



5TH GLOBAL ACTION-RESEARCH WORKSHOP

for Young Human Rights Advocates



Dejusticia invites applicants for its Fifth Annual Global Action-Research Workshop, to be held in Colombia in August 2017. The theme this year will be reopening civil society spaces in the Global South

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Workshop Sponsor

The Center for Law, Justice and Society (Dejusticia) is a Colombia-based NGO working on strengthening the rule of law and promoting human rights in Colombia and across the Global South. We are a think/do tank that produces rigorous research that can contribute to action for social change. We also carry out direct advocacy through campaigns, litigation, education and capacity-building.

Since 2005, we have been working on six research and action areas: anti-discrimination; economic, social and cultural rights; rule of law; environmental justice; judicial systems; and transitional justice.

Our methodology is three-pronged. We produce rigorous legal and social science research and aim to contribute to a better understanding of systemic failures and rights violations. We leverage our expert knowledge to contribute to direct action campaigns, litigation or interventions in public policy design and public opinion forums. We promote free access to knowledge for human rights through capacity-building and experience sharing in a variety of formats and with a wide range of stakeholders—from young advocates to scholars and community activists, from judges to policymakers, from transnational advocates to domestic advocates in the Global South.

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Fifth Annual Workshop (August 2017)

The theme of Dejusticia's fifth annual Global Action-Research Workshop in 2017 will be **reopening civil society spaces in the Global South**. Dejusticia invites applications from young professionals from the Global South who are engaged in advocacy around this theme. This could include issues related to authoritarian regimes; freedom of association, assembly, and expression; threats to human rights defenders; press freedoms;

barriers to international aid and rights programs; and democracy, amongst other concerns. Approximately fifteen applicants will be selected to participate in the Workshop. The fifth annual Workshop will take place from **August 21-28 in Colombia**, combining intensive writing and academic workshops with experiential learning. Workshop sessions will be taught by leading international and Colombian experts.

Objectives

Dejusticia's Global Action-Research Workshop seeks to ensure that the new generation of Global South human rights advocates has a strong voice in international discussions. An important challenge for these young advocates is how to increase their influence in international human rights debates. High quality research coming from the Global South on human rights issues is critically important. In recognition of this, and of the need for young advocates to build research and writing skills to

address pressing problems in their respective countries, Dejusticia holds an annual Action-Research Workshop directed at young advocates. The objectives are to train these young professionals to effectively design, conduct, and write action-oriented research, as well as communicate their findings in diverse forms. Dejusticia provides ongoing mentorship for participants to work on a research project and publication of their design after they return to their home countries.

Expected Outcomes and Methodology

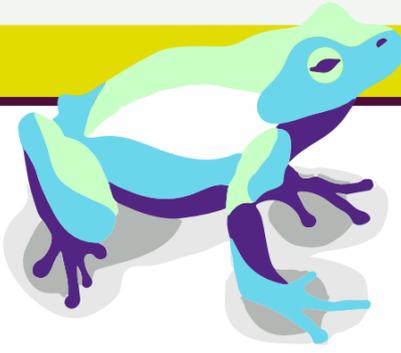
The goal of the Workshop is to strengthen the research, writing, and advocacy skills of its participants, and their contribution to their organizations and the international human rights movement more broadly. This will be accomplished through: 1) workshops and experiential activities over a week-long period in Colombia and 2) six months of Workshop mentorship of participants after they return to their home countries on a publication of their design. Textos produced by the participants will be published as a larger work documenting the perspectives of the new generation

of human rights advocates. The Workshop will also provide a forum to continue building a network amongst participants after they return home.

The Workshop's structure will include intensive writing and academic workshops, group discussions, and experiential learning, including site visits to areas that are the subject of local advocacy to defend civil society spaces. Workshop content will focus on research methods as well as writing and communication of results of action-oriented research in this field.

Participant Profile

Dejusticia invites applications from advocates from the Global South who are working on reopening civil society spaces. Applicants must be 35 years or younger and currently affiliated with a human rights organization or related NGO. Applicants should be interested in improving their research, writing, and advocacy skills, and reaching broader audiences with their publications.



Cost

Travel, lodging, workshop materials, and meals will be covered for all participants. The funds for the Workshop and the project it forms part of are made possible by the generous support of the **Ford Foundation**.

Application Requirements

Translation will be provided in English and Spanish throughout the Workshop. Fluency in one of these two languages is required. To apply to the Dejusticia Global Action-Research Workshop for Young Human Rights Advocates, please send the following:

1. A letter of nomination from the applicant's human rights organization or related NGO. This letter should state the name of the applicant and the affiliation the applicant has with the organization (i.e. lawyer, advocate, researcher, etc.).

2. Written responses to the following questions (please attach as word, pdf, or text document):

a. Why are you interested in participating in this Action-Research Workshop?

b. What type of human rights issues do you work on? Please describe how your work is related to reopening civil society spaces.

c. What experience do you have conducting research?

d. What human rights issue/case/project are you working on that you think could benefit from research and publication (please describe in 400-500 words)? The Workshop will mentor participants on the publication of findings for one research project; the project you describe should be something for which you would be interested in such mentorship, should you be selected for participation.

3. Curriculum Vita/Resume (please attach as word, pdf, or text document)



All materials should be sent via email to Ana María Ramírez at aramirez@dejusticia.org by March 31, 2017.