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The Context

Human Rights are traditionally studied in a comprehensive framework through processes of development and implementation of regulations that attempt to translate ineluctable purposes into tangible practices. They also involve continuous challenges towards the effectiveness of normative regimes.

The main Human Rights issues - such as torture, women's rights, racial discrimination and the rights of children and teenagers - have passed through different stages to finally give birth to legal structures that have been systematically organized starting from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to the current set of regional and international treaties.

From the Declaration, there were instituted bases and regulations that defined the serious Human Rights violations: annihilation, mass violence, massacres, dictatorships, State terrorism and its correlative mechanisms such as cruel, inhuman and degrading practices, forced and massive displacements, among others. Overwhelming situations, which rarely enter into inherited terms and meanings, had to be redefined in words such as genocide and enforced disappearance.

Since then, those cruel circumstances have been defined, narrated and intervened in the most diverse fields of knowledge, social action, and in national and international public policies. The extremes of the violence required the attendance of representations and expertise for the explanation, reparation and the imperative of prevention.

Recently, the perspectives for consolidating democracies have been weakened by the increasing pressure of internal and external forces that, using the COVID-19 pandemic as a trigger to undermine State guarantees, have led to serious difficulties for the effective exercise of Human Rights.

It is exactly in this field, the sphere of promotion and investigation, that has required - and still requires - the determination of the truth, the recovery of testimonies and documents, the development of evidence for the victims' compensations and the criminal punishment to the guilty parties. Likewise, it also needs the formulation of tools and mechanisms for generational transmission, the setting of specific normative standards in the legal order, among other essential actions, to reestablish and reinforce social bonds, the Rule of Law and the democratic system.

The meeting

In this context, the International Center for the Promotion of Human Rights - UNESCO presents its International Course on Human Rights.

The course, offered on an annual basis since 2017, will bring together international professionals and leading figures with the purpose of producing knowledge and disseminating good practices on the topics that are most appropriate to its primary aim: the promotion of Human Rights.

The edition will take place between November 23rd and December 1st remotely, in synchronous and asynchronous meetings. It will be organized into four main subjects: Memory, Truth, Justice and Democracy, analyzed in historical perspective, in their conceptual foundation and through case studies. It will offer an interdisciplinary and comparative perspective through keynote lectures, thematic panels and book presentations by leading specialists from Latin America, Europe and Africa.

It will also consider the updating of the legacies and their projections at present in the belief that Human Rights are both basis and guarantors of Democracy and the Rule of Law.

The purpose of the course

Forty-five years after the most brutal civil-military dictatorship that Argentina experienced, the objectives of the CIPDH-UNESCO International Course on Human Rights 2021 will be the analysis and discussion of the construction and tensions of the collective memory, the forms of remembrance and witnessing: the testimony, the Archives, the claims for Memory, Truth and Justice by the victims and the path of such dialogue with public policies in the national and international framework.

Places of memory, Truth Commissions and Reports, reparation laws, ways of restitution of bodies and identities and the trials of the criminals will be analyzed.

Finally, in response to the challenges and dilemmas presented by the global pandemic regarding the growth of authoritarian and anti-democratic options, a world that looks even more unequal, the emergence of new anti-systemic discourses and, in the region, new forms of interference against democratically elected governments, we must ask ourselves about memory in the near future and make new questions about the truth in times of fake news and about justice in contexts of lawfare.

It is necessary to insist on the value of truth and to persistently demand for transparency in order to emphasize real content, since the processes of dissemination of fake news will become exponentially more sophisticated and will adapt to the arrival of new technologies and to changes in users' habits in democratic contexts.

All social actors are essential in the fight against disinformation: journalists and media, the scientific community, civil society, digital platforms and States should converge, commit themselves and assume their responsibility by adding solutions to involve approaches covering technological advances, research and news verification in addition to education, through digital literacy and training for critical analysis.



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PROGRAM SYNCHRONOUS ACTIVITIES

(Argentina's Timetable)

Day 1

Tuesday, November 23rd

10.00 am.

Institutional Presentation

Fernanda Gil Lozano. Executive Director CIPDH-UNESCO

Lidia Brito. Director of UNESCO's Regional Bureau for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean, Uruguay

Martín Soria. Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Argentina

10.30 - 11.00 am.

Course Aperture.

Patricia Funes Academic Director of the International Course on Human Rights CIPDH-UNESCO (University of Buenos Aires/CONICET)

11.00 - 12.30 am.

Opening Keynote Lecture "Memory, Truth, Justice and Democracy"

Baltasar Garzón Real. Magistrate. Ex-President of the board of the CIPDH. President of Fibgar. Member of the Latin American Council of Justice and Democracy of Puebla's Group

01.00 - 03.00 pm.

Remember for the future. Presentation of the Provincial Commission for Memory. Archive of the former Intelligence Office of the Police Department of Buenos Aires Province (DIPPBA). Political-ideological secret documents for the Trials of Crimes against Humanity, historical research and citizens' rights.

Roberto Cipriano. Secretary of the Provincial Commission for Memory

Sandra Raggio. Coordinator of the Research and Educational Area of the Provincial Commission for Memory

Archive and Documentation Center Technical Team

Day 2

Wednesday, November 24th

10:00 - 12.00 am.

Public policies of memory. Constructions and tensions of the collective memory. Intergenerational transmission methods. Places and marks of Memory. Case studies

Facilitator: **Miriam Lewin.** Audience Ombudswoman, Argentina



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Ricard Vinyes. University of Barcelona. Former President of the Redaction Commission of the Democratic Memory Project. Former member of the Experts Committee for the Revision of the Valley of the Fallen, Spain

María Luisa Ortíz Rojas. Memory and Human Rights Museum, Chile

01.00 - 03.00 pm.

Pursuit of truth: restitution of bodies and identities. Dialogues between Science, Human Rights and testimonial experiences.

Testimonies. Appropriation of children born in captivity. Experiences of their search and recovery.

Luis Fondebrider. Founder of the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team

Mariana Herrera Piñero. General Technical Director of the National Genetic Data Bank.

Estela de Carlotto. President of the Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo Civil Association (Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo Civil Association).

03.00 - 04.00 pm.

Keynote Lecture.

Dilma Rousseff. Former President, Federative Republic of Brazil

Day 3

Thursday, November 25th

10.00 - 12.00 am.

Truth Commissions and Reports. Investigations to establish what happened: characteristics, conformation, results, recommendations. Victims' voices, determination of responsibilities and reparation.

Fabián Salvioli. Member of the Human Rights Committee, United Nations (2009-2012); Vicepresident of the same Committee (2011-2012)

Nila Heredia Miranda. President of the Truth Commission, Plurinational State of Bolivia

Paulo Abrão. Former Executive Secretary of the MERCOSUR Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights

Marta Casaús Arzú. MAG Foundation, Guatemala

02.00 - 03.00 pm.

Memory for the World, Heritage of the Nunca Más (Never Again). Presentation of the nomination of the Museo Sitio de la Memoria ESMA, former clandestine centre of detention, torture and extermination to the UNESCO World Heritage Site List.

Marcela Losardo. Ambassador of Argentina to UNESCO



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Alejandra Naftal. Executive Director of the Museo Sitio de Memoria ESMA
Mauricio Cohen Salama. General Coordinator of the nomination's Work Plan
Mayki Gorosito. International Cooperation Coordinator for the nomination

03.30 pm.

Book presentation: "ESMA, la causa judicial" ("ESMA, the judicial case"). **Sergio Torres** (Judge of the Supreme Court of Buenos Aires Province) and **Cecilia Brizzio.**

Day 4

Friday, November 26th

10.00 - 12:00 am.

An antonym for the oblivion: Justice. Case Study: Trials to the responsible for crimes against humanity in Argentina. From the Trials to the Military Boards and the Trials for Truth to criminal cases in progress. Procedures, types, strategies, sentences. Victims' testimonies in the trials. The contribution of Human Rights organizations.

Jorge Vanossi. Parliament representative MERCOSUR

Hernán Schapiro. General Prosecutor, Federal Prosecutor's Unit of La Plata, Buenos Aires province

Jorge Auat. Former General Prosecutor of the Procuracy Office for Crimes against Humanity

Eduardo Barcesat. Constitutional Lawyer

02.00 - 04.00 pm.

International Human Rights Law. International instruments and jurisprudence of legal international bodies. Past and present paradigms: relations, productivities and tensions. Human Rights mapping in the international order. Case studies in Africa.

Facilitator: **Marisa Pineau.** Director of the Interdisciplinary Section of Asian and African Studies of the Ethnographic Museum "Juan B. Ambrosetti", University of Buenos Aires (UBA).

Pierre Sané. Former Assistant Director for Social and Human Sciences at UNESCO. Founder and President of Imagine Africa

Mohammed Ayat. Former Special Advisor of the ICC Prosecutor. President of the Committee on the UN Convention on Enforced Disappearances.

Fatou Bensouda. Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. Senior Legal Advisor UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Honorary Doctorate Queen's University, Belfast, Vrije University Brussels, University of East London, and the University of Lanús.

Loubna El Ouazzani Chahdi. Professor of Law, Mohammed V University, Rabat, Morocco.



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Day 5 **Monday, November 29th**

10.00 - 12.00 am.

Memory, Truth and Justice. Antidotes to the denial, repetition and strengthening of the democratic culture. Relationship between past and future in the construction of citizenship.

Remo Carlotto. Special Representative for Human Rights Issues in the International Sphere, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina

Daniel Feierstein. Director of the Observatory of State Crimes (UBA)

Carlos Rozanski. Former President of the Federal Oral Court N°1 of La Plata, Buenos Aires province

02.00 - 04.00 pm.

Democracy and Human Rights at crossroads. Challenges, dangers and prospects in Latin America: "soft coups", new right-wingers, hidden operations.

Pablo Gentilli. Executive Coordinator of the Latin American and Global Studies School. Former Secretary of Educational Cooperation and Priority Actions, Argentina

Jean Wyllys. Journalist. Former Federal Deputy, PSOL-RJ, Brazil

Ricardo Canese. Parliament representative MERCOSUR, Guasú Front, Paraguay

Juan Martín Mena. Secretary of Justice, Ministry of Justice, Argentina

Day 6 **Tuesday, November 30th**

10.00 -12.00 am.

Human Rights as a guarantee for Democracy. Truth and Justice in times of fake news and the lawfare

Silvina Romano. Coordinator of the Geopolitical Analysis Unit and of the Lawfare Observatory, Latin American Strategic Center for Geopolitics (CELAG)

Gerardo Caetano. Senior Professor, Universidad de la República, Uruguay

Alejandro Kaufman. Senior Professor at the University of Buenos Aires. Researcher at the Gino Germani Institute (UBA)

Karina Batthyány. Executive Secretary, CLACSO

02.00 pm.

Book Presentation: "La otra mirada" ("The other view"), Ciccus, Buenos Aires, 2021, by **Adolfo Pérez Esquivel.** 1980 Nobel Peace Prize. Presentation and conversation with **Stella Calloni,** journalist and writer, specialist in international politics.



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Day 7

Wednesday, December 1st

10.00 am.

CIPDH - UNESCO Awards Ceremony. "Defensoras y Defensores de los Derechos Humanos" (Human Rights Defenders) in acknowledgement of prominent figures

11.00 am.

Closing Keynote Lecture.

Jorge Taiana. Minister of Defense, Argentina

Course Closing.

Fernanda Gil Lozano. Executive Director CIPDH-UNESCO

Horacio Pietragalla Corti. Secretary of Human Rights, Argentina

ASYNCHRONIC ACTIVITIES

The Testimony

Memory in first person, vector of transmission of experiences. Ways and temporalities. Conditions of hearing and reception. The Oral Archive of Memoria Abierta produces testimonies referring to the period of State terrorism, to the social and political life of the 1960s and 1970s and to the different actions promoted by human rights organizations and the civil society in the search for truth and justice. Video available in Spanish. Automatic subtitling from YouTube to English, Portuguese and French.

Verónica Torras. Director of Memoria Abierta Civil Association

Alejandra Oberti. Coordinator, Oral Archive

ESMA Museum and Site of Memory

In this activity, it will be presented audiovisual stuff with bibliographic support for an approach to the experience of the ESMA Memory Site Museum. This site –which operated as a clandestine detention, torture and extermination center during the last civil-military dictatorship in Buenos Aires City– is placed where the Officers' Casino of the Navy Mechanics School was located. Video available in Spanish. Automatic subtitling from YouTube to English, Portuguese and French.

Alejandra Naftal. Executive Director ESMA Memory Site Museum

National Memory Archive (NMA)

Presentation by the NMA team. The NMA has in custody funds and public and private collections, mostly related to the last civil-military dictatorship (1976-1983) which serve as evidence in trials for crimes against humanity. They support victims' reparation policies and are available for the community's consulting. In this way, the NMA fulfills the triple social function of archives: it is institutional memory because it preserves the traces of its own actions, it is a source of research and knowledge of the recent past and it guarantees the exercise of individual and collective rights. Activity only available in Spanish.



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Documentary Memórias da Ditadura Militar no Brasil (Memories of the Military Dictatorship in Brazil)

Produced by TV Brasil shows a series of testimonies that gather important facts of the period in order to illustrate how the situation was in Brazil before and after the coup. Video available in Portuguese. Automatic subtitling from YouTube to English, Spanish and French.

Lecture by Annette Wieviorka "Qu'est-ce qu'un témoin?"

Lecture pronounced on 02/21/2018 by the French historian specialized in the Holocaust, Annette Wieviorka, at the Faculty of Literature of the Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic), organized by the French Center for Research in Social Sciences (CEFRES), the Center for Jewish Studies in Prague and the Institute of Contemporary History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, with the support of the French Institute in Prague. Video available in Portuguese. Automatic subtitling from YouTube to English, Spanish and French. .

From Anne Frank to the present day. Towards a pedagogy of memory and hope.

Saturday, November 27th. Participation with previous registration.

The Anne Frank Center Argentina invites you to a guided tour to learn about the life of Anne Frank and her family, the historical context, her diary and the role of their protectors: the people who chose to take the ethical decision to risk their lives to help the 8 people in hiding. Likewise, mechanisms and procedures committed by Nazism that have been developed during the last Argentine civil-military dictatorship are identified and analyzed. The intention is to construct a view that allows us to prevent new genocides, engaging us in the strengthening of our democracies. Finally, we seek to bring the debate closer to the present: it is created a space to reflect on the positions from which we participate in situations of violence and discrimination, promoting the strengthening of the social responsibility of equals. Activity only available in Spanish and English.

Hector Shalom. Director of the Anne Frank Center Argentina.

Wanda Holsman. Coordinator of the Anne Frank House Museum Argentina.