

# WOLAWEEKLY

The Latest on Latin America

Friday, October 7, 2022

Dear {{FirstName or 'WOLA Supporter'}}

I write this words as I return to Washington D.C. from an intense visit to Brazil, where alongside WOLA's Director for the Andes, [Gimena Sánchez-Garzoli](#), I was part of the International Mission of Human Rights Specialists observing the first round of the general elections.

We left Brazil with mixed feelings. On the one hand, extremely concerned by the rise in political violence, hate speech and fake news but also encouraged by the inspiring activists who continue compromised with an extremely challenging fight to ensure divisive discourses do not take over the country and justice becomes a reality for all.

Read more about our visit in a [fascinating event](#) hosted by la Nueva Prensa and Contagio Radio. In this weeks Newsletter, you can also read about the latest on the Ayotzinapa case and the harrowing situation at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Warm regards,



Carolina Jiménez Sandoval  
President, WOLA



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- [Read the statement](#) by the International Electoral Mission on Brazil, urging authorities to act with agility and firmness in the investigation, prosecution and accountability of cases of political violence.
- A series of revelations and events over the past month leave the criminal investigation of the Ayotzinapa case —as well as truth and justice for the victims— at risk. Read the analysis on how [Interference from Above Closes Doors to Justice in Ayotzinapa Case](#).
- Along with DPLF, LAWG & GHRC, we launched these three reports to [Raise Concern About Guatemala's Path Towards Authoritarianism](#), [Call for Stronger U.S. Responses](#).

- As WOLA's Director for Venezuela [Geoff Ramsey](#) pointed out [on Twitter](#), we applaud the renewal of the Fact Finding Mission by the UN Human Rights Commission. It represents a victory for human rights organizations and the victims who have worked tirelessly to promote it and to ensure justice.

## POLARIZED ELECTIONS IN BRAZIL: A CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRACY



## READ THE LATEST BORDER UPDATE HERE



## UP-COMING EVENTS

**October 14, 10:30 PM – 12 PM EST** - Creating a Favorable Environment for Negotiations in Venezuela: Prospects for Resuming Talks and the Role of U.S. Stakeholders [RSVP](#)

**October 13, 2:00pm-3:30pm EST** - Faces of Violence: Understanding Colombia's Conflict through the Lens of Jesús Abad Colorado [RSVP](#)

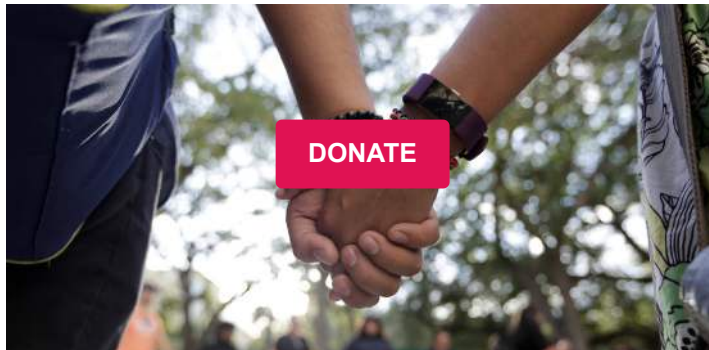
## JOB OPENINGS

WOLA is seeking a **Communications Assistant!** We are looking for an administrative, entry-level professional to support two directors and their programs with a variety of tasks, including: event planning, clerical duties, database management, webinar and in-person meeting support, and other logistical support. Learn more [here](#).

## SUPPORT WOLA

It's not too late to make a gift in honor of the work of all of our honorees at this year's 2022 WOLA Human Rights Awards and Benefit Gala. As you've read, each one of them faces tremendous odds and opposition to their fight for justice and equality. We know that you value their work, so

what better way to salute their perseverance with a donation to WOLA in their honor? We thank you in advance for your generosity.



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