

ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN THE AMERICAS

Third conference of the Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA)

University of Notre Dame – Keough School of Global Affairs

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20 & 21 November 2024



WEDNESDAY | NOV 20

Please note that times in the program are set to Washington, D.C. Standard Time.

8:30–9:00 am

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

COFFEE STATION

9:00 –9:15am

WELCOME REMARKS:

Rafael Ibarra Garza | Universidad de Monterrey (UDEM), Mexico

Camilla Crosó | Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA)

Estela Rivero | University of Notre Dame (UND), United States

9:15–10:00 am

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Farida Shaheed | UNSR on the Right to Education

Fabián Salvio | Universidad de La Plata, Argentina

10:00–10:30 am

COFFEE BREAK

**10:30am–
12:00pm**

Norms, Policies and challenges for Academic Freedom Implementation

Danielle Pamplona | Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR), Brazil

Esteban Oyarzún | Círculo de Estudios de Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos, Chile

Ramona Hernandez | City University of New York (CUNY), United States

MODERATOR: Karina Batthyany | Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO)

12:00–1:30 pm

LUNCH

1:30–3:00 pm

The Shrinking of Academic Spaces

Mayda Gonzalez | Observatorio de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad de Los Andes, Venezuela

Renata Aquino | Observatório Nacional da Violência contra Educadoras/es, Brazil

Alexander Guevara | Observatorio para la Participación e Incidencia Nacional (OPINA), Nicaragua

MODERATOR: Jesse Levine | Scholars at Risk (SAR)

3:00 – 3:30 pm

COFFEE BREAK

3:30 –5:00 pm

Free Speech and Academic Freedom

Eve Darian-Smith | University of California, United States

Isaac Nahon-Serfaty | University of Ottawa, Canada

Anna Luisa Walter de Santana | Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR), Brazil

MODERATOR: Salvador Herencia-Carrasco | Human Rights Research & Education Centre, uOttawa

5:00–6:00 pm

DEFENDING ACADEMIC FREEDOM AS A PILLAR OF DEMOCRACY: A PRESENTATION OF THE SCHOLARS AT RISK 2024 REPORT 'FREE TO THINK'.

[Jack Mayerhofer](#) and [Clare Robinson](#) | Scholars at Risk (SAR)

[Catherine Newling](#) | Director – Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, United States Department of State

6:00–7:30 pm

RECEPTION

[Tracy Kijewski Correa](#) | Pulte Institute, University of Notre Dame, United States

[Jesse Levine](#) | Scholars at Risk

[Viviana Fernandez](#) | Human Rights Research & Education Centre (HRREC), University of Ottawa, Canada

THURSDAY | NOV 21

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8:30–9:00 am

COFFEE STATION

9:00–11:00 am

Student Organization and Mobilization

[Anna Cláudia Belli](#) | Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUC-PR), Brazil

[Madeline Rowe](#) | University of Minnesota, United States

[Elthon Rivera](#) | Iniciativa Puentes por los Estudiantes de Nicaragua (IPEN)

[Ricardo Villalobos](#) | Aula Abierta, Venezuela

[Libby Harrity](#) | Hampshire College, United States

MODERATOR: [João Velloso](#) | University of Ottawa, Canada

11:00–11:30 am

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 am–1:00 pm

Perspectives from Latin America on Academic Freedom

[Miguel Ángel Barboza López](#) | Konrad Adenauer Foundation

[Amanda Mendonça](#) | Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

[Guadalupe Yapud](#) | Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Ecuador

MODERATOR: [Estela Rivero](#) | University of Notre Dame (UND), United States

1:00–2:15 pm

LUNCH

2:15–3:45 pm

Gender-Based Violence Protocols

[Agustina Benítez](#), | Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

[Liliana López Forero](#) | Universidad Simón Bolívar de Barranquilla, Colombia

[Holaya Peña](#) | Comisión de la Mujer de la Universidad de Los Andes (ULA Mujer), Venezuela

[Elizabeth Hutchinson](#) | University of New Mexico, United States

MODERATOR: [Camilla Crosó](#) | Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA)

3:45–4:15 pm

COFFEE BREAK

4:15–5:30 pm

Sexual and Gender Harassment in Higher Education

Kait Spear | The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), United States
Terri Frasca | The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), United States
MODERATOR: Tracy Kijewski Correa | Pulte Institute, University of Notre Dame, United States

5:30–6:00 pm

Closure of Event and Call for Action

Camilla Croso | Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA)
Salvador Herencia-Carrasco | Human Rights Research & Education Centre, uOttawa

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