ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN THE AMERICAS
Second conference of the Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA)
Auditorio “Mário de Abreu”, térreo do bloco 3
(Ground floor, Building 3)

THURSDAY | NOV 9

**Please note that times in the program are set to Brasilia Standard Time (GMT-3).**

8:30 am

Registration of participants

9:00 am — 9:20 am

WELCOME REMARKS
André Parmo Folloni
Dean of the Law School – Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR)
Viviana Fernández
Human Rights Research & Education Centre (HRREC), University of Ottawa

Panel 1 — Launch of the Free to Think 2023 Report
Threats to Academic Freedom: A Global Phenomenon with Regional Perspectives and Responses
Daniel Munier | Scholars at Risk (SAR)
Catalina Arango Patiño | Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA)
Khoo Ying Hooi | Universiti Malaya
Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua | University of Ghana
MODERATOR: Joel Mark Barredo | SHAPE-SEA

10:50 am

Break

11:10 am — 12:30 pm

Panel 2 — Impact of State Intervention and Budget Cuts to University Autonomy
Rafael Ibarra | Universidad de Monterrey (UDEM)
Karla Velazco Silva | Aula Abierta – Venezuela
Nelson Rivas | Universidad de Los Andes – Venezuela
Lenín Alemán Alfaro | Independent Academic – Nicaragua (Zoom)
MODERATOR: Danielle Anne Pamplona | Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR)

12:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 pm — 2:50 pm

Panel 3 — Challenges to the Fulfillment of Academic Freedom and University Autonomy
João Velloso | University of Ottawa (uOttawa)
Eve Darian-Smith | University of California, Irvine (Zoom)
David Gómez Gamboa | Aula Abierta – Venezuela
Inês Neves | Universidade do Porto (Zoom)
MODERATOR: Jesse Levine | Scholars at Risk (SAR)
Panel 4 — Implementation of the Inter-American Principles on Academic Freedom: Advocacy and Public Interest Litigation Opportunities
Estela Rivero Fuentes | Central America Research Alliance
Cesare Romano | Loyola Law School (Zoom)
Fabian Salvioli | Universidad de La Plata (Zoom)
Salvador Herencia-Carrasco | Human Rights Research & Education Centre (HRREC), uOttawa
MODERATOR: Miguel Barboza | Fundación Konrad Adenauer

END OF DAY ONE

FRIDAY | NOV 10

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Panel 5 — Experiences Measuring Attacks on Academic Freedom: Lessons for the Inter-American Principles on Academic Freedom
Katrin Kinzelbach | Friedrich-Alexander Universität (Zoom)
Jesse Levine | Scholars at Risk (SAR)
Fernanda Moura | Observatório da Laicidade na Educação
Andrea Boggio | Bryant University (Zoom)
MODERATOR: Salvador Herencia-Carrasco | Human Rights Research & Education Centre, uOttawa

Panel 6 — Social Media and Information and Communications Technology Tools: Impact on Academic Freedom
Anna Cláudia Menezes Lourega Belli & Érika Teixeira dos Santos Braz &
Anna Luisa Walter de Santana | Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR)
Isaac Nahon-Serfaty | University of Ottawa
MODERATOR: João Velloso | University of Ottawa

BREAK

Panel 7 — Gender-Based Violence in Higher Education: Challenges to Creating a Safe University Campus
Mónica Godoy | Independent Academic - Colombia
Guadalupe Yapud | FLACSO-Ecuador
Soledad Guzmán | Universidad de Buenos Aires
Amélia Rossi | Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR)
MODERATOR: Catalina Arango Patiño | Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA)

LUNCH

OPTIONAL SIDE ACTIVITY — Network Building & Inter-Regional Solidarity
This side activity is in person only.
Panel 8 — Hosting Scholars to Protect Academic Freedom: Comparative Experiences
Viviana Fernández | Human Rights Research & Education Centre (HRREC), University of Ottawa
Ramona Hernandez | CUNY Dominican Studies Institute (Zoom)
Mario Zúñiga Núñez | Universidad de Costa Rica (Zoom)
Clare Robinson | Scholars at Risk (SAR)
MODERATOR: Isaac Nahon-Serfaty | University of Ottawa

BREAK

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION — Challenges to Academic Freedom in Brazil
Conrado Hübner Mendes | Universidade de São Paulo
DISCUSSANT: Danielle Anne Pamplona | Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR)
MODERATOR: Clare Robinson | Scholars at Risk (SAR)

CLOSING REMARKS
Rafael Ibarra | Universidad de Monterrey (UDEM)
Daniel Munier | Scholars at Risk (SAR)
Danielle Anne Pamplona | Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR)