



COALITION FOR ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN THE AMERICAS IV Conference

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University of Monterrey (UEM), ESTOA Hall

Av. Ignacio Morones Prieto 4500-Pte, Zona Valle Poniente, 66238 San Pedro Garza García, N.L.
Mexico City Time Zone GMT-6

8:15-8:45

REGISTRATION

8:45-9:00

Institutional opening

[Rafael Ibarra Garza](#) | University of Monterrey (UEM), Mexico

[Camilla Croso](#) | Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA)

9:00-9:45

Keynote address

[Margarita Ríos Farjat](#) | University of Monterrey (UEM), Mexico

10:00-11:30

1. Academic freedom under attack: repercussions and protection strategies

[Cristina Burneo Salazar](#) | Simón Bolívar Andean University, Ecuador

[Rosario Figari Layus](#) | University of Bonn, Germany/Argentina

[Eve Darian-Smith](#) | University of California, USA

[Estela Rivero](#) | Central American Academic Research Alliance (CARA)

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

11:30-12:00

COFFEE BREAK

12:00-13:00

2. Legislative overview of academic freedom in the Americas

[Fabian Salvioli](#) | National University of La Plata, Argentina

[Vannie Lau](#) | University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada

Moderator: [Salvador Herencia Carrasco](#) | Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC), University of Ottawa, Canada

13:00-14:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:30-16:00	3. Academic freedom and scientific denialism Fernando Romani Sales University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil Jose Bortoluci Maranta Inteligência Política, Brazil Rebecca Everly Committee on Human Rights, National Academies, USA Moderator: Carolina Santacruz-Pérez International Science Council
16:00-16:15	COFFEE BREAK
16:15-17:30	4. Modes of resistance and change Elthon Rivera Bridges for Nicaraguan Students Initiative (IPEN) Amanda Mendonça Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ), Brazil Gabriela Bonilla Education International for Latin America Moderator: Camilla Croso Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CLAA)
17:30-17:50	5. Presentation of the free to think report Jack Mayerhofer Scholars at Risk Presentation of the special edition on academic freedom of the revista brasileira de direito econômico e socioambiental Salvador Herencia Carrasco University of Ottawa Anna Luisa Walter de Santana Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná (PUC-PR) Rafael Ibarra Garza University of Monterrey (UDEM), Mexico
17:50-18:00	CLOSING SESSION Camilla Croso Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA) Jack Mayerhofer Scholars at Risk
18:00-19:00	COCKTAIL RECEPTION

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