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The National Electoral Institute promotes the Global Forum on Democracy and Electoral Management Bodies, which will be carried out through the support and cooperation of Venice Commission, Kofi Annan Foundation, OAS, IFES and IDEA International.

The purpose of the Forum is to analyze and discuss some of the main problems and challenges that democracy has during the first decades of the twenty-first century. The democratic regime is the one that has the greatest humanistic nature, bases and develops with respect to other regimes.

For almost two centuries humanity built political systems to give legitimacy to political power. In this sense, elections have played a central role so that political representation has a legitimacy of origin.

Electoral management bodies have an essential role to play in this regard. Impartiality in their performance, the specific characteristics of their professional profile, the separation from political formations and other power groups that contribute to giving a new approach to the formation of the liberal democratic State with the creation of autonomous electoral bodies.

Today there is a debate about the effectiveness of democracy. To this end, the debate can be ordered. On the one hand, the issues of legitimacy of origin, where electoral bodies play a fundamental role for democratic governance. On the other hand, there is the discussion about the managerial capacity of democratic regimes.

This Forum is part of an effort of reflection and analysis initiated in 2010 to discuss Latin American democracy. Today there is a coincidence regarding the issues that afflict not only our region, but Europe, Asia and Africa. To this end, the Forum expands the geopolitical space for analysis. Democracy needs to be reinforced, rebuilt and strengthened. For this we need the talent, ideas and experiences of different politicians, academics, public officials, electoral experts among others.

The Global Forum has a medium- and long-term realization perspective. Democracy is a free, constant and rigorous exercise of review and analysis over time.

Today we begin a new era of reflection in the midst of momentous changes: the pandemic, changes in global geopolitics, environmental crisis and a kind of rearrangement towards a new and functional international system.





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SPEAKERS PROFILE

Wednesday 24th
Inaugural session.

Democracy, the State and institutions in the Face of a Change of Era



Lorenzo Córdova, appointed as Mexico's National Electoral Institute's (INE) first President Councillor on 3 April, 2014. From December 2011 until April 2014—when INE was created—, he served as Electoral Councillor of the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE). He is a lawyer and an academic who has been professor at the Faculty of Law and researcher at the Institute of Legal Research, both belonging to the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). He is a member of the National System of Researchers. He collaborates in the newspaper *El Universal*, as well as in magazines such as *Nexos* [Nexuses] and *Voz y Voto* [Voice and Vote].



Anthony Banbury, president and CEO of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) since 2018. Started his UN career in 1988, holding various positions. Worked in the United States government as Senior Director for Democracy, Human Rights and International Operations at the National Security Council (2000-2003). Holds a master's degree in law and diplomacy from Tufts University, a graduate degree in international relations from the University of Geneva, and a bachelor's degree in political science from Tufts University. Is a member of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Public Impact and received a Distinguished Service Award from the President of the United States for service on 9/11.



Dieter Nohlen, is Doctor phil. habil., Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. Doctor honoris causa from several Latin American universities. His latest publications: "Democracy. Institutions, concepts and context", "Latin American Electoral Law. A comparative approach" (with L. Valdés and D. Zovatto), "Comparative presidentialism", "Spanien. Wirtschaft, Gesellschaft, Politik" and "Electoral Systems and Political Parties".



Daniel Zovatto, Doctor in Law from the Complutense University of Madrid and Master in Public Policy from Harvard University. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Latin American Program of the W. Wilson Center in the USA. He serves as a member of the Editorial Board of the Foreign Affairs magazine in Spanish and a member of the International Advisory Board of the Latinobarómetro. In 2014 he was designated by ESGlobal as one of the 50 most influential Ibero-American intellectuals. He has authored several publications on elections, democracy, human rights, political parties, among others. He is currently Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA).

Session 2. Elections in pandemic: The challenges for electoral authorities



Francisco Guerrero, Secretary for the Strengthening Democracy at the Organization of American States (OAS). He is Mexican, with a background in laws and international studies. He has worked for several academic institutions, including the Anahuac University (Northern campus) and the College of the Northern Border, both in Mexico City. As a public servant, he has worked for the Attorney General of the then-Federal District—now Mexico City—and the Secretary of Labour and Social Welfare. He was General Director of the Centre of Social Studies and Public Opinion, and Electoral Councillor of the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE)—for which he was appointed by Mexico's Lower Chamber.



Zsolt Szolnoki, Secretary General for the Association of the European Election Officials. Started to work for the ACEEEO in 1995, organizing the annual conference in Siófok, Hungary. At the end of the nineties, he prepared several observation missions to the Balkan region. In 2000, he worked for the OSCE electoral mission to Kosovo. He represented the ACEEEO as an international expert in many conferences and seminars. He worked for the Hungarian National Election Office as the Deputy Head of the Election Department (1993-2002). He worked for the European Commission as a Seconded National Expert on the area of Home Affairs (2006-2010). In 2011 he was the Chairman of a working group in the Hungarian EU Presidency team. Currently he is a high counselor in the Ministry of Interior of Hungary. He holds a BA in Public Administration and completed a post graduate course in Business Management.



Chandra Bhushan Kumar, is Deputy Election Commissioner at the Election Commission of India. He has held various positions in the public administration of his country and, has a career as civil servant with more than 20 years of experience. Mr. Bhushan Kumar holds a Doctorate in Philosophy from Aberystwyth University, Master of Public Administration - Public Policy Analysis from Syracuse University, and Bachelor of Laws from Delhi University.



Terry Tselane, Executive Chairman of the Institute of Election Management Services in Africa. Has served for just under 20 years in the leadership of the Electoral Commission of South Africa. Has served for two terms of 7 years each as a Commissioner and also as the Vice-Chairperson of the Electoral Commission of South Africa where he also acted as the Chairperson for over a year. Prior to being appointed as a Commissioner he had served for Four years as both the Municipal Electoral Officer of Pretoria as well as the Provincial Electoral Officer for Gauteng. During his career at the Electoral Commission of South Africa oversaw 4 National and Provincial Elections, 4 Municipal Elections and hundreds of by-elections.






Claudia Zavala Electoral Councillor of Mexico's National Electoral Institute (INE) since 2016. She holds a bachelor's and a master's degree, both from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Her previous positions include: Justice Salvador Olimpo Nava Gomar's—of the Superior Courtroom of the Electoral Court of the Federal Judicial Branch (TEPJF)—law clerk (March 2013 – 4 November 2016); member of the Electoral Council at the then Electoral Institute of the Federal District (IEDF, 2008 – 2012)—which she chaired from 2008 to 2010—, where she presided the Commissions on Rules and Transparency, and for the Citizenry's Participation, and, during the 2011-2012 local electoral process, was commissioner of IEDF's Oversight, Political Associations, and Sanctioning (responsible for the procedures against district electoral councillors' alleged irregularities) Commissions; from 1996 to 2006 she was part of Justice Mauro Miguel Reyes Zapata's team; and, from 1994 to 1996 she worked at the then Federal Electoral Tribunal.

Session 3. Some challenges for contemporary democracy: the weakening of the rule of law






Larry Diamond, is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) and a Bass University Fellow in Undergraduate Education at Stanford University. His is also professor by courtesy of Political Science and Sociology at Stanford. His research focuses on democratic trends and conditions around the world and on policies and reforms to defend and advance democracy. Diamond served as a consultant to the US Agency for International Development (USAID). He has also advised and lectured to universities and think tanks around the world, and to the World Bank, the United Nations, the State Department, and other governmental and nongovernmental agencies dealing with governance and development. He edited numerous publications, with Juan J. Linz and Seymour Martin Lipset, he edited the series, Democracy in Developing Countries, which helped to shape a new generation of comparative study of democratic development.

	<p>Honourable Mrs. Donna Parchment Brown, was sworn in 2015 to serve Jamaica as Political Ombudsman. An Attorney At Law by profession, she is a graduate of Hampton School for Girls, the University of the West Indies, and the Norman Manley Law School. She was called to the Bar on 1981. Has worked in several distinguished firms. She was Director of the Justice Reform Implementation Unit in Jamaica's Ministry of Justice. Was the Custos Rotulorum for the Parish of St Andrew, Chair of the Hampton School Board, a Director of COK Cooperative Credit Union and Vice President of the Jamaica Cooperative Credit Union League. She is a member of the St. Elizabeth Home Coming Foundation and the Kingston and St Andrew Development and Homecoming Foundation. She has been a member of the St. Elizabeth Co-operative Credit Union Ltd. since 1996.</p>
	<p>Luis Yáñez, is a lawyer and holds a degree in Legal Sciences from the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. He has postgraduate studies in International Relations and a Diploma of Specialization in International Relations from the Institute of International Studies of the University of Chile. On July 1, 2011, he became Officer-in-Charge of the Secretariat of the Commission and on November 1, 2020, as Secretary of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).</p>
	<p>Fernando Vallespín, is Professor of Political Science and Administration at the Autonomous University of Madrid (UAM), where he has served as Vice-Rector for Culture and Director of the Department of Political Science of the Faculty of Law. He has been a visiting professor at Harvard, Heidelberg, Frankfurt, Veracruz and Malaysia and a lecturer at several European universities. He has published academic articles and book chapters on science and political theory. He is part of various editorial boards, is a contributor to the newspaper El País, editor of "History of political theory". He was president of the Center for Sociological Research (CIS) (2004-2008). He was academic director of the Ortega y Gasset University Research Institute (2012-2015).</p>
	<p>Martín Faz Mora, Electoral Councillor of Mexico's National Electoral Institute (INE). He served as Local Councillor of the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE) during two federal electoral processes, and was appointed by the General Council of the INE as Electoral Councillor of the State Electoral and Citizen Participation Council (CEE-PAC) of San Luis Potosí (2014-2020). Founder of the Potosino Centre for Human Rights, A.C.. Served as the first Technical Secretary of the National Network of Civil Human Rights Organizations: "All Rights for All". He has participated in various Civil Society Organizations, and in the local and national human rights movement. He holds a Degree in Philosophy, a Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democracy at FLACSO. He has been professor of various institutions of higher education teaching: Human Rights, Philosophy, Ethics, Political Science, Philosophy of Law and Legal Sociology.</p>

Session 4.

Democracy, elections and electoral management bodies

	<p>Salvador Romero, he obtained a bachelor's, master's and doctorate in political sociology at the Institute of Political Studies in Paris. He has twice held the Presidency and the vocal of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Bolivia (2004-2008; 2019-2021). He was director of the NDI in Honduras. He directed the Electoral Advisory and Promotion Center of the IIHR. He was a member of the Special Electoral Mission, created by the Peace Agreement in Colombia. He was a consultant responsible for the electoral division of the Support Mission against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras. On two occasions, he has been executive secretary of the technical accompaniment to the Mexican electoral process organized by CAPEL/IIHD and the electoral bodies (2018, 2021). His books include "Elections in Latin America" (2021), "Democracy, Elections and Violence in Latin America" (2017), and "Latin American Electoral Atlas" (2007). He has published articles in newspapers, magazines and books in several countries in Latin America and Europe. He conducted research for international organizations (IDEA, UNDP, OAS, KAS, FES, etc.). He has taught at the main universities in Bolivia, as well as in several in Latin America. He has been an international speaker. He has participated in electoral observation missions in several countries in the Americas and Africa.</p>
	<p>Rafael López Pintor, he is Professor of Sociology at the Autonomous University of Madrid, PhD in Political Science from the University of North Carolina and Doctor of Law from the Complutense University of Madrid. He was general director of the Center for Sociological Research (CIS) as well as founder and first director of Demoscopia. He has collaborated with the UN, the European Union, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the International Electoral Systems Foundation (IFES) and other international organizations in the organization of elections and support for peace processes in more than 30 countries such as Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Angola, Mozambique, Liberia, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Albania, Kosovo, Cambodia, Nepal, Afghanistan, Palestine, Iraq, Yemen, Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt.</p>
	<p>Irena Hadžiabdić, member at the Central Election Commission of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), since 2007. Has collaborated with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, has been executive director of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) in BiH. She was the executive director of the Association of Election Officials in BiH. She served as the president of the BiH CEC (2017-2018). Represented the BiH CEC at the Executive Board of ACEEEO and at the Oversight and Audit Committee of the AWEB. She has observed and assessed elections in 14 countries with OSCE's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the IRI and the NDI. In 2013, she received an International Electoral Award for outstanding achievements in election management. Graduated from the Belgrade Faculty of Law. She holds a M.S. in European Union policy, law and management from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen and a Ph.D. in juridical science from the Faculty of Law in Zenica.</p>



Leonardo Valdés, he was Counselor President of the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE) (2008-2013). He is a university professor, he is the author of several publications on political-electoral issues. He has participated in election observation missions and training programs for election officials. He was founder and president of the Mexican Society of Electoral Studies. He is a member of the International Advisory Board of the company Smartmatic. He holds a PhD in Social Science, with a specialty in Sociology, from El Colegio de México. In 2013, he received the IFES Charles T. Manatt Prize for Democracy. He was named an Honorary Member of the Association of Electoral Authorities of Europe (ACEEEO) and was recognized by the Inter-American Union of Electoral Bodies (UNIORE) for his contribution to electoral cooperation in the Americas.







Adriana Favela, Electoral Councilor of Mexico's National Electoral Institute (INE). She holds a PhD in Law, an MBA in Public Administration from the Universidad Anáhuac, a BA in Law from the Universidad Juárez, Durango, and a specialisation degree in Constitutional Law from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Her previous positions include: Justice of the First Civil-law Courtroom in Toluca of the Supreme Court of the state of Mexico (2013 – 2014); Justice of the Toluca Regional Courtroom (2005 – 2013) of the Electoral Court of the Federal Judicial Branch (TEPJF); law clerk for TEPJF's Monterrey Regional Courtroom, and for TEPJF's Superior Courtroom. She is author of several publications.

Session 5. Reflections on the future of democracy



The Right Honourable Patricia Scotland, Queen's Council, took office as Secretary-General of the Commonwealth in April 2016, serves the 54 governments and 2.4 billion people of the Commonwealth. Born in Dominica, she moved to the UK at an early age and was brought up in a large close-knit Caribbean family where she was taught the importance of hard work, education, pride in her heritage and the obligation to give back to the region of her birth and to the society in which she was raised. This ethic has guided her throughout her dynamic career in law, public service and politics. A lawyer by profession, she became the first black and youngest woman ever to be appointed Queen's Counsel. She is the only woman since the post was created in 1315 to be Attorney General for England and Wales, and was also Attorney General for Northern Ireland. Appointed to the House of Lords as Baroness Scotland of Asthal in 1997, she has been Alderman for Bishopsgate Ward in the City of London since 2015.

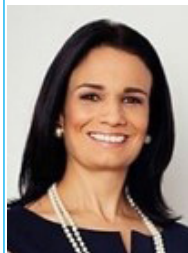
	<p>Antonio Garrido, is Professor of Political Science and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Murcia. He holds a PhD in Political Science from the Complutense University of Madrid and a Bachelor's Degree in Law. He has been a professor at the Faculty of Social and Legal Sciences of the University Rey Juan Carlos of Madrid. Author of several publications including "Presidential Elections and Electoral Systems in Latin America", "Comparative Presidentialism: Latin America" and "The Conquest of Power. Presidential Elections and Campaigns in Latin America", he has been a speaker at international forums and congresses. In the field of comparative electoral law, his studies cover presidential electoral systems, the electoral right to political participation and electoral integrity.</p>
	<p>Anibal Pérez Liñan, is a professor of political science and global affairs at the University of Notre Dame, United States. He is the author of the books "Impeachment of the President and New Political Instability in Latin America" and "Democracies and Dictatorships in Latin America", and of more than sixty articles published in academic journals and specialized books. He was senior editor of the Latin American Research Review, journal of the Latin American Studies Association (2016-2021). His work has received support from organizations in the United States, Uruguay, Paraguay, including the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Inter-American Development Bank. The book "Democracies and Dictatorships in Latin America" was awarded by the Latin American Studies Association and the American Political Science Association.</p>
	<p>Richard Soudriette, he was president of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) from 1988 to 2007. Under his leadership, IFES became one of the leading providers of international democratic assistance. Formerly he served as Chairman of the International Electoral Advisory Council of SGO Smartmatic and as President of the Center for Democracy and Diplomacy. Soudriette has observed elections in over 60 countries. He is a founding member of the Association of European Election Officials, a.k.a. ACEEEO. Soudriette is the author of numerous publications on democracy and elections and currently is a collaborator with the University of Gothenburg's V-DEM Democracy Survey. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Tulsa and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Oklahoma.</p>
	<p>Norma Irene de la Cruz, Electoral Councilor of Mexico's National Electoral Institute (INE) She has served as head of the Elections Department in Kosovo with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. She has participated in several United Nations Peacekeeping Missions. She has participated in several international observation missions and coordinated the observer teams of the European Union's election observation missions in Peru, El Salvador and Gambia. She has been a consultant with various international organizations such as IFES, UNDP, UN, European Commission, UN Department of Peacekeeping. She holds a degree in Journalism and Collective Communication from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), and a Master in Peacekeeping Management from the University of Turin.</p>

Thursday 25th

Session 6.

The crisis of the political party system and political representation
in the face of the authoritarian threat

	<p>Corine Momal-Vanien, is the Executive Director of the Foundation. Previously, she worked as Director of Conference Management at the United Nations Office at Geneva (2015-2020) and Director of Information (2010-2015). Served as Special Assistant to Kofi Annan in 2005 and 2006. She worked for a total of six years in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, after serving in two regional economic and social commissions of the United Nations. Chaired the Steering Group of the International Gender Champions from 2016 to 2019 and was a co-organiser of the three editions of TEDxPlaceDesNations. She holds a master's degree in business administration from HEC Graduate School of Management, Paris and an advanced degree in international relations from the Institut Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) - Paris. She recently completed an Executive Certificate in Management and Leadership at the MIT Sloan School of Management.</p>
	<p>John Keane, is professor of Politics at the University of Sydney and at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB). He studied Politics, Government and History at the University of Adelaide, holds a PhD in philosophy and political economy from the University of Toronto. He later held a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Cambridge. In 1989, he founded the Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD). During the past decade, he founded and directed the Sydney Democracy Network (SDN). He has contributed to The New York Times, Al Jazeera, the Times Literary Supplement, The Guardian, Harper's, the South China Morning Post and The Huffington Post. During the period 2014-2019, he wrote at his experimental online column 'Democracy Field Notes'. His principal publications are: Violence and Democracy (2004), Democracy and Media Decadence (2013), The Life and Death of Democracy (2009), Power and Humility: the Future of Monitory Democracy (2018); and The New Despotism (2020). He was recently nominated for the 2021 Balzan Prize and the Holberg Prize for outstanding global contributions to the human sciences.</p>
	<p>Guadalupe Salmorán, she holds a degree in Law from UNAM and PhD in Social and Political Change from the Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy. She has collaborated in publications on democracy, including "Manual of the system of protection of political-electoral rights in Mexico" and "Power, democracy and rights. A discussion with Michelangelo Bovero." She has been a member of various academic projects in political-electoral matters. She is a professor at different universities including the University of Genoa and the UNAM. She has been a research assistant at the IIJ-UNAM, as well as an advisor to the president of the INE. She is a Researcher at the IIJ-UNAM, was a member of the Editorial Committee of the National Electoral Institute and is a candidate for researcher of the National System of Researchers (SNI).</p>



Isabel de Saint Malo, Senior Advisor to the UNDP Administrator on public policies and strategies at the global level, UN Women Latin America and the Caribbean for the Innovative Financing Initiative and Head of the OAS Electoral Observation Mission for the elections in Ecuador. Member of the Ibero-American Council of Women in Decision, GWL Voices for Change and Inclusion and the Advisory Council of Women Political Leaders. She holds the positions of Vice-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Panama (2014 – 2019). She was a Resident Fellow of the Policy Institute of the Kennedy School of Harvard University in 2019, the Aspen Institute and the Central American Leadership Initiative (CALI). She has been awarded nationally and internationally. He was part of the board of directors of the Democracy and Freedom Foundation. Is a leader in sponsoring issues related to transparency, the fight against corruption and gender equality. She has been a speaker at various universities and international organizations around the world.







Ciró Murayama, Electoral Councilor of Mexico's National Electoral Institute (INE) as of April 2014. He holds a bachelor's degree in Economy from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), and a doctoral degree in Economic and Business Sciences from the Autonomous University of Madrid. Murayama is a full-time professor at UNAM's Faculty of Economics, and belongs to the National System of Researchers (SNI) of the National Council on Science and Technology (CONACYT). One of the statutory-limited members of the Mexican Academy of Political Economy (AMEP), as well as part of the Board Directors of the Research Institute for Democratic Transition (IETD)

Session 7. Electoral Management Bodies and some of their challenges: The populist threat to their autonomy and the overload of responsibilities



Luis Roberto Barroso, Minister of the Supreme Federal Court and President of the Superior Electoral Tribunal of Brazil. Professor of Constitutional Law at the State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ), with a Master's Degree in Law from Yale University, USA PhD and Full Professor at the UERJ. He is a Senior Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School and author of several books and articles, including the Contemporary Constitutional Law Course.

	<p>Jean-Pierre Kingsley, he was unanimously elected by the House of Commons in 1990 as Speaker of Elections Canada, an independent authority of Parliament. He was in office until 2007. Mr. Kingsley guided the changes necessary to comply with the Bill of Rights and Freedoms and the computerization of the entire electoral process, including the Permanent Register of Voters, the website and the real-time transmission of election results. Subsequently, he served as president and CEO of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) until 2009. Additionally, he held different executive positions in the federal public service, such as the direction of the construction and service of the Ottawa General Hospital. In 2007, he was awarded the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle, the highest award the Mexican government bestows on foreigners. He is currently Chairman of the Delian Project Advisory Board.</p>
	<p>Carina Perelli, is an international expert in elections. She was Director of the United Nations Electoral Assistance Division from 1998 to 2005 and Executive Vice-President of IFES (2009-2012). She led the UN Electoral Component team in the East Timorese referendum that led to the country's independence, in 2002, she worked in Afghanistan with the United Nations. In Iraq she was the International Commissioner for the October 2005 Constitutional Referendum. With IFES she returned to Afghanistan in 2009 to lead electoral assistance projects and subsequently participated in other electoral assistance missions in the Dominican Republic, the West Bank/Gaza and Paraguay.</p>
	<p>José Woldenberg, he holds a degree in Sociology, Master in Latin American Studies and PhD in Political Science from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). Professor at the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences since 1974. Member of the National System of Investigators. Citizen Council of the General Council of the IFE from 1994 to 1996. President of the General Council of the same Institute, a position he held from 1996 to 2003. Author of several books in Spanish, including: "After the transition. Governance, public space and rights", "Minimum history of democratic transition", "Mexico: difficult democracy", "Democracy as a problem (An essay)" and "Letters to a young woman disenchanted with democracy".</p>
	<p>Jaime Rivera, Electoral Councilor of Mexico's National Electoral Institute (INE) since 2017. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Sciences and Public Administration from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), a master's degree in Sociology from the University of Guadalajara, and is PhD candidate in Political Science at UNAM. He has been Electoral Councilor of the electoral management body of Michoacán (2014–2017) and Executive Director of Electoral Organization of the extinct Federal Electoral Institute (1998–2004). He is professor and researcher (on leave) at the Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, and visiting professor in several public and private universities. Founding member and first chairman of the Mexican Society of Electoral Studies, A.C., and author of several publications on politics and elections.</p>

Session 8.

Electoral reforms and democracy

	<p>Manuel Alcántara, is a Spanish academic and political scientist. He is the author and co-author of several works and research on electoral aspects in Latin America, including political systems, governance, crisis and change. He has been Professor of Political Science at the University of Salamanca since 1993, where he has held other positions, including Vice-Rector for International Relations. He has also been a professor at other universities such as the Complutense University of Madrid, Georgetown, Tulane, as well as at the Institut de Sciences Politiques in Paris.</p>
	<p>Tammy Patrick, is a Senior Advisor to the Elections program at Democracy Fund. In 2013 she was selected by President Obama to serve as a Commissioner on the Presidential Commission on Election Administration. Prior to that she was the Federal Compliance Officer for Maricopa County Elections Department. She serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Policy and has represented the National Association of Election Officials to the United States Postal Service's Mailers Technical Advisory Committee. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in American Studies from Purdue University and is certified by Auburn University as a Certified Elections Registration Administrator.</p>
	<p>Arturo Espinoza Silis, degree in Law from the Universidad Panamericana and Master in Law from the National Autonomous University of Mexico, where he studied the specialties in Electoral Justice and Electoral Law. He has served as an electoral observer and specialist in electoral justice issues at the Organization of American States, with which he collaborated in the development of the Electoral Justice Observation Manual, and participated in the United Nations Development Program in the preparation of a study on subnational electoral bodies. He currently directs Strategia Electoral, a consultancy specialized in electoral law and a laboratory for permanent reflection on electoral and democracy issues.</p>
	<p>Attahiru Jega, is former Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission of Nigeria (2010-2015). He was the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University (2005-2010) and Director Center for Democratic Research and Training (2000-2004). Obtained his B.Sc. in political science from ABU, Zaria and an M.A. and PhD from Northwestern University Evanston. He has published on Nigerian politics, elections, democratization and transition to democracy among others. He is a recipient of many prestigious awards, including: National Honors Award of Officer of the Federal Republic (OFR), Charles T. Manatt Democracy Award, and ICPS' Election Commissioner of the Year Awards. He is also a recipient of 3 Honorary Doctorate Degrees. Has been a Visiting Fellow at several institution. Currently, is a professor in the department of political science, Bayero University. He serves as a member, on the Kofi Annan Foundation's Electoral Integrity Initiative; as well as The Nigerian Tertiary Education Fund's Research and Development Standing Committee.</p>



Edmundo Jacobo Molina, Executive Secretary of the National Electoral Institute since 2008. Degree in Philosophy and Letters from the University of Guanajuato (UG). He has been a full-time professor at the UG and the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California and director of Training at the Mexican Petroleum Institute. He is the founder of the magazine “El Cotidiano” of the Division of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM). In that institution he was, among others, head of the Department of Economy, Director of Planning and Institutional Development, rector of that Unit and Secretary General of that house of studies.

Session 9

Some challenges of contemporary democracy: legitimacy of origin and legitimacy in the exercise of power



José Thompson is the Executive Director of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IHR), an institution in which he has collaborated for more than 30 years in various positions, including Director of the Electoral Advisory and Promotion Center (CAPEL). He holds a degree in Law from the University of Costa Rica and a specialization in International Law from the Università degli Studi, Perugia, Italy. From 1994 to 1998 he collaborated in the Embassy of Costa Rica in the United States of America where he served as Minister Counselor, Consul General and Chargé d'Affaires a.i.. Author of several works on comparative electoral matters. He serves as Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Union of Electoral Authorities and the Association of Electoral Magistrates of the Americas, among other regional electoral mechanisms.



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