



# WOLAWEEKLY

The Latest on Latin America

Friday, April 7, 2023

Dear {{FirstName or 'WOLA Supporter'}},

I would like to introduce myself as WOLA's new Vice President for Communications and Outreach. As we prepare to celebrate 50 years of fighting for justice and human rights in Latin America, I am excited to be leading WOLA's communications team alongside Milli Legrain, who is taking on the newly created position of Editorial Director. It is an honor for both of us to be joining an organization with such an outstanding record in the region and to work with a team of top-notch experts recognized for their in-depth knowledge of human rights in our hemisphere. We look forward to reaching out to you and building new audiences with compelling and innovative content in English and Spanish. And we hope to meet you in person at one of the many events we have planned for this upcoming year.

As for our latest news, WOLA's president, Carolina Jiménez Sandoval recently participated in [a conversation](#) with Venezuelan NGO *Justicia, Encuentro y Perdón* (JEP) about the continuation of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (FFM), where she [stressed](#) its importance for the investigation and prosecution of serious human rights violations committed by the state, as well as its potential role in [advancing the dialogues](#) between the Maduro Government and the opposition to restore democracy.

This week we also published a feature by WOLA's Senior Fellow Jo-Marie Burt about the [Diario Militar case](#), the most important transitional justice case in Guatemala since the 2013 Maya Ixil genocide trial, involving hundreds of victims. For decades, survivors and the families of the victims of this case have been demanding truth and justice. But with an increasingly [co-opted justice system](#) and a majority of judges exiled or beholden to mafias and corrupt politicians, that hope is fading fast.

For more information about WOLA's enhanced communications team, feel free to check out [our bios](#).



That is all from us for this week.

Best,



**Zaida Márquez**  
Vice President for Communications

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

-  Read about [Guatemala's Death Squad Dossier Case Being Dismantled By Corrupt Political-Legal Systems](#) and the threats to access to justice for the survivors and families of victims.
- We are excited to announce that we have hired two new members to lead our Communications team! Read more [here](#).
-  [Watch](#) WOLA's president Carolina Jiménez Sandoval discusses the role of the UN's International Fact Finding Mission in Venezuela and its significance for the country's crisis.



## JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENT

**WBO** Washington  
BRAZIL OFFICE

**WOLA**  
Advocacy for Human Rights in the Americas

**CEPR** CENTER  
FOR ECONOMIC  
AND POLICY RESEARCH

# LABOR ACTIVISM IN LATIN AMERICA

**DISCUSSION WITH ACTIVISTS AND EXPERTS  
FROM BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, AND ARGENTINA**  
MONDAY, APRIL 10TH AT 4:30 PM  
WITH PANELISTS:

- **Marcio Pochmann**, Professor of Labor Economics at the Universidade Estadual de Campinas and President of the Instituto Lula, Brazil
- **Cecilia Senen Gonzalez**, Professor of Labor Relations, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina
- **Laura Carla Moisa Ellicabide**, Associate Professor of Economics, Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

**Location: WOLA**  
1666 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 400  
Washington, D.C. 20009

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

## WOMEN DEFENDING PEACE IN COLOMBIA

### A GENDERED, ENVIRONMENTAL AND RURAL PERSPECTIVE

Wednesday, April 19, 2023  
12:30pm - 2pm

WOLA  
1666 Connecticut Ave, NW,  
4th Floor, Washington, DC

ACT Iglesia Sueca, Diakonia, the Latin America Working Group Education Fund (LAWGEF), United States Institute for Peace (USIP), and the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA) invite you to join us.

#### Panelists.

Angélica Romero Villalba, Collective Association Women in Law (ASOCOLEMAD)

Jani Rita Silva De Rengifo, Network We are Genesis (Somos Génesis)

Diana María Salcedo López, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF/LIMPAL COLOMBIA)

Introductions by Gimena Sanchez-Garzoli, WOLA and Steve Hege, USIP

Moderation by Lisa Haugaard, Latin America Working Group Education Fund (LAWGEF)

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## U.S. MEXICO WEEKLY BORDER UPDATE



## WOLA Border Oversight

Advocacy for Human Rights in the Americas | Monitoring Conduct and Accountability in U.S. Border Law Enforcement

In April 2022, WOLA launched its one-of-kind [Border Oversight Database](#), which documents hundreds of reports of human rights violations and abuses against migrants and asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico border.

## WOLA IN THE NEWS



🇺🇸🇲🇽 Read the Q&A: How Is the Opioid Crisis Affecting U.S.-Mexico Ties?

From @The\_Dialogue: Addressing the fentanyl crisis between #US and #Mexico.

👉 With @Arturo\_Sarukhan, @EAnthonyWayne, @VFelbabBrown & our Director For Mexico, @stephanie\_wola 👉

[thedialogue.org/analysis/how-i-...](https://thedialogue.org/analysis/how-i-...)



**Stephanie Brewer**  
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