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**REPORT**



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## Sistema Supranacional de Justicia, Polarización e Integridad Electoral



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## **PROGRAMME**

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**7:00pm - Welcome - Moderator**

**7:05pm - Presentation of the World Forum for Democracy  
and their 2024 edition's theme**

**7:10pm - Opening remarks - Renzo Diaz Giunta**

**7:25pm - Speaker 1 - Dr. Jorge Luis Salas Arenas**

**7:55pm - Speaker 2 - Renzo Diaz Giunta**

**8:30pm - Speaker 3 - Dr. Marisol Perez Tello**

**9:00pm - Q&A**

**9:15pm - Presentation of the LGTB+ Report - Professor  
Carlos Gonzales**

**9:30pm - Closing remarks - Dr. Andres Dulanto**

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## **SPEAKER 1 - DR. JORGE LUIS SALAS ARENAS**

Our first speaker was Jorge Luis Salas Arenas, current president of the National Jury of Elections of Peru (JNE). JNE is a Peruvian constitutionally autonomous organ that is in charge of declaring electoral results, providing elected officials with their credentials, and administering electoral justice.

Dr. Salas Arenas highlighted that alternation of power through universal and free elections is a pillar of democracy. Furthermore, he addressed the importance of electoral integrity, the crucial role of electoral observers, and the responsibility that the electoral judges have not to succumb to any external pressures nor influences.

Also, he talked about the danger that polarization causes in a society when a political party does not recognize their loss and instead question the results and the overall integrity of the electoral process, thus jeopardizing democracy. Moreover, he narrated how he was harassed, threatened and defamed by extremists.

He praised the existence of a regional system of protection of human rights, and says that he is the living proof that the Inter-American Court of Human Rights is effective, because due to the provisional measures that the Court ordered in his favor, the Executive was obliged to provide a security detail for him and his family, so that he could continue his constitutional function presiding over the JNE without worrying for his or his family's lives.



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## **SPEAKER 2 - RENZO DIAZ GIUNTA**

Our second speaker was Renzo Diaz Giunta, former youth delegate of the Council of Europe & International Director of Constitutional Law at ODM.

Renzo highlighted that political pluralism is another one of the pillars of democracy, and that a democratic society cannot tolerate hate speech, harassment or violence to those who think different.

Also, he talked about the role that Congress is playing in the erosion of democracy in Peru, through the abolishment of legal reforms and debilitating the system of checks and balances.

Moreover, Renzo addressed the contempt of rulings from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights that Peru has incurred in due to a ruling made by the Constitutional Court of Peru. Plus, he stressed out that, as a sovereign State, Peru decided in 1981 to accept the supranational jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court.

Thus, in accordance with the rule of law, all of the public organs of Peru are bound to comply with the Inter-American Court decisions as well as the Inter-American standards of protection of human rights contained in the *ratio decidendi* of their rulings.

Furthermore, he drew parallels between the Inter-American & European System of Protection of Human Rights, regarding the legal innovation across the region generated by their rulings, such as in cases like *KlimaSeniorinnen v. Switzerland*, and *Rojas Marin v. Peru*.



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## **SPEAKER 3 - DR. MARISOL PEREZ TELLO**

Our third speaker was Marisol Perez Tello, Peru's former Minister of Justice and Human Rights & former congresswoman.

Dr. Perez Tello started by explaining the reasoning between the creation of international organizations such as the United Nations, the Organization of American States, and the Council of Europe.

Regarding the divisions and polarization generated in Peru, she reflected that our society is wounded by a period of violence during the internal armed conflict (1980-2000). People have preferred to ignore what happened, instead of taking measures to ensure it would not occur again. In addition, she mentioned that it is due to the rulings of the Inter-American Court that victims found justice.

Thus, she highlighted that those who promote the Peruvian State's exit from the contentious jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights desire impunity by closing the possibility for those who could not access justice in the country, to find it overseas.

On the other hand, she stressed out that before the 2021 elections, diverse international indexes showed the democratic decline in Peru. After the extremely polarizing electoral process, we remain divided as a country and some have spread disinformation and lies to discredit electoral authorities. Moreover, she said that our institutions are under siege, and judicial independence is being threatened by the political power who wants to hold influence over the Justice System.



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## **FINAL BLOCK OF THE EVENT**

Also, in representation of the university, Carlos Gonzales, a professor of the Faculty of Law presented a report on the situation of the human rights of the LGTB+ people in Peru, elaborated by the legal clinic of the university.

It was highlighted that there was a necessity in Peru for the implementation of more legislation and public policies aimed at the recognition of the rights of the LGTB+ people such as the forming a family and having their relationships legally recognized.

Also, it was mentioned that there were advancements in inclusive education at schools to promote respect for diversity in all its forms, including sexual orientation. Plus, it was stressed out that the Inter-American Court of Human Rights plays an important role in Peru and the region by establishing case law that further advances the recognition and protection of the rights of the people of the LGTB+ community.

Finally, Dr. Andres Dulanto, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the Scientific University of the South gave the closing remarks recognizing the important role that the Council of Europe has worldwide by organising the Word Forum for Democracy and fostering democratic resilience. Plus, he encouraged young people to always have the conviction to defend democracy.





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