

## MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**17:00-17:30** **OPENING CEREMONY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**  
*"The judge and the Rule of Law in contemporary democracies"*

**17:30-18:30** **KEYNOTE CONFERENCE**  
*"The Judiciary and the future of contemporary democracies"*  
- Justice of the Mexican Supreme Court  
Presenter: Judge from a Regional Human Rights Court

## TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**10:00-11:30** **PANEL I. Criminal Justice Administration in the Adversarial System**  
**Objective:** After two years of the national switch to an Adversarial Criminal Justice System, processes have faced several challenges such as the coexistence of the oral and written models and compatibility of investigation techniques with Human Rights, amongst others. This panel will analyse the advancement of its implementation so far, case law development and the outlook of its operators.

- Magistrate From a Mexican Local High Court  
*"The liaison between Criminal Local and Federal Justice"*
- Mexican Justice or Member of the Judicial Council  
*"Adversarial Criminal Justice System: coexisting models and their challenge to the Rule of Law"*
- Judge from the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom  
*"Case law development on evidence appraisal: comparative law"*
- Public Prosecutor at an International Criminal Court  
Moderator: Mexican Justice or Member of the Judicial Council

**11:30-12:00** **Recess**

**12:00-13:30** **PANEL II. Civic and Itinerant Justice: minor conflict solution and strengthening of the Rule of Law**  
**Objective:** Everyday justice is most frequently the first encounter between society and judges. This panel will analyse the experience of minor conflict solving and the problems faced by the involved parts. The panel will examine the Constitutional Reform on Everyday Justice and the importance of the Judiciary in its implementation.

- Magistrate From a Mexican Local High Court  
*"The experience of the Alternative Justice Center in conflict solution"*
- Mexican Academician  
*"Constitutional Reform on Everyday Justice (2017)"*
- Foreign Expert  
*"The German experience on minor conflict solution"*
- Judge from a Foreign Supreme Court  
*"The Costa Rican Experience on minor conflict solution"*
- Moderator: Mexican Justice or Member of the Judicial Council

**13:30-16:00** **Lunch**

**16:00-18:00** **ROUNDTABLE**  
*Human Rights and the Rule of Law: the judge's role in democratic systems*  
**Objective:** The discussion will show the impact of judicial decisions that protect Human Rights and their importance to strengthen democratic systems. Constitutional and Conventional protection of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights will be analysed.

- Judges from Regional Human Rights Courts
- Justice from the Mexican Supreme Court
- Moderator: Mexican Academician

## WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**10:00-11:30** **PANEL III. Constitutional Justice and Separation of powers (Government branches interactions)**  
**Objective:** Panellists will discuss how countries' institutions interact based on their legal framework and how the Checks and balances system regulates public power.

- Councillor from the Constitutional Council of the French Republic  
*"Checks and balances system and Constitutional Justice"*
- Foreign Academician  
*"Constitutional control of citizen participation mechanisms and their effects: plebiscite, referendum and popular consultation"*
- Mexican Congress man/woman  
*"The Rule of Law and government branches interaction"*
- Moderator: Mexican Justice or Member of the Judicial Council

**11:30-12:00** **Recess**

**12:00-13:30** **PANEL IV. The Judicial Branch and its approach to society**  
**Objective:** Panellists will discuss the right to access public information as a cornerstone for democratic states and its promotion through digital platforms, as well as the use of technologies to improve management and performance in justice administration.

- Foreign Expert  
*"Transparency, access to public information and protection of personal data in Justice management and administration"*
- Mexican Councillor at the Federal Judiciary  
*"Communicating rulings, social networks and society's approach"*
- Representative from the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice  
*"The use of IT in European Courts"*
- Moderator: Mexican Expert

**13:30-16:00** **Lunch**

**16:00-17:30** **PANEL V. Judicial Independence and the Rule of Law consolidation**  
**Objective:** Judicial Independence implies the separation of powers and is the basis to the strength of jurisdictional work. This group will analyse the systems and best practices towards an autonomous, independent and impartial performance of the judges.

- Foreign Expert  
*"International Best Practices for Judicial Independence"*
- Justice from the Supreme Court of the United States  
*"Judicial Independence and the Rule of Law: perspectives for a democratic system"*
- Mexican Supreme Court Justice  
*"Appointment, permanence and judicial career: shared experiences"*
- Moderator: Mexican Justice or Member of the Judicial Council

**17:30-18:00** **Recess**

**18:00-19:00** **KEYNOTE CONFERENCE**  
*"Constitutional Justice and Democracy"*  
- Mexican Supreme Court Justice  
Presenter: Councillor from de Mexican Judiciary

**Closing ceremony/words**