Federalism and decentralization in the C21: issues, trends and challenges

Venue: Antigua Escuela de Jurisprudencia, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (San Ildefonso 28, Col. Centro, Mexico City)

Thursday, November 9:
8:30-9:00 hrs. Registration
9:00-10:00 hrs Inauguration greetings

Pedro Salazar (Director, Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, UNAM)

Manuel José Cepeda Espinosa (President, IACL/AIDC)
Diego Valadés (President, Instituto Iberoamericano de Derecho Constitucional)

Raúl Contreras Bustamante (Director, Facultad de Derecho, UNAM)

Carlos Humberto Reyes Díaz (Coordinator, Programa de Posgrado en Derecho, UNAM)

José Ma. Serna (Executive Coordinator of the Roundtable)

Jorge Carlos Ramírez Marín (President, Cámara de Diputados)

10:00-11:45 Panel I Why federalism and decentralization?

Jean François Gaudreauult-DesBiens
Doyen, Faculté de Droit, Université de Montreal, Canada
“Why Federalism?”

César Camacho Quiroz
Federal Deputy, Chamber of Deputies, México
“Federalism in Mexico: issues and challenges”

Hugo A. Concha Cantú
Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, UNAM
"The Federal Idea: Integrity and Effective Government"

Chair: Issa Luna Pla

Discussion

11:45-12:15 Coffee Break
12:15-14:00 Panel II The organizing principles of federal and decentralized constitutional arrangements

Alberto López Basaguren
School of Law, University of the Basque Country, Spain
“Constitutional Principles regarding Territorial Autonomy in Spain: A System in search of a Model”

José Gamas Torruco
Facultad de Derecho, UNAM, México
“Local government, Special Districts and Regions”

José Ma. Serna
Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, UNAM, México
“Logics, Principles and Techniques of Normative Organization in Federal States: The case of Mexico”

Chair: Susana Dávalos Torres

Discussion

14:00-16:00 hrs Lunch Break

16:00-17:45 Panel III The role of constitutional courts in enforcing or monitoring federalism-related principles

Mahendra P. Singh
National Law University, Dehli, India
“The Principles and Practices Adopted and Applied by the Courts in India for resolving the Disputes between the Federal and State Governments”
Francisco Tortolero Cervantes  
Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, UNAM, México  
"Centralizing trends of Mexican Federal Courts"

Chair: Carla Huerta Ochoa

Discussion

17:45-19:00 Panel IV Second chambers in federal systems

Antonio María Hernández  
Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina  
"The federal role of the Senate in Argentina"

Daniel Barceló Rojas  
Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, UNAM, México  
“Functions and Structure of the Mexican Senate. Is It Responding to Challenges to the Federal System of Our Time?”

Chair: Francisco Ibarra Palafox

Discussion

Friday November 10:

9:00-10:45 hrs Panel V Forms of Intergovernmental relations between federal and state executives

John Dinan  
Wake Forest University, Editor of Publius, The Journal of Federalism, USA
“Intergovernmental relations in a polarized era: State government influence in negotiations with U.S. presidential administrations”

Carlos Gadsden Carrasco  
Centro de Estudios Municipales y Metropolitanos, FES Acatlán, UNAM, México  
“Making Intergovernmental Levels Work to get the Sustainable Development Goals. A proposal using ISO 18091 approach”

Chair: Héctor Fix Fierro

Discussion

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-13:00 Panel VI A Constitutional Approach to Fiscal Federalism

Thomas Fleiner  
Professor Emeritus University Fribourg, Switzerland  
“Financial Equalisation and Solidarity in a Federal State”

Ricardo Raphael  
Director, Centro Cultural Universitario Tlaltelolco, UNAM, México  
“Fiscal Federalism in a Non-Federal Republic”

Chair: Imer Flores Mendoza

Discussion

13:00-13:30 hrs Closing Ceremony