

FGV São Paulo Law School & LawTransform present
Exchanges on Law & Social Transformation
in **São Paulo** (*#BeExSampa*)

**Researching Autocratization and Resistance:
Theoretical, Methodological and Ethical Challenges**



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A range of theoretical, methodological, and ethical challenges take place when we engage in research on autocratization and democracy. Focusing on the Latin America scenario, while also considering comparative dialogues with countries all over the world in different stages of autocratization, the conference will contribute to comparative analyses of the dynamics of democracy and autocratization in the region, including discussions on the role of courts, police violence, contestations over land, indigenous rights, sexual and reproductive right and climate and environmental politics.

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PROGRAM

Monday | 5 December

9:00 – 9:15 | Welcome coffee

9:15 – 9:45 | Opening

Siri Gloppen (LawTransform Co-Director/University of Bergen)

Marta Machado (FGV São Paulo Law School Academic Masters and PhD Coordinator)

Camila Gianella (CISEPA Pontifical Catholic University of Peru Executive Director)

Lara Côrtes (LawTransform Coordinator/University of Bergen)

9:45 – 10:30

Keynote |

Researching Autocratization and Resistance in Comparative Perspective

Siri Gloppen (LawTransform/University of Bergen)

10:30 – 10:45 - coffee break

10:45 – 12:00

Roundtable | Autocratization and Institutional Resistance in the Americas

Catalina Smulovitz (Torcuato Di Tella University)

Conrado Hübner Mendes (University of São Paulo)

Florian Hoffmann (PUC-Rio)

Oscar Vilhena (FGV São Paulo Law School)

Moderator: Raquel Pimenta (FGV São Paulo Law School)

12:00 – 13:00 - lunch break

13:00 – 14:15

Roundtable | Courts and Democracy

Francisca Pou Giménez (Institute for Legal Research, UNAM)

Luciana Gross Cunha (FGV São Paulo Law School)

Sandra Botero (Del Rosario University)

Moderator: Mauricio Palma (FGV São Paulo Law School)

14:15 – 14:30 - coffee break

14:30 – 15:30

Book Launch |

The Limits of Judicialization: From Progress to Backlash in Latin America

Mariana Mota Prado (University of Toronto)

Marjorie Marona (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais -UFMG) - digital participation

Sandra Botero (Del Rosario University)

Moderator: Francisca Pou Giménez (Institute for Legal Research, UNAM)

Latin America was one of the earliest and most enthusiastic adopters of what has come to be known as the judicialization of politics – the use of law and legal institutions as tools of social contestation to curb the abuse of power in government, resolve policy disputes, and enforce and expand civil, political, and socio-economic rights. Almost forty years into this experiment, the [book](#) edited by Sandra Botero, Daniel Brinks and Ezequiel Gonzalez-Ocantos brings together a cross-disciplinary group of scholars to assess the role that law and courts play in Latin American politics. Featuring studies of hot-button topics including abortion, state violence, judicial corruption, and corruption prosecutions, the book argues that the institutional and cultural changes that empowered courts, what the editors call the “judicialization superstructure”, often fall short of the promise of greater accountability and rights protection. Illustrative and expansive, the book offers a truly interdisciplinary analysis of the limits of judicialized politics.

Tuesday | 6 December

09:00 – 10:00

Roundtable |

Climate Change Governance Fragility and the Threats of Authoritarianism

Camila Gianella (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru)

Catalina Vallejo (University of Bergen)

Mario Schapiro (FGV São Paulo Law School)

Moderator: Danielle Rached (FGV Rio de Janeiro Law School)

10:00 – 10:15 - coffee break

10:15 – 11:30

Roundtable | Extractivism, Land Disputes and Territories of Resistance

Ana Alfinito Vieira (FGV São Paulo Law School)

José Mauricio Arruti (Unicamp)

Rachel Sieder (Center for Research and Higher Studies in Social Anthropology – CIESAS)

Salvador Schavelzon (Universidade Federal de São Paulo - UNIFESP)

Moderator: Lara Côrtes (LawTransform/University of Bergen)

11:30 – 13:00 - lunch

13:00 – 14:15

Roundtable | Anti-racism & Indigenous Governance

Mauricio Terena (Articulação dos Povos Indígenas do Brasil - APIB) - digital participation

Nathalia Sandoval (FGV RI)

Sheila Carvalho (Coalizão Negra por Direitos)

Moderator: Catalina Vallejo (University of Bergen)

14:15 – 14:30 - coffee break

14:30 – 15:30

Keynote | From Judicial Persecution to Lawfare. When Polarization Turns Sour

Catalina Smulovitz (Torcuato Di Tella University)

16:00 - Social event at Fundação Getúlio Vargas (by invitation)

Wednesday | 7 December

09:00 – 10:15

Roundtable | Repression and Political Violence in Democracies at Risk

Dandara Rudsan (Iniciativa Negra por uma Nova Política Sobre Drogas)

Juliana Santos (Coordenadora Jurídica da Rede Liberdade)

Karina Ansolabehere (National Autonomous University of Mexico)

Sofia Rolim (FGV São Paulo Law School)

Moderator: Dennis Pacheco (Fórum Brasileiro de Segurança Pública)

10:15 – 10:30 - coffee break

10:30 – 11:45

Roundtable | Persistent Challenges of Violent Democracies:

Racism, State Violence, and Impunity

Gabriel Sampaio (Conectas)

Julia Goldani (FGV São Paulo Law School)

Tatiana Alfonso (ITAM)

Moderator: Amanda Pimentel (FGV São Paulo Law School)

11:45 – 13:00 - lunch

13:00 – 14:00

Roundtable | Polarization and Gender Battles in Latin America

Bruce Wilson (University of Central Florida)

Livia Buzolin (FGV)

Marta Machado (FGV São Paulo Law School)

Paola Bergallo (Torcuato Di Tella University)

Moderator: Tais Penteado (FGV São Paulo Law School)

14:00 – 14:15 - coffee break

14:15 – 15:15

Roundtable | Academic Freedom under Threat: Resistance and New Research Agendas

Adriane Sanctis (LAUT, USP)

Bruce Wilson (University of Central Florida)

Karina Ansolabehere (National Autonomous University of Mexico)

Moderator: Michelle Ratton Sanchez Badin (FGV São Paulo Law School)

Thursday | 8 December

10:00 – 10:15 - Welcome coffee

10:15 – 11:30

Roundtable | The Political Economy of Authoritarianism and its Resistance

Henrique Almeida (University of São Paulo)

Mariana Mota Prado (University of Toronto)

Raquel Pimenta (FGV São Paulo Law School)

Moderator: Mario Schapiro (FGV São Paulo Law School)

11:30 – 13:00 - lunch

13:00 – 14:00

Book Launch | Feminist Frontiers in Climate Justice:

Gender Equality, Climate Change and Rights

Danielle Rached (FGV Rio de Janeiro Law School)

Marta Machado (FGV São Paulo Law School)

Discussant: Camila Gianella (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru)

Moderator: Paola Bergallo (Di Tella)

Feminist Frontiers in Climate Justice. Edited by Cathi Albertyn, Helena Alviar García, Marta Machado, Meghan Campbell and Sandra Fredman, the [book](#) provides a compelling demonstration of the deeply gendered and unequal effects of the climate emergency, alongside the urgent need for a feminist perspective to expose and address these structural political, social and economic inequalities. Taking a nuanced, multidisciplinary approach, this book explores new ways of thinking about how climate change interacts with gender inequalities and feminist concerns with rights and law, and how the human world is bound up with the non-human, natural world.

14:00 – 14:15 - coffee break

14:15 - 15:30

Keynote & Book Launch | Litigating the Climate Emergency:

How Human Rights, Courts and Legal Mobilization can Bolster Climate Action

César Rodríguez-Garavito (New York University)

Catalina Vallejo (University of Bergen)

Discussant: Conrado Hubner Mendes (USP)

Moderator: Siri Gloppen (LawTransform Co-Director/University of Bergen)

Litigating the Climate Emergency. Edited by César Rodríguez-Garavito, this [book](#) is the first to offer a systematic analysis of the universe of these cases known as human rights and climate change (HRCC) cases. By combining theory, empirical documentation, and strategic debate among preeminent scholars and practitioners from around the world, the book captures the roots, legal innovations, empirical richness, impact, and challenges of this dynamic field of sociolegal practice. It looks specifically at the sociolegal origins and trajectory of HRCC cases, the legal innovations of this type of litigation, and the strategies and impacts of these cases. In doing so, this book equips litigators, researchers, practitioners, students, and concerned citizens with an understanding of an important method of holding governments and corporations accountable for climate harms.

15:30 – 15:45 - coffee break

15:45 – 16:45

Roundtable |

Judicial Institutions, Politics and Public Policies in the Threat of Autocratization

Matthew Taylor (American University) - digital participation

Rebecca Abers (UnB)

Moderator: Cláudio Couto (EAESP FGV)

This event is a collaboration with the [Associação Brasileira de Ciência Política](#)



16:45 – 17:00 - coffee break

17:00 – 18:00

Keynote | O Futuro dos Direitos dos Povos Indígenas no Brasil: Desafios e caminhos

Eloy Terena (Articulação dos Povos Indígenas do Brasil - APIB) - digital participation

Discussion moderated by Rachel Sieder (Center for Research and Higher Studies in Social Anthropology – CIESAS)

**18:30 – 20:00 - Social event at Ocupa 9 de Julho - by invitation
with screening of the film *The Territory***

Friday | 9 December - project workshops - by invitation