



Center for Civic Education

CIVITAS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



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World Congress on Civic Education *Hosted by the Center for Civic Education and the Asociación Conciencia*

May 17–20, 2007
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Goals

- ◆ To share information about the programs, projects, and activities conducted through the **Civitas International Programs**
- ◆ To celebrate the achievements of the **Civitas International Programs**, with a specific emphasis on the theme “Civic Conscience and Citizen Engagement”
- ◆ To learn about the work conducted by Asociación Conciencia in the area of education for democratic citizenship
- ◆ To strengthen and expand the **Civitas International Programs** network

Wednesday, May 16

All Day: Arrivals and Registration

Check in at: Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel & Convention Center
San Martin 1225/1275 · Buenos Aires 1104 · Argentina
Phone: (54)(11) 43189000

6:20 PM Meet at Leandro Alem exit of Sheraton hotel

- 6:30 Buses depart for reception
- 7:00–10:00 Reception at Museum of Decorative Arts

Thursday, May 17

- 7:00–9:00 AM Breakfast *Salon Libertador A*
- 9:00–Noon Character Education Meeting (By invitation. All other participants may use this time for planning and meetings.)
Salon Libertador B
- 12:30–2:00 PM New Participant Welcome Lunch and Orientation Session
(All other participants may lunch on their own and use this time for planning/meetings.)
Salon Atalaya (24th Floor)
- 2:00–3:00 Meeting for Countries Participating in the International Project Citizen Showcase
Salon Libertador B
- 3:00–3:30 Conference Opening
Charles N. Quigley, Executive Director, Center for Civic Education
Silvia Rueda de Uranga, Civitas Program Director, Asociación Conciencia
Deborah Price, Assistant Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
Salon Libertador B
- 3:30–4:15 Keynote Address: *Civic Conscience and Citizen Engagement*
Frank Greer, Founding Partner, Greer, Margolis, Mitchell, Burns, & Associates Political Consulting
- 4:15–5:00 Plenary Session: *Historical and Political Introduction to Argentina*
Sergio Berenstein, Director, School of Public Policy, University Di Tella, Argentina

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4. *Civic Conscience and Citizenship Engagement in a Digital Age*
Thomas S. Vontz, Assistant Professor, School of Education, Kansas State University
Clayton Lucas, Teacher, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy
John Sullivan, Teacher, Glenbrook South High School
Martin Fierro I
5. *Civic Education: A Link with Society*
Amode Taher, Program Director, CIVITAS Mauritius
Martin Fierro II
6. *The Role of Mothers in Civic Education*
Refaat Sabbah, Program Director, Teacher Creativity Center
Poncho
7. *Challenges of Civil Society in Argentina*
ACIJ
Fundacion del Viso
Sandra Cesilini, Coordinator, Inter-American Development Bank Project
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Salon Libertador B
- 12:15–1:30 PM Lunch *Salon Libertador A*
- 1:30–2:45 Panel Presentation: *Courts and Citizens: Civic Education and the Judiciary*
Justice Elena Highton de Nolasco, Vice-President, Supreme Court of Argentina
United States Federal Judge Diane P. Wood, U.S. 11th Circuit
Moderator: Jon Varat
Salon Libertador B
- 2:45–3:00 Break *Foyer*
- 3:00–4:15 Plenary Session: *The Argentine Dialogue on Religious Tolerance*
Father Juan Torrela
Rabbi Daniel Goldman
Professor Emir Jarnuc
Pastor Rafael Sanz
Salon Libertador B
- 4:15–5:15 Panel on Strategic Alliances
Mirna Alexander, Researcher, Canadian Foundation for the Americas
Rose Marie Vieira Motta Linck, Pescar, Brazil
Isabel Engelbert, Porvenir, Argentina

Moderator: Jorge Eduardo Bustamante, Board of Directors, Asociación
Conciencia

6:30 PM Depart for Embassy Reception (meet at Leandor Alem exit)

7:00–9:00 Reception at the Residence of U.S. Ambassador Earl Anthony Wayne
(by invitation)

Saturday, May 19

7:00–9:00 AM Breakfast *Salon Libertador A*

9:00–9:15 Announcements and Overview of the Day
Salon Libertador B

9:15–10:30 Plenary: *Overview of Conciencia's Programs (with student
demonstrations)*
Susana Finger, Executive Director, Asociación Conciencia

10:30–11:00 Break

11:00–12:15 PM Concurrent Sessions I

1. *On the Way to Democracy: A Playful Educational Activity*
Elva María Aranguëna, Executive Director, Instituto Peruano de
Educacion en Derechos Humanos y la Paz (IPEDEHP)
Rio de la Plata
2. *A Cross Country Discussion: Challenges of Teaching about Public Policy
through Project Citizen*
Barbara Miller, Executive Director, Center for Education in Law and
Democracy, Colorado
Maria Gonzalez, Executive Director, Costa Rica Joven
Suzanne Soule, Director of Research and Development, Center for
Civic Education
Ombu I
3. *Building Civic Leadership at All Levels through the Baltic Civitas
Partnership*
Erin Braun (moderator), Director of Civic Education, Indiana Bar
Foundation
Giedre Kvieskeine, Director, Lithuanian College of Democracy
Patton Feichter, Coordinator, Illinois/Estonia Civitas Project
Sulev Valdmaa, Director, Civic Education Center, Jaan Tonisson
Institute, Estonia

Linda Martin, Area Education Agency 267, Iowa
Iveta Verse, Director, Education Development Center

Ombu II

4. *New Materials in Education for Democracy: Lessons on Africa*
Arlene Gardner, Executive Director, New Jersey Center for Civic and
Law-Related Education, Rutgers University
Boubacar Tall, Director, Curriculum Office, INDEADE, Senegal
Ministry of Education
Shannon Lederer, Assistant Director, International Affairs, American
Federation of Teachers

Poncho

5. *Strategies for the Development of a National Project Citizen Network*
Carmen Chacon de Carcamo, Vice President, Civitas Panama
Mariela Ledezma, President, Civitas Panama
Graciela Salgado, Trainer Coordinator, Fundacion Horizonte, Ecuador

Salon Libertador B

6. *The Exercise of Basic Civil and Political Rights as a Strategy for Civic
Education in Mexico*
Hugo Concha Cantu, Executive Director for Electoral Training and
Civic Education, Federal Electoral Institute, Mexico

Martin Fierro I

7. *The Lexicon Project: Or, Is what we do not know hurting us?*
Civitas-Russia
Stephen Schechter, Professor of Political Science, Russell Sage
College, New York
Thomas Vontz, Assistant Professor of Education, Kansas State
University
Natalya Voskresenskaya, Associate Director, Civitas-Russia, Moscow

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12:15–1:15 PM

Lunch

Salon Libertador A

1:15–2:30

Concurrent Sessions II

1. *Using Technology in Your Education for Democracy Project*
Tom Collins, Coordinator, Wyoming Project Citizen Coordinator
Ariel Maella, President of the Directory Educadores para la
Democracia
Louis R. Smith, Jr., Professor, College of Education, University of
West Alabama
Carole W. Smith, University of West Alabama
Janice Bedford, Executive Director, Alabama Center for Law and Civic
Education, Alabama

Polina Verbytska, President, All-Ukrainian Association of Teachers in
History, Civic Education, and Social Studies "Nova Doba"

Rio de la Plata

2. *"A Tale in Two Courts": Comparing the World's Two Major Legal
Systems Using Mock Trials*

Pat Quann, Executive Director, Delaware Law Related Education
Center, Wilmington, DE

Marilyn Cover, Executive Director, Classroom Law Project, Oregon

James Adomanis, Executive Director, Maryland Center for Civic
Education

Alida Matkovic, Head, Department for Multilateral Cooperation,
Ministry of Science, Education and Sport

Ombu I

3. *Benefits of Building Bridges—Celebrating the Results of a Joint
Partnership in the Study of Civic Education*

Jan Miller, Director Law-Related Education; Texas State Bar

Dora Marroquin-Executive Director of the Center for Democracy and
Civic Education, New Mexico

Maria Gonzalez-Executive Director of Programa Costa Rica Joven,
Costa Rica

Janie Worst, Related Education, State Bar of Texas

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4. *10 Years of Civic Education Work in the Dominican Republic*

Mirna Diaz, Executive Director, Pontificia Universidad Catolica Madre
Y Maestra, Dominican Republic

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5. *Legislators in the Classroom*

Karl Kurtz, Executive Director, National Conference of State
Legislators

Jorge Rinaldi, Director General, Institute for Parliamentary Training,
Argentina

Salon Libertador B

6. *Strengthening Democracy through Project Citizen*

Linda J. Start, Executive Director, Michigan Center for Civic
Education

Barbara Miller, Executive Director, Center for Education in Law and
Democracy, Colorado

Ivana Havlinova, Executive Director, CIVITAS-CZ

Marcela Maslova, Executive Director, Orava Association for
Democratic Education

Martin Fierro II

2:30–3:15 PM

Plenary Session: *The Challenge of Improving Democracy through
Civic Education*

Zafarullah Khan, Director, Centre for Civic Education, Pakistan

Ignacio Hernaiz, Special Projects Coordinator, Ministry of
Education, Argentina

Salon Libertador B

3:15–3:30 Break

3:30–4:00 Small Group Discussion

4:00–6:00 Planning Time, Office Hours, and Regional Meetings

1. *Civitas Africa*: 4:00 PM

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2. *Arab Civitas*: 4:00 PM

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3. *Latin America*: 4:30 PM

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4. *Europe and Eurasia*: 4:30 PM

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Sunday, May 20

7:00–9:00 AM Breakfast

Salon Libertador A

9:00–9:15 Announcements

Salon Libertador B

9:15–10:15

Plenary Session: *Institutionalization and Sustainability*

Charles N. Quigley, Executive Director, Center for Civic
Education

Maria Rosa Martini, Co-Founder, Asociación Conciencia

10:15–11:30

Concurrent Sessions

1. *Civic Education in Latvia: From Preschool to Adult Education*

Aija Tuna, Program Director, International Step by Step Association,
Hungary

Iveta Verse, Director, Education Development Center, Latvia

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2. *Education for Democratic Citizenship in the Americas: An Analysis of National
Policies*

Adriana Cepeda, Consultant, Department of Education and Culture,
Organization of American States

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3. *Project Citizen for Promoting Students' Activity: A Methodological Review*

Maia Gogoladze, Director, CIVITAS Georgia Projects and Chairman,
Fund for Democracy Development

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4. *E-enabled Instruction: Civics with a Mouse*

Mona Alami, Director, Jordan Center for Civic Education Studies

Dan Prinzing, Education Director, Idaho Human Rights Education
Center

Poncho

5. *Civitas External Onsite Evaluation: An On-the-Ground Look at Program Progress in Senegal*

Gary Marx, President, Center for Public Outreach, Virginia
Boubacar Tall, Director, Curriculum Office, INDEADE, Senegal
Ministry of Education

Arlene Gardner, Executive Director, New Jersey Center for Civic and
Law-Related Education, Rutgers University

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6. *Bringing Integrity to the Schools: New Material in Education for Democracy*

Mercedes De Freitas, Executive Director, Civitas Venezuela

Salon Libertador B

11:30–11:45 Break

11:45–1:00 PM Thematic Sessions

1. *South Africa Youth and Civic Engagement: Moving from Self to Community Empowerment*

Sharon Subreenduth, Assistant Professor, Bowling Green State
University, Ohio

Anash Mangalparsad, Director, Center for Community and
Educational Development

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2. *Making the Whole School Educational Approach More Convenient for the Development of Youth Civic Conscience*

Alida Matković, Head of the Multilateral Cooperation Department,
Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Croatia

Nevenka Lončarić Jelačić, Senior Advisor, Head of the Center at the
Education and Teacher Training Agency

Ombu I

3. *Civic Education in Fragile and Hybrid States*

Roula Mikhael, Country Director, Lebanese Center for Civic
Education

Zafarullah Khan, Director, Centre for Civic Education, Pakistan

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4. *Antiviolence Programs Based on Foundations of Democracy, Project Citizen and Civic Education Manuals*

Rumen Vulchev, Program Director, Open Education Center, Bulgaria

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5. *Trends... That Will Profoundly Impact Our Future*

Gary Marx, CIVITAS External On-site Evaluator, President, Center
for Public Outreach

Martin Fierro I

6. *Increasing Civic Competence and Youth Participation in the
Russian Far East*

Pavel Sobol, Project Director, Russian-American Center
Olga Chernenko, Program Manager, Russian–American Center
Mary Bristol, Project Director, CIVITAS Alaska

Martin Fierro II

1:00–2:00 PM	Lunch	<i>Salon Libertador A</i>
2:00–3:00 PM	Plenary- <i>Looking Back, Striving Forward: Reflections from Civitas Partners</i> Aija Tuna, Educational Program Director, Education Development Center, Latvia Elarbi Imad President, Moroccan Center for Civic Education, Morocco Meera Balachandran, Principal, Ramjas School, R. K. Puram, India Misheck Munthali, Chief Lecturer, Domasi College of Education, and Director, Civitas Malawi	<i>Salon Libertador B</i>
3:00–3:15	Break	<i>Foyer</i>
3:15–4:00	Small-Group Discussion	
4:15–4:45	Conference Closing Richard A. Nuccio, Director, Civitas International Programs, Center for Civic Education Lucrecia S.E. de Lacroze, President, Asociación Conciencia	<i>Salon Libertador B</i>
4:45–5:00	Conference Evaluation	
6:30	Depart for Opera Pampa (meet at Leandro Alem exit)	
7:00–10:00	Closing Dinner at Opera Pampa	

Monday, May 21

Departures