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**FIRST CONFERENCE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN THE AMERICAS**  
**Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas**  
**Universidad de Monterrey**  
**Sala Polivalente del Centro Roberto Garza Sada**  
**Monterrey, México - 10-11 November 2022**

**PROGRAM DAY 1**

**Thursday, 10 November**

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration**
- 9:00 - 9:20 a.m. Welcoming remarks**  
**Moderator:** Rafael Ibarra, Universidad de Monterrey (UEM)  
**Speakers:** Arturo Azuara Flores, UDEM  
Juan Fernando Potes González, UDEM  
Viviana Fernandez, Human Rights Research and Education  
Centre (HREC), University of Ottawa  
Robert Quinn, Scholars at Risk (SAR)
- 9:20-10:00 a.m. Academic Freedom: Current legal and political challenges in the Americas**  
**Moderator:** Catalina Arango Patiño, Coalition for Academic Freedom in  
the Americas (CAFA)  
**Speakers:** Jesse Levine, SAR  
Salvador Herencia-Carrasco, HREC
- 10:00-10:30 a.m. Coffee break**
- 10:30-11:45 a.m. Launch of the Free to Think 2022 Report**  
**Moderator:** Viviana Fernandez, HREC  
**Speakers:** Clare Robinson, SAR  
Magdalena Bas Vilizzio, UDEM  
Joel Mark Barredo, Strengthening Human Rights and Peace  
Research and Education in ASEAN/Southeast Asia
- 11:50-1:00 p.m. Academic freedom in Mexico**  
**Moderator:** Rafael Ibarra, UEM  
**Speakers:** Emilio Álvarez Icaza Longoria, Member of the Federal Senate  
of Mexico  
Ximena Medellín, Center for Research and Teaching in  
Economics CIDE (via Zoom)  
Céline González, CIDE (via Zoom)



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**1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Lunch**

**2:30 - 3:50 p.m. Gender violence and academic freedom**  
**Moderator:** Adriana Melissa Ávila Loera, UDEM  
**Speakers:** Liliana Ronconi, Universidad de Buenos Aires- Argentina  
Lavinia Francesconi, Université Aix-en-Marseille- France  
Camila Nobrega, Freie Universität Berlin- Germany  
Amanda Mendonça, Universidad del Estado de Rio de Janeiro- Brazil

**3:50 - 4:30 p.m. Coffee break**

**4:20-5:40 p.m. Academic freedom in United States and Brazil**  
**Moderator:** Jesse Levine, SAR  
**Speakers:** Pâmella Passos, Universidad Federal do Rio de Janeiro- Brazil  
Amna Khalid, Carleton College- United States  
Jeffrey Aaron Snyder, Carleton College- United States

**5:40 p.m. Closing remarks- Day 1**  
**Rafael Ibarra, UDEM**



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## PROGRAM DAY 2

Friday, 11 November

**8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration**

**9:00 - 10:20 a.m. Academic freedom in Nicaragua and Venezuela**

**Moderator: Catalina Arango, CAFA**

**Speakers: David Gómez Gamboa, Aula Abierta - Venezuela**

**Nelson José Rivas, Universidad de Los Andes- Venezuela (via Zoom)**

**Estela Rivero, Central American Research Alliance**

**Elthon Rivera Cruz, Iniciativa Puentes por los Estudiantes de  
Nicaragua (via Zoom)**

**10:20 - 11:30 a.m. Implementing the Inter-American Principles on Academic Freedom**

**Moderator: Jorge A. Sánchez Cordero, SAR Board**

**Speakers: Pedro Vaca, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression, Inter-  
American Commission on Human Rights (via Zoom)**

**Jesse Levine, SAR**

**Salvador Herencia-Carrasco, HRREC**

**11:30 - 12:00 p.m. Coffee break**

**12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Workshop Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas: Engagement  
and participation**

**Facilitators: Catalina Arango, CAFA**

**Phoebe Alpern, SAR**

**Viviana Fernandez, HRREC**



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**1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Lunch**

**2:30 - 4:40 p.m. Censorship and legislative interference in university spaces**  
**Moderator:** Jesse Levine, SAR  
**Speakers:** Rosario Figari, University of Giessen- Germany  
Danielle Pamplona, Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná- Brazil  
Eve Darian-Smith, University of California, Irvine- United States

**4:40 - 5:10 p.m. Coffee break**

**5:10 - 6:30 p.m. Report on the working group on implementing academic freedom in the UN system**  
**Moderator:** Salvador Herencia-Carrasco, HRREC  
**Speakers:** Robert Quinn, SAR  
Cesare Romano, Loyola Law School- United States (via Zoom)  
Jo-Marie Burt, LASA

**6:30 p.m. Closing remarks of the Conference**  
**Speakers:** Viviana Fernandez, HRREC  
Robert Quinn, SAR  
Thomas Buntru, UDEM

#### **NOTES:**

**All times are local**

**Registration is mandatory in the following link: <https://www.udem.edu.mx/en/institutional/cafa-i-regional-congress-academic-freedom>**

**Participation is open to the public. The conference will also be broadcasted via Zoom. English and Spanish interpretation will be available throughout the event**