

Florida Bar International Law Section Standing Committee on Public International Law, Human Rights & Global Justice
Conference on Defending Human Rights
Location: Newman Alumni Center in Coral Gables (April 19th, 2019)

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7:00AM – 7:30AM	Registration
7:30AM – 8:00AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcoming remarks</p> <p>Elizabeth M. Iglesias, Esq., Professor of Law, University of Miami School of Law, Co-Chair for the Committee on PIL, HR & GJ</p> <p>William Pestle, Associate Professor, University of Miami, Department of Anthropology Director, Latin American Studies Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening Remarks</p> <p>Carlos Osorio, Esq., Harper-Meyer, Chair of the International Law Section of the Florida Bar</p>
8:00AM – 8:45AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Plenary</p> <p>Focus on themes, issues and legal problems common to the three countries.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richard A.C. Alton, Esq., Alton Law, Moderator and Speaker <i>Underlining the Importance of Potential for Destabilization (“P4D”) in Assessing the Need for Active Intervention</i> 2. Professor Bruce Bagley, University of Miami, <i>The Venezuelan Crisis and U.S. Foreign Policy.</i> 3. Ilana Tabacnic, Esq., Akerman LLP, <i>The Consequences of the End Justifies the Means Mentality - Special Focus on Human Rights Violations in Brazil</i>
8:45AM - 9:00AM	Break
9:00AM - 9:30AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Morning Keynote</p> <p>Rosa María Payá, Cuba Decide</p>
9:30AM – 9:45AM	Break
9:45AM – 10:45AM	<p style="text-align: center;">Human Rights Issues: Cuba Here, There and Elsewhere</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professor David Abraham, University of Miami School of Law, Moderator 2. Carlos Osorio, Esq., Harper-Meyer, <i>Cuban Civil Society Hace Falta</i> 3. James Meyer, Esq., Harper-Meyer, <i>Human Rights in CUBA: What has Changed?</i> 4. Professor Jose Gabilondo, Florida International University College of Law, <i>The Arc of Legality for Sexual Minorities in Cuba: Invisibility, Counterrevolution, Contention, and Formal Inequality</i>

10:45AM – 11:00AM	Break
11:00AM – 12:00PM	<p>Human Rights Issues: Venezuela Here, There and Elsewhere</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professor Emercio Aponte, Esq., AE Immigration Law Offices & Adjunct Professor at FAMU, Moderator and Speaker, <i>The Statute Governing the Transition to Democracy at the light of the Venezuelan Constitutional Human Rights Regime</i> 2. Alma Chacon, Esq., Alma Chacon, Esq., PA, <i>The Judicial Power as an Obstacle for the Defense of Human Rights in Venezuela</i> 3. Maria Pardo, PhD, University of Miami, Lecturer Department of Modern Languages and Literature, <i>No Story, No Moral: Misinformation as an Obstacle to Empathy</i> 4. Ernesto Sanchez, Esq., Law Offices of Ernesto J. Sanchez, <i>Prosecuting Crimes by Heads of State Against Human Rights Defenders: Nicolas Maduro As A Case Study</i>
12:00PM - 12:15AM	Lunch Service
12:15PM – 12:30PM	<p>Lunch Welcome and Address: UMIA's Role in Building the Hemispheric University</p> <p>Dr. Felicia Knaul, Director, University of Miami Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas (UMIA)</p>
12:30PM - 1:00PM	<p>Dr. Sallie Hughes, Faculty Director, UMIA</p> <p>Associate Professor, Department of Journalism and Media Management</p>
1:00PM - 1:15PM	Break
1:15PM –2:15PM	<p>Post Lunch Keynote</p> <p>John Feeley, U.S. Ambassador to Panama (Retired) & Gotham Lights, LLC, <i>US Government Lessons Learned in protecting Human Rights in Latin America: Progress and Ongoing Challenges</i></p>
2:15PM - 2:30PM	Break
2:30PM – 3:45PM	<p>Human Rights Issues: Nicaragua Here, There and Elsewhere</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richard A.C. Alton, Esq., Alton Law, Moderator 2. Maria-Augusta Montealegre, PhD, University of Miami & Danilo Lopez Roman, MBA, MFA, ATL Architecture, <i>Poetry and Human Rights in Nicaragua</i> 3. Professor Tracy Devine, University of Miami, <i>Not a Centimeter More of Demarcated...Land': On Indigeneity and Human Rights</i> 4. Professor Lidiana De Moraes, University of Miami, <i>The Resistance is Present: Afro-Brazilian Women Fighting for Human Rights</i> 5. Ana Nunez, Esq., Human Rights Watch, <i>Journalists Today in Nicaragua: Their Role as Human Rights Defenders when Democracy is Under Attack</i>
3:45PM - 4:00PM	Break
4:00PM – 4:45PM	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <p>Elizabeth M. Iglesias, Esq., Professor of Law, University of Miami School of Law, <i>Advocacy, Activism and Professional Responsibility: Toward the Promotion of Human Rights, Global Justice and the Progressive Development of Public International Law</i></p>
4:45PM -5:00PM	Breakout Sessions