



# CONGRESS ON SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE SECURITY **SECURITY AND PEACE IN TIMES OF MAJOR TRANSFORMATIONS: DIGITIZATION AND CLIMATE CRISIS**

*FROM MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> TO JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> 2021*

The Congress on Sustainable and Inclusive Security is a mutual learning space characterized by a progressive discussion and deliberation among experts, politicians and activists from Latin America and the world, regarding current security challenges.

The notion that associates security only with the State as well as excessively wide definitions of human security do not respond to the broad range of structural and circumstantial risks that millions of people face. At the same time, technological breakthroughs which have always been linked to the idea of development and social progress present serious challenges, some of them bound to security.

Environmental crisis, social control through digitization, international movement of illicit funds with no control, in addition to the capacity to create social and economic havoc through cyberattacks are some of the consequences that most citizens find undesirable about using technology and scientific advances which are barely debated and have poor democratic control.

The Third Congress of the Latin American Network of Sustainable and Inclusive Security will address those matters from a critical perspective. It will discuss the limits between issues that belong to the security field are the ones that do not belong to it. Additionally, it seeks to analyze the policies aimed at "securitizing" social problems, as well as the nexus between the non-democratic, occasionally destructive, use of science and technology, and citizens' insecurity.

Matters such as the link between ecological crisis and violent social conflicts, discriminatory housing development, migrations and organized crime, will be addressed. Likewise, emerging challenges brought by digitization in the region will be discussed, including the limitations of cybersecurity's governance in the region.

DAY 1

MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY

**OPENING REMARKS**

9.00 to 9.15

**Kristina Birke Daniels**, *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung* Representative in Colombia and director of FES Sustainable and Inclusive Security Project

**Svenja Blanke**, *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung* Representative in Argentina and director of Nueva Sociedad -New Society- Journal

**INAUGURAL PANEL**

9.15 to 10.45

**NEW AGENDAS AND DEBATES IN LATIN AMERICA: WHAT ARE THE LINKS BETWEEN THE SECURITY FIELD AND ENVIRONMENTAL, PEACE AND TECHNOLOGIES MATTERS?**

**Moderator:**

- Kristina Birke Daniels, *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung* Representative in Colombia
- Svenja Blanke, *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung* Representative in Argentina

**Speakers:**

- Sabina Frederic, Minister of Security of Argentina
- Carlos Eduardo del Castillo, Minister of Government
- Niels Annen, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia



## ***SECURITIZATION, MILITARIZATION AND PEOPLE'S SECURITY: A POLITICAL DEBATE***

In Latin America, the approach to non-conventional themes as social protest, migration or environmental crisis conceived as security problems has been debated considering its potential risks for militarization and de-democratization. Nevertheless, the securitization phenomenon itself has not been discussed enough. As a concept, securitization focuses on the political effects of including matters as the former ones within the security field, making them into threats that state actors use to justify extraordinary measures, including the use of force. Besides excluding certain issues from democratic debate spaces, securitization normalizes social acceptance of military involvement and militaristic means with the purpose of solving a broad range of problems.

### **Moderator:**

Catalina Niño, project coordinator at FES in Colombia

### **Speakers:**

- ▶ Arlene Tickner, Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario University,
- ▶ Kristina Mani, Oberlin College, United States of America.
- ▶ Alejandro Chanona, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)  
Autonomous National University of Mexico
- ▶ Joel Luiz Costa, activist and lawyer, Instituto de Defesa da População Negra, Brasil



DAY 2

TUESDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>

PANEL 2

9.00 a 10.30

## ***WHAT IS THE NEXUS BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS AND VIOLENT SOCIAL CONFLICT?***

Nexus between armed conflicts and the environmental crisis has become increasingly evident in the last decade. Climate change provokes competitions for increasingly scarce natural resources among nations or communities, which may lead to violent rivalry. The impact of climate change has several manifestations in Latin America and the Caribbean such as: mining activity (legal and illegal), deforestation, agriculture and intensive livestock farming, land degradation, contaminant fertilizers as well as wildlife extinction and trafficking. The violence related to the climate crisis is reflected in disputes over land ownership, forced displacements, violent conflicts among criminal organizations, repression, murders of activists, politicians and journalists who stand up for the environment.

### **Moderator:**

**Mariano Aguirre**, Chatham House and Latin American Network of Inclusive and Sustainable Security.

### **Speakers:**

- ▶ Dan Smith, Director of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Sweden
- ▶ Francia Márquez, Colombian social and environmental leader.
- ▶ Manuel Tufró, Center for Legal and Social Studies (CLSS), Argentina
- ▶ Laura Santacoloma, Director of the Environmental Justice Area in Dejusticia, Colombia

PANEL 3

11.30 to 13.00

## ***PEACE-BUILDING WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL***

Climate change and environmental issues have important consequences for

peace-building in the local field. An example is the lack of water which worsens land degradation, limiting agricultural production. The World Food Program has recently launched an urgent appeal regarding the precarious food situation at the “Dry Corridor” in Central America. At the same time, the use of chemical substances in both agricultural production and mining industry (legal and illegal) has several negative consequences for the environment and the health of local populations. These problems keep feeding structures of inequality and generate escape responses, such as migration, or the instrumentalization of the crisis with tendencies towards securitization and militarization.

**Moderator:**

**Sabine Kurtenbach**, GIGA Institute, Germany

**Participantes:**

- ▶ Bram Ebus, International Crisis Group. The Netherlands
- ▶ Carolina Portaluppi, Casa Grande University and Simón Bolívar Andean University, Ecuador
- ▶ Jodival Mauricio da Costa, Federal University of Amapá, Brazil
- ▶ Cecilia Roa, CIDER, Andes University, Colombia

***SPECIAL PANEL***

***16.00 to 17.30***

***CRISIS IN COLOMBIA: PROTEST, REPRESSION AND THE PURSUIT FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION***

Since April 28th, Colombia’s population has experienced an outcry, unprecedented in its recent history. Even though the protests started due to the imposition of a fiscal reform bill proposed by Ivan Duque’s government, social discontent and mobilization have continued despite the fact that the project has been already withdrawn. This is a result of structural problems related to inequality, social exclusion and poverty that the COVID 19 pandemic has exacerbated. The violent and repressive response from the government, which includes police brutality and human rights violations has worsened the crisis and has made evident the government’s lack of connection with its citizens and their needs. How can Colombia find a way out of the crisis?

**Moderator:**

▶ **Elber Gutiérrez**, General Editor of El Espectador

**Speakers:**

- ▶ Maria José Pizarro, Member of Colombia's House of Representatives
- ▶ Alejandro Lanz, *Temblores* ONG
- ▶ Sandra Borda, University of Los Andes
- ▶ Adam Isacson, Washington Office on Latin America - WOLA

**DAY 3****WEDNESDAY JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>****PANEL 4****9.00 to 10.30*****HOW TO "GOVERN" CYBERSECURITY***

This panel of experts will discuss the main challenges in regard to cybersecurity dynamics in Latin America. It will analyze: a) the topics debated within the framework of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) and the United Nations Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG), b) the challenges of regional governance regarding cybersecurity and c) the relationship between governance of cybersecurity and democracy and human rights.

**Moderator:**

Marcos Robledo, Latin American Network of Sustainable and Inclusive Security

**Participantes:**

- ▶ Antonia Urrejola, President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)
- ▶ Gustavo Saín, National Director of Cybersecurity and Academic Coordinator of the degree in Cybersecurity and Computer-related Crime at the BAU, Argentina
- ▶ Daniel Álvarez, Faculty of Law Chile University and ONG's Digital Rights Founder, Chile
- ▶ Carolina Botero, Karisma Foundation, Colombia



DAY 4

THURSDAY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>

PANEL 5

9.00 to 10.30

## ***SECURITY, TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITIZATION: CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRACY?***

Technology and digitization present ample opportunities for development and, at the same time, they bring several challenges for democracy. This panel of experts will discuss security challenges in the digital world which are crucial for the protection of democracy, particularly, in the context of Latin American countries.

### **Moderator:**

Sergio Balardini, FES Argentina

### **Speakers:**

- ▶ Jens Zimmermann, responsible for the digital agenda within the German Social-Democratic party at Federal Parliament (Bundestag), Germany
- ▶ Angela Maria Robledo, Presidential pre-candidate, Colombia
- ▶ Rafael Zanatta, Director of the Data Privacy Brazil Research Association Associação Data Privacy Brazil de Pesquisa, Brazil
- ▶ Agustín Malpede, Argentine Computer Law Observatory

CLOSING CONFERENCE

11.00 to 12.00

## ***«STRATEGIC AUTONOMY AND THE GREEN DEAL IN THE POST-COVID SCENARIO: COMMON CHALLENGES FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION».***

**Jose Antonio Sanahuja**, Carolina Foundation's Director and Special Adviser on Latin America and the Caribbean of the High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy from the European Union and Vice president of the European Commission, Josep Borrell.

### **Moderator:**

Kristina Birke Daniels, *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung* Representative in Argentina and director of Nueva Sociedad -New Society- Journal