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International Course on Public Policies in Human Rights

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This edition of the International Course on Public Policies in Human Rights is organized jointly by the Institute of Public Policies in Human Rights of MERCOSUR (IPPDH) and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (CIDH).

It is a semi on-site course which a first stage is virtual, of 13 weeks duration that will start in June through the virtual campus of the International School of the IPPDH and second stage on-site and mandatory for 5 days at the IPPDH headquarters in Buenos Aires, that will be development on 2020 February. At the same time, the participants can obtain a specialization in the Inter-American System by holding an optional 5-day training workshop in September, at the IACHR headquarters, in the city of Washington DC (or in another country member of the OAS), or through the presentation of a research paper.

Institutional framework:

The Institute of Public Policies in Human Rights of MERCOSUR (IPPDH) is an intergovernmental organization created in 2009 by Decision of the Common Market Council (CMC) 14/09, whose main functions are technical cooperation, research, training and support in the coordination of regional human rights policies.

The objective of the IPPDH is "to contribute to the strengthening of the Rule of Law in the States Parties, through the design and monitoring of public policies on Human Rights, and to contribute to the consolidation of Human Rights as a fundamental axis of the identity and development of MERCOSUR". Additionally, it specifies among its functions "to provide technical assistance for the development of training activities in the promotion and protection of Human Rights, for officials of the Human Rights institutions of the States Parties".

A principal, autonomous body of the Organization of American States (OAS), the InterAmerican Commission has a mandate to promote respect for and to defend human rights in the region and acts as a consultative body to the OAS in this area. It was created by the OAS in 1959 and installed in 1979.

The mandate of the IACHR is established in Article 106 of the OAS Charter, as well as in the American Convention on Human Rights (Pact of San José), adopted on November 22, 1969, entering into force on July 18. of 1978. The IACHR performs its functions based on three pillars of work: the system of individual petitions; monitoring of the human rights situation in the Member States and advice and technical cooperation with the States. Among the functions of the IACHR are: to stimulate awareness of human rights and carry out promotion and training activities for public officials and members of civil society organizations.



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The IPPDH's International School is a technical instance of research in the field of public policies on human rights. Its strategic lines of work are approved by the Meeting of High Authorities on Human Rights and Foreign Ministries of the MERCOSUR (RAADH), to contribute to the fulfillment and guarantee of human rights, considered central axes of the integration of MERCOSUR. Its structure was designed to fulfill its functions of research, training, technical advice in the formulation of public policies, as well as support in the field of communication in human rights.

For its part, the IACHR, through its Strategic Plan 2017-2021, established in its Strategic Objective 3 the impulse to institutional strengthening and capacity-building for action by organizations and networks of social actors in the defense of human rights. In particular, the Strategic Plan foresees the Expanded Program of Training and Promotion of Thought and Culture in Human Rights and a Program of Technical Cooperation in the Area of Institutional and Public Policies in a human rights approach, through which it promotes public policies aimed at strengthening the respect for human rights as a central element of the processes for strengthening national capacities for the implementation of InterAmerican human rights standards.

In this institutional framework is conceived and developed the International Course on Public Policies in Human Rights, which already had three previous editions (year 2016, year 2017 and year 2018), where its main objective was the construction of knowledge for the management of public policies from a perspective of human rights assuming theoretical frameworks and current and adequate tools. At the same time, it proposed a space for training and debate for the generation of "communities of practice" that address challenges facing public policy makers in the region today.

Recipients:

The course is aimed at government officials responsible for the design, direction, execution and evaluation of public policies, members of organizations and social movements, academics and society in general of the Member States of MERCOSUR and the OAS.

There is a quota of 100 participants, of which one part will be designated directly by governmental authorities of the aforementioned States and another part will be selected through an open call.

In the selection process, an adequate geographical, disciplinary, ethnic/racial, gender and institutional ownership representation will be taken into account and the performance of decision functions and / or incidence in public policies will be valued in a special way.

The course does not have a cost for the selected people, for which the participants will not have to pay a tuition for its realization. However, participants must cover all costs and expenses corresponding to participation in the scheduled face-to-face weeks, taking into



account that the on-site week in Buenos Aires is mandatory for the approval of the course. The people who participate in the on-site instances must have international medical insurance under their care.

Objectives:

The International Course on Public Policies in Human Rights seeks to train relevant actors of the region in the human rights approach in public policies. From a perspective that recognizes the advances and challenges in the region, it offers an approach to the experiences and challenges that the implementation of the human rights approach supposes for the state institutions.

Methodology:

VIRTUAL FASE	From July 27 to October 15
Presentation of the final work topic	August
Preliminary draft	September
Final work	December
OPTIONAL WEEK	From September 23 to 27
MANDATORY WEEK	From February 10 to 14 2020

The study process offered through the International Course will combine theoretical and practical training in the fields of international human rights law, the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights, social sciences, and public administration, with the presentation of practical experiences of high impact for the guarantee of rights implemented in the States of the region in recent years.

The dynamics of exchange between the participants of the course, coming from the state, academic and civil society, constitutes in itself a forum to identify problems, obstacles, resources and opportunities with a view to strengthening institutions and policies focused on rights humans.

In conclusion, the International Course intends to integrate a theoretical-practical approach with the socialization of significant experiences of public policies on human rights. At the same time, it is considered as a dynamic tension of its proposal, to become a space for dialogue around the construction of rights, understood in the wide range that goes from social struggles to the effective satisfaction of them through public policies consistent with the needs and demands of the population.

Course content:

The course has a range of standing items with others circumstantial, from the historical dynamics of the region. In addition, the course aims to offer keys to the analysis of the main processes that the American region is going through and that represent challenges to the full validity of human rights.



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The standing items offer a specific field of construction and management of public policies on human rights, which requires technical and political training with the capacity to generate proposals with an impact on the practices carried out by the States in their different instances. The experiences presented should allow us to identify, together with the tensions and challenges, some keys that guide future proposals.

Virtual phase:

This phase is aimed at developing technical and management aspects, favoring the analysis of specific experiences, in which the application or non-application of the general principles of the rights approach in the different phases of the public policy cycle will be made visible.

In addition, we will give you the opportunity to deepen the aspects of the cycle of public policies, the perspective of rights and the analysis of concrete experiences in the countries of the region.

The virtual phase will have 13 weeks of duration, beginning on July 23, culminating on 15 October. After the completion of this phase, the participants will have a period of time to present their final works, which will be exposed within the framework of the mandatory face-to-face week in Buenos Aires.

IMPORTANT: Approximately 4 to 6 hours per week are required to participate in the virtual phase, which includes participation in the forum and reading of theoretical materials proposed by the teaching team.



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Week	Topic
1	Course presentation and familiarization with the virtual campus
2	Human Rights, democracy and development
3	Approach to the Inter-American Human Rights System
4	Perspectives and debates around the social dimensions of regional integration processes
5	Review week
6	Public policy. Conceptual notions
7	Approaches for the management of public policies
8	Human rights approach in public policies
9	OPTIONAL WEEK - WASHINGTON DC
10	Delivery of preliminary draft: final work proposal
11	Equality and non-discrimination
12	Production, access to information and indicators systems
13	participation in the cycle of public policies
	Preliminary draft returns
	Delivery of reformulated Preliminary draft
	Final work sending
	Comments to the final work
	MANDATORY WEEK – BUENOS AIRES



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Mandatory on-site phase:

The mandatory on-site phase in the City of Buenos Aires will take place from February 10 to 15, 2020, and will consist of training sessions in which the people who approved the virtual phase will participate.

The workshop dynamics in the on-site phase will be the propitious space in which the participants of the course will be able to share and debate the products of the online training.

The on-site training sessions will include the presentation of a series of contents related to the theme of public policies with a focus on human rights by experts in the field, and discussion tables on the different topics worked on, thus facilitating spaces for dialogue and collective construction of knowledge, and also implementing colloquiums on concrete experiences.

Also in this phase, seminars open to the public will be held in which theoretical aspects of the historical process of the region will be discussed. In this activity, whose theme will be defined in accordance with the strategic objectives of the IPPDH and the IACHR, and taking into account elements of the regional situation, masterly conferences of the highest level are contemplated, and may also analyze experiences and significant learnings of the approach of rights and the development of human rights policies in the countries of the region.

Optional week:

For participants who choose to specialize in the Inter-American System, the optional face-to-face phase in Washington DC (or in another OAS member country) will include specific sessions on an introduction to the functioning of each one of the mechanisms of the IACHR, as well as discussions and reflections on the role of the Inter-American Human Rights System in matters of public policies in the States of the region.

The optional on-site week consists of a training workshop with emphasis on contents of the Inter-American Human Rights System, including the exchange of experiences, challenges and good practices relevant to the subject. The sessions of the workshop will be in charge of Human Rights Specialists of the Executive Secretariat of the IACHR and members of the IPPDH.

The participants interested in this specialization who can not attend the optional week, will have the alternative of preparing a written investigation work on the Inter-American Human Rights System, whose slogan will be communicated in a timely manner.

Acceptance requirements and participation in the course

Those who are selected to be part of the fourth edition of the international course on public policies in human rights will be published on the website of both institutions and will



receive a notice and a commitment letter that must be completed and sent signed, in which they take for granted their commitment to participate in all the activities of the course that includes attendance to the obligatory face-to-face week in Buenos Aires, assuming the costs generated by such participation. There will be a deadline for receiving the letters, not accepting those that are received outside the stipulated date.

IMPORTANT: Once the virtual phase has started, those who do not participate in the campus in the first two weeks, will be automatically unsubscribe, leaving the place to those people who have been selected as substitutes.

Course approval

The approval of the international course requires accomplish the requirements of the virtual phase (mandatory participation in forums, presentation of the final work topic and send the preliminary draft), elaborate the final work and attending the mandatory week in Buenos Aires.

The preliminary draft is an exercise of application of the knowledge imparted in the framework of the course from a hypothetical or real situation posed by the participant. Once the preliminary project has been proofread, it will be enabled to prepare the final work that must be presented in the month of December.

The final work has the purpose of stimulate the integration of the knowledge of the course. It is proposed that the final work be focused on a public policy on human rights, being able to assume two modalities: public policy proposal or public policy evaluation. The final work, like the preliminary draft, are necessary requirements to complete the course. This work will be reviewed and comments will be sent that the participants can incorporate in their presentation in Buenos Aires on February.

Those people who meet the requirements of the virtual phase and attend the obligatory face-to-face week in Buenos Aires will obtain the approval course certificate.

IMPORTANT: The content of the works and the interventions of the participants throughout the course will be considered as opinions and individual expressions. In this sense, the institutions do not offer their endorsement or compliance



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Teaching staff:

Each module will be in charge of course leaders, some members of the IPPDH staff and the IACHR, and others teachers will be invited (experts, teachers from other courses offered by the institute, previous participants of the international course). There will also be

academic coordination and technical assistance, that will accompany the entire process and guide the participants in the preparation of their preliminary projects and final works.

On the other hand, there will be support by tutors (teachers of the course) who will guide the participants in the preparation of their preliminary projects and final works as well as assistance in relation to methodological tools. These tutors will be convened according to the thematic modules offered by the course and it is expected that each tutor can accompany at least two participants. In addition to offering technical assistance, members of the IPPDH and IACHR team will correct the preliminary draft and the final work, and the written work on the Inter-American System in the corresponding cases.

On the other hand, the faculty of the on-site phase is made up of prominent figures from the world of politics, academia and social organizations, with experts and specialists in the issues raised.