliament.



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Member, Scientific Committee, Global Network on Electoral Justice (GNEJ)

Education

- LL.M. from Harvard Law School.
- LL.M. in Public Law from the Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ).
- Bachelor of Law from Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

Areas of expertise

International Law, Constitutional Law, Tax Law, Intellectual Property, Corporate Governance.

Professional experience

- Secretary-General, Superior Election Court (TSE), Brazil.
- Chief Minister Advisor, Superior Electoral Court (TSE), Brazil.
- International Specialist, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP.
- Law Clerk and Chief of Staff, Superior Election Court (TSE), Brazil.
- Research Assistant to Professor Lawrence Lessig, Harvard Law School.
- Law Clerk, Federal Supreme Court, Brazil.
- Associate, *Binenbojm, Gama & Carvalho Britto Advocacia*.
- Co-Founder, Human Rights Clinic, Rio de Janeiro State University Law School.
- Associate, *Leoni Siqueira Advogados*.
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Education

- Doctor in Juridical Science, University of New South Wales, Australia.
- LL.M (Master of Law) in Business and Trade Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Indonesia, Indonesia.

Areas of expertise

Constitutional Court, Judicial Review, Judicial Politic, Regional Government, Dispute over election result, Judicial Behavior, Monitoring and Evaluation, Social Media Monitoring.

Professional experience

- Member and Head of Legal, Media and Technology Division, Indonesia Election Supervisory Board (Bawaslu), Indonesia.
- Legal Advisor to Indonesia House of Regional Representative (DPD), Indonesia.
- Head of Accreditation and Evaluation Unit Indonesia Jentera School of Law (STHI Jentera), Indonesia.
- Counselor Budidjaja & Associates, Indonesia.
- Intern Judicial Associate High Court of Australia, Canberra, Australia.
- Justice Assistant to Justice Maruarar Siahaan, Constitutional Court of Indonesia, Indonesia.
- Rule of Law Project Officer, International Foundation for Election System (IFES), Indonesia.



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Education

- Masters' degree in Law from the University of Siena.
- Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Siena.

Areas of expertise

Constitutional law, electoral law, economic law, international markets, European regulation, privatizations, banks.

Professional experience

- Responsible Coordinator, Research and Training Group in European and Comparative Public Law (DIPEC), University of Siena.
- Responsible Coordinator, International Debt Observatory (OID).
- Director, "Constitution and Society" book series.
- Coordinator of several national and international research and training programs.
- Member, Italian Association of Constitutionalists.
- Member, Board of Directors of banks and insurance companies.
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	Areas of expertise	<p>Political Analysis, Transparency and Access To Information and Electoral systems.</p>
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Legal Counsel to the Spanish Parliament and Director of the Technical Secretariat, Central Electoral Commission, Spain

Education

- Law Degree from the Faculty of Law of the Complutense University of Madrid

Areas of expertise

European Constitutional and European Community Law, Electoral Law.

Professional experience

- Lawyer, Spanish Parliament, Joint Commission for the European Union.
- Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, Complutense University of Madrid.
- Professor of Constitutional and European Community Law, Carlos III, Rey Juan Carlos and San Pablo-CEU Universities.
- Deputy Secretary General, Congress of Deputies.
- International Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).
- Election observer in several electoral processes.

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Professor of Law, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro

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Education

- Master and Ph. D. in Public Law and Human Rights, University College London
- Postgraduate studies in Political Science, University of Brasilia
- Bachelor's degree in Law, Catholic Pontific University of Sao Paulo

Areas of expertise

Public law, human rights, electoral campaigns, comparative constitutional law, anti-corruption.

Professional experience

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PANEL 7: JURISDICTIONAL INTERPRETATION TO FULFILL AND GUARANTEE RIGHTS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF CONVENTIONALITY CONTROL

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- Master in Constitutional Justice and Human Rights. University of Bologna, Italy.
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- Specialization in Domestic Public Services, Universidad Externado de Colombia.
- Diploma in University Teaching. University of Caldas.
- Law Degree.

Areas of expertise

Public administration, transitional justice, administrative law.

Professional experience

- Chief Justice, National Electoral Council (CNE), Colombia.
- Magistrate, National Electoral Council (CNE), Colombia.
- President, House of Representatives, Colombia.
- Co-Chairman, Peace Commission, Congress of Colombia.
- Representative, Chamber of the Republic of Colombia.
- Deputy and President, Assembly of the Department of Caldas.
- University Professor in the field of Administrative Law and Electoral Law.
- Speaker coordinator, bills related to the Peace Agreement signed between the Republic of Colombia and the FARC - EP.



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Member, Advisory Board, Faculty of Law, University of Verona

Postgraduate Professor, University of Alcalá de Henares.

Academician, Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation of Spain

Education

- PhD and Law Degree from the University of Navarra, Spain.

Areas of expertise

Constitutional Law, Academic Freedom and Freedom of Education, Public Law, Educational Law, Comparative Constitutional Law, European and Comparative Law, Electoral Systems, Representative Democracy.

Professional experience

- Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Navarra.
- Deputy Secretary General and Deputy Vice-Rector for European Space, UNED.
- Director (Vice-Rector), UNED in the Community of Madrid.
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Education

- Master in Government and Public Administration from the Complutense University of Madrid.
- Specialist in Public Management from University of the Andes.
- Specialist in State Contracting from the Externado University of Colombia.
- Law degree from the Externado University of Colombia.



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	Areas of expertise	Public Management, State Contracting.
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