



OÑATI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF LAW
—
OÑATIKO LEGE-SOZIOLOGIAKO
NAZIOARTEKO ERAKUNDEA
—
INSTITUTO INTERNACIONAL
DE SOCIOLOGÍA JURÍDICA DE OÑATI

WORKSHOP ON

Deliberalization of Democracies?

Understanding Regression of Rights and the Criminalization of Struggles for Rights in the Global South and North

15-16 MAY 2025

COORDINATORS **Joao Velloso** (University of Ottawa)
Marie-Christine Doran (University of Ottawa)
Hugo Rojas (Universidad Alberto Hurtado)
Danièle Joly (University of Warwick)

MEETING ROOM Achille Loria (1st floor)

Programme

Wednesday 14th May 2025

Arrival
21:00 Welcome dinner for the participants Oñatiko Batzokia Jatetxea
[Street: Foruen Enparantza, 9]

Thursday 15th May 2025

08:45 - 09:15 **Registration** at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law *[1st floor]*

09:15 - 10:00 **Welcome by IISL, Opening Remarks and Introductions by Participants**

Maite Elorza Plazaola, IISL Administrative Director
Leire Kortabarria, IISL Publications officer
Joao Velloso, Marie-Christine Doran, Hugo Rojas and Danièle Joly, coordinators
Joxerramon Bengoetxea, Rector of the University of the Basque Country

10:00 - 11:15 **Session 1:**

10:00

Leigh Payne (U. Oxford): Tracking the threat to democracy of “anti-rights” mobilizations in the Americas [17]

10:25

Judith Bessant & Rob Watts (RMIT U.): Criminalising Climate Justice Politics in a time of Planetary Crisis: Australian Liberal Democracy 2014-2024 1] *[online]*

10:50

Debate

11:15 - 11:30 **Coffee break** *[Gurvitch & Galdos room]*



Thursday 15th May 2025

11:30 - 13:15 Session 2:

11:30

César Jiménez Martínez (LSE): The media and the policing of protests: News organisations as self-assigned arbiters of what constitutes “violent” or “peaceful” collective action

11:55

Ricardo Penafiel (UQAM) The discursive and communicational dimension of criminalization. Dialogical relations between institutional discourses and instituting imaginaries (Chile, Mexico, Colombia)

12:20

Danièle Joly (U. Warwick, CADIS-EHESS, Global Observatory on Academic Freedom): Academic Freedom under Attack in Europe and Globally [4]

12:45

Debate

13:15 - 14:45 **Lunch break** [*Cantina Zapore*]

14:45 - 16:30 Session 3:

14:45

Jennifer Earl (U. Delaware): “A Layered Model of Political Repression: Understanding Connections between Repressive Forms in the USA” [16]

15:10

Marie-Christine Doran (U. Ottawa, OVCD): Criminalization and Security Polycrisis: Is Latin America a Trojan horse?

15:35

Joao Velloso (U. Ottawa): (Lack of) Policing, Emergency Powers and the Role of the Judiciary on Governing Alt-Right Protests in Comparative Perspectives: 2022 Freedom Convoy in Canada and 2023 Brazilian Congress Attack

16:00

Debate

16:30 - 16:45 **Coffee break** [*Gurvitch & Galdos room*]

16:45 - 18:00 Session 4:

16:45

Salvador Millaleo Hernández (Universidad de Chile): Populist momentum and setbacks in the rights of indigenous peoples: Chile in relation to the global experience

17:10

Nancy Tapias Torrado (U of Waterloo): Megaprojects and the Criminalization of Indigenous Women Leaders in Canada and Latin America

17:35

Debate

18:30 Pintxo-pote (tapas and wine, self-paid), starting at Galizia Taberna (Atzeko Kalea, 22)
<https://oñatiturismo.eus/es/listings/onatiko-tabernak/>



Friday 16th May 2025

09:45 - 11:15 Session 5:

9:45

Welcoming words – day 2

9:55

Aitor Jimenez (Melbourne U. & UPV/EHU): Racial capitalism and punitive and repressive institutions in Spain and its former colonies [12]

10:20

Richard Georgi (U. Goteborg): Re-Imagining Rights Amid a Peace Deferred: Activism and Backlash in Democracies under Populist Pressures [18]

10:45

Debate

11:15 - 11:30 **Coffee break** [*Gurvitch & Galdos room*]

11:30 - 13:15 Session 6:

11:30

Stephen Meili (U. Minnesota): Rollback on Refugee Rights: Increased Restrictions on the Right to Seek Asylum in the Global North [20]

11:55

Hugo Rojas (U Alberto Hurtado): The Rule of Law, State Violence and Social Revolt in Transitional Chile [3]

12:20

Vinicius Alves da Silva (Post-Doc, University of Ottawa (CAN) & Forum Justiça (BRA) Judicial Politics: how the governance structure of judicial institutions affects the credibility of democracy in Brazil

12:45

Debate

13:15 - 14:45 **Lunch break** [*Cantina Zapore*]

14:45 - 16:45 Business Meeting + Session 6:

14:45-15:30

Business Meeting on Publication

15:30

Loreto Quiroz (U. O'Higgins): Social representations of protest through Chilean law: criminalization, public order and violence

15:55

Salvador Herencia Carrasco (U of Ottawa, OVCD): Universities and Democracy: Inter-American tools to protect Academic Freedom and University Autonomy

16:20

Debate

16:45 - 17:00 **Coffee break** [*Gurvitch & Galdos room*]



OÑATI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF LAW
—
OÑATIKO LEGE-SOZIOLOGIAKO
NAZIOARTEKO ERAKUNDEA
—
INSTITUTO INTERNACIONAL
DE SOCIOLOGÍA JURÍDICA DE OÑATI

Friday 16th May 2025

17:00 - 18:30 **Closing Remarks + Next Step**

17:00

Benjamín Tejerina (University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU): The Neoconservative Opposition to Moral Politics in Spain: Four Decades of Anti-Rights Mobilisation (1978-2024)

Authors: Joseba García Martín, Ignacia Perugorria and Benjamín Tejerina

17:30

Comments by organizers + Next Steps

18:00

Discussion

20:00 **Dinner (self-paid) at Hotel Torre Zumeltzegi**

<https://www.hoteltorrezumeltzegi.com/EN/restaurant.html>