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Global Classroom 2019 on "New Technologies and Human Rights"



On 6 May at 10.30am, the next edition of the Global Classroom entitled "New Technologies and Human Rights" will open at the *Salon Dorado* of the Legislative Palace of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires

with the presence of the many speakers.

The 2019 edition of the Global Classroom is hosted by the Global Campus Latin America-Caribbean coordinated by CIEP-UNSAM in Buenos Aires with the institutional sponsorship of the Regional Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Ombudsperson of the City of Buenos Aires, the European Parliament and the Legislative Palace of the City of Buenos Aires.

The event will take place from 6 until 10 May with a rich programme of events about "New Technologies and Human Rights". The profusion of New Technologies and of Information and Communication Technologies in many aspects of individual and collective life is one of the defining features of our times. The advancement of new technologies in the XXI century –also known as the fourth industrial revolution– along with the expansion the Internet, social media, and artificial intelligence have a direct impact on how the public and private sectors and individuals interact. These new and transformational environments present opportunities and challenges when their practices are analysed in terms of human rights. The nature and speed of these developments have brought important questions in connection with governance, State sovereignty and State responsibility. They also leave us with the challenge of drawing equations to balance the impact of new technologies in the exercise of rights, among them, the prohibition of discrimination, social rights and the access to public services, privacy and data protection, fair trial and due process, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly and association.

The set of questions to explore in the 2019 Global Classroom on new technologies and human rights include:

- 1. New technologies and their impact on the traditional notions of sovereignty
- 2. Challenges faced by States in terms of digital sovereignty
- 3. New technologies and their impact on the dynamics of democracy and government
- 4. Human rights protection systems vis-à-vis non-State actors in the realm of new technologies
- 5. New technologies and the transformation of labour forces, social production relations and markets (commercial, financial etc.)
- 6. New technologies and access to education and to information in terms of use, benefit, profit and development.
- 7. New technology and its impact on the social fabric: communicational dynamics, consumer behaviour, practices and identities (ethnicity, nationality, gender, class, religion, ideology)

In addition to the **students and representatives** from Global Campus of Human Rights, the event will feature **experts** from Latin America on Human Rights, State representatives, International and Non-Governmental organisations, Think Tanks, Diplomatic Corps, the EU Delegation in Buenos Aires, Tech organisations and Global Campus Alumni. A visit to the Ex ESMA memory site will be also a very important highlight of the Programme.

The Global Classroom is a joint annual activity of the Global Campus of Human Rights, a network of seven regional master's programmes in Human Rights based in Africa (Pretoria), Arab World (Beirut), Asia Pacific (Bangkok), Caucasus (Yerevan), Europe (Venice), South East Europe (Bologna/Sarajevo) and Latin America (Buenos Aires). It brings together students, professors and experts from all seven regional programmes for a week-long conference, where a topic of global interest is studied and examined. Previous editions of the Global Classroom have been held in Venice, Bangkok and Yerevan.

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