

SECOND CAFA CONFERENCE 2023

Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná
Curitiba, Brazil | 9 & 10 NOV 2023



ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN THE AMERICAS

Second conference of the Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA)
Auditorio "Mário de Abreu", térreo do bloco 3
(Ground floor, Building 3)

THURSDAY | NOV 9

Please note that times in the program are set to Brasilia Standard Time (GMT-3).

8:30 am

Registration of participants

9:00

9:20 am

WELCOME REMARKS

[André Parmo Folloni](#)

Dean of the Law School - Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR)

[Viviana Fernández](#)

Human Rights Research & Education Centre (HRREC), University of Ottawa

9:30

10:50 am

Panel 1 — Launch of the *Free to Think 2023 Report*

Threats to Academic Freedom: A Global Phenomenon with Regional Perspectives and Responses

[Daniel Munier](#) | Scholars at Risk (SAR)

[Catalina Arango Patiño](#) | Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA)

[Khoo Ying Hooi](#) | Universiti Malaya

[Kwadwo Appiagyei-Atua](#) | University of Ghana

MODERATOR: [Joel Mark Barredo](#) | SHAPE-SEA

10:50 am

BREAK

11:10 am

12:30 pm

Panel 2 — Impact of State Intervention and Budget Cuts to University Autonomy

[Rafael Ibarra](#) | Universidad de Monterrey (UEM)

[Karla Velazco Silva](#) | Aula Abierta - Venezuela

[Nelson Rivas](#) | Universidad de Los Andes - Venezuela

[Lenín Alemán Alfaro](#) | Independent Academic - Nicaragua (Zoom)

MODERATOR: [Danielle Anne Pamplona](#) | Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR)

12:30 pm

LUNCH

1:30

2:50 pm

Panel 3 — Challenges to the Fulfillment of Academic Freedom and University Autonomy

[João Velloso](#) | University of Ottawa (uOttawa)

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

[David Gómez Gamboa](#) | Aula Abierta - Venezuela

[Inês Neves](#) | Universidade do Porto (Zoom)

MODERATOR: [Jesse Levine](#) | Scholars at Risk (SAR)

2:50 pm

BREAK

Panel 4 — Implementation of the Inter-American Principles on Academic Freedom: Advocacy and Public Interest Litigation Opportunities

[Estela Rivero Fuentes](#) | Central America Research Alliance

[Cesare Romano](#) | Loyola Law School (Zoom)

[Fabian Salvioli](#) | Universidad de La Plata (Zoom)

[Salvador Herencia-Carrasco](#) | Human Rights Research & Education Centre (HRREC), uOttawa

MODERATOR: [Miguel Barboza](#) | Fundación Konrad Adenauer

3:10
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4:30 pm

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END OF DAY ONE

FRIDAY | NOV 10

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8:00 am

Registration of participants

Panel 5 — Experiences Measuring Attacks on Academic Freedom: Lessons for the Inter-American Principles on Academic Freedom

[Katrin Kinzelbach](#) | Friedrich-Alexander Universität (Zoom)

[Jesse Levine](#) | Scholars at Risk (SAR)

[Fernanda Moura](#) | Observatório da Laicidade na Educação

[Andrea Boggio](#) | Bryant University (Zoom)

MODERATOR: [Salvador Herencia-Carrasco](#) | Human Rights Research & Education Centre, uOttawa

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Panel 6 — Social Media and Information and Communications Technology Tools: Impact on Academic Freedom

[Anna Cláudia Menezes Lourega Belli](#) &

[Érika Teixeira dos Santos Braz](#) &

[Anna Luisa Walter de Santana](#) | Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR)

[Isaac Nahon-Serfaty](#) | University of Ottawa

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

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BREAK

Panel 7 — Gender-Based Violence in Higher Education: Challenges to Creating a Safe University Campus

[Mónica Godoy](#) | Independent Academic - Colombia

[Guadalupe Yapud](#) | FLACSO-Ecuador

[Soledad Guzmán](#) | Universidad de Buenos Aires

[Amélia Rossi](#) | Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR)

MODERATOR: [Catalina Arango Patiño](#) | Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA)

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OPTIONAL SIDE ACTIVITY — Network Building & Inter-Regional Solidarity

This side activity is in person only.

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3:20 pm

Panel 8 — Hosting Scholars to Protect Academic Freedom: Comparative Experiences

Viviana Fernández | Human Rights Research & Education Centre (HREC), University of Ottawa

Ramona Hernandez | CUNY Dominican Studies Institute (Zoom)

Mario Zúñiga Núñez | Universidad de Costa Rica (Zoom)

Clare Robinson | Scholars at Risk (SAR)

MODERATOR: Isaac Nahon-Serfaty | University of Ottawa

3:20 pm

BREAK

3:40
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4:40 pm

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION — Challenges to Academic Freedom in Brazil

Conrado Hübner Mendes | Universidade de São Paulo

DISCUSSANT: Danielle Anne Pamplona | Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR)

MODERATOR: Clare Robinson | Scholars at Risk (SAR)

4:40 pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Rafael Ibarra | Universidad de Monterrey (UEM)

Daniel Munier | Scholars at Risk (SAR)

Danielle Anne Pamplona | Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná (PUCPR)

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The Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA) is led by the University of Monterrey (Mexico), the University of Ottawa's Human Rights Research & Education Centre (Canada) and Scholars at Risk (United States) and aims to increase awareness of and advocacy in the defence of academic freedom across the Americas.



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