



IDEHPUCP

**INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY
AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

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Introduction

The Institute for Democracy and Human Rights of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (IDEHPUCP) promotes the strengthening of democracy and human rights in Peru through training, research, advocacy of public policies and the generation of spaces for debate and dialogue.

IDEHPUCP works in partnership with various government agencies, civil society institutions, international organizations and citizens committed with our topics of interest.

The work of IDEHPUCP embodies the commitment of our university with the affirmation of justice, peace, and democracy in the country, and particularly with the recommendations made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Perú in its Final Report (2003). It also responds to the need for further academic research and to disseminate knowledge about human rights and their situation in different social contexts, including under violence and armed conflicts.

Mission

We are an academic unit of the PUCP aiming to strengthen democracy and to promote human rights through research, training, and promotion of public policies, thereby connecting our university with civil society and the public sector.

Vision

By 2026, IDEHPUCP extends its influence as a technical and academic reference point regarding the promotion of human rights through interdisciplinary training, high quality research, and advocacy within the country and abroad.

1 Lines of work

The activities of IDEHPUCP are focused on the following topics:

MEMORY, DEMOCRACY, AND POST-CONFLICT

The line of work 'Memory, democracy and post-conflict' is focused on improving the implementation of policies regarding reparations and search for disappeared persons, the recovery of memories of violence, and the promotion of citizen participation of victims of violence and their relatives. For these purposes, applied research is carried out, as well as capacity building in transitional justice for victims and public officials, advocacy actions for the incorporation of the human rights approach in public policies aimed at victims, and technical assistance to State institutions involved in the matter.

HUMAN MOBILITY

The IDEHPUCP's Human mobility line of work aims to provide elements of deliberation for the improvement of national policies and strategies. This line has focused on the issues of migration policies, human trafficking, migrant smuggling, international protection, gender, and inclusion. The actions proposed by the IDEHPUCP aim to develop research on the phenomenon of trafficking of human beings, migration, and asylum policies, to improve the capacities of civil servants in matters of international standards. Additionally, the Institute continues elaborating guidebooks and manuals, as well as preparing reports and advocacy notes to monitor policies on the matter.

INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM

The Inter-American human rights system line of work was created to follow up on the work of these bodies and promote knowledge, debate, and application of the standards for the protection of rights that they have been developing since their creation. Throughout the existence of this line, the IDEHPUCP has widened the impact of the Inter-American Human Rights System by bringing its standards and instruments closer to society. To this effect the Institute creates spaces for training and discussion and shares its own expertise with the organs of the system, among other efforts. In addition, as a vital part of its training activities, the Institute has organized —for fourteen years— the Yachay Mooting Competition, in which law students from all over the continent compete in simulations before the IACHR and the Inter-American Court.

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

From the line of work of Indigenous Peoples, IDEHPUCP promotes the strengthening of capacities of indigenous leaderships with the aim of improving relations between the State and indigenous peoples and promoting an adequate implementation of their collective rights and the individual rights of its members. This line of work addresses the issues of indigenous participation, prior consultation and interculturality and develops actions focused on providing specialized training for members of indigenous peoples in a decentralized and face-to-face manner. The line emphasizes the deployment of participatory processes for the design of training proposals and for carrying out interdisciplinary studies on the barriers faced by indigenous peoples to satisfy their rights to participation, consultation, and justice.

ENTERPRISES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

In the Business and Human Rights line of work, the IDEHPUCP promotes respect for the ethical requirements of human rights in the business framework. The Institute promotes the adoption of regulatory frameworks and public policies that protect rights, provides technical advice on incorporating a human rights approach, educates, and sensitizes key stakeholders on the issue.

FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

The Fight against corruption line of work seeks to contribute to a better performance of the judicial system in the investigation and prosecution of corruption, and to encourage civil society participation in the follow-up of that task. In this regard, the work has focused mainly on strengthening the capacities of justice operators, journalists, and university students from Lima and other regions. Likewise, the focus extends to monitoring and disseminating the progress and setbacks of emblematic cases of corruption.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

IDEHPUCP considers that training professionals in areas related to the defense and promotion of democratic values and fundamental rights validates and strengthens them. For such purpose, the institute conducts specialized academic programs intended to increase theoretical and practical knowledge on these fields. Additionally, the work is directed at strengthening capacities of officials, social leaders, young people, and activists of human rights.

Master's Degree

MASTER'S DEGREE IN HUMAN RIGHTS

The Master of Human Rights at the PUCP Graduate School was created and designed by the Institute in 2006. Its first director was Elizabeth Salmón, current executive director of IDEHPUCP. The master's degree is a multidisciplinary postgraduate program aimed at training professionals committed to the defense and promotion of fundamental rights. The program aims to strengthen the human rights situation through high-quality academic training aimed at sensitizing, training, and consolidating the different participants in the active defense and promotion of human rights.

The master's degree offers a mention in indigenous peoples. This mention encourages to rethink the exercise of human rights from a perspective that incorporates cultural diversity and, above all, the reality of indigenous peoples as a key element in understanding society. The students

who opt for the mention must take: - Indigenous peoples - Collective rights of indigenous peoples - Contemporary problems of indigenous peoples in America. They must also write a thesis within this line of research.

Thanks to an agreement between the PUCP and the Universidad del Rosario (UR) of Colombia, the students of the Master's degree can opt for a double degree with said institution. This program allows to obtain the following degrees: Master in Law with an emphasis on Human Rights and Transitional Justice from the UR and Master in Human Rights from the PUCP.

DIPLOMA COURSES AND SPECIALIZATION

IDEHPUCP conducts these programs both in Lima and in other parts of the country. These diploma courses are validated by our university and are intended for professionals working in the government and entities of civil society; as well as for social leaders whose activities are directly related to the promotion and defense of human rights.

The diploma courses generate a multiple effect by training people who can transmit and apply the shared knowledge related to our lines of action in their own fields of work.

Examples:

- Specialization Course in Participation and Accompaniment Strategies for the Search for Disappeared Persons: Yanapaqkuna-Companions.
- Specialization course on femicide: death for reasons of gender - analysis from the Social Sciences and Criminal Law.
- Training course in International Humanitarian Law, public force, and human rights
- International update course on the Inter-American Human Rights System: Economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights
- Diploma of Studies in Indigenous Governance and Political Participation
- Diploma of studies in intercultural governance - Ucayali
- Diploma of studies in intercultural governance - San Martín



SEMINARS, COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

IDEHPUCP offers seminars, courses and workshops for authorities, officials, and professionals from different fields, academic researchers and social leaders, whose mission is in accordance with our areas of work and the strengthening of the democracy in Peru and Latin America.

Examples:

- Training course in Humanitarian Forensic Anthropology and participation in the search for missing persons (for EPAF)
- Course on International Humanitarian Law “Miguel Grau” (for ICRC)
- Training course on public policies, human rights and migration (for IOM)
- Training course on rights approaches for public management (for the Ombudsman)
- Training course on gender, human rights and public policies (for SUNAT)
- Course on financing of terrorism and money laundering (for the National Criminal Chamber).

SHORT COURSE PROGRAMS

IDEHPUCP offers these academic courses to the general public aiming to promote specialization in social development and other topics related to the ones addressed by the institute.

Examples:

- Introductory workshop course on state management for indigenous peoples with an intercultural approach.
- Workshop course on gender, human rights, and public policies
- Workshop course on human trafficking and migration of persons in Peru
- Workshop course on illicit financing of political parties and basic elements of the main crimes of corruption
- Workshop Course on Business and Human Rights

YOUNG LEADERS TRAINING PROGRAM

Our institute seeks to strengthen the leadership skills of young people participating in social and political organizations through a program in which they acquire knowledge and skills to develop and benefit their places of origin. The program subjects are taught by PUCP teachers and renowned national experts.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROGRAM

This program is intended for PUCP undergraduate students and aims to strengthen a space for dialogue and debate on culture, democracy, and human rights amongst the youth. The program has a theoretical component related to these topics and leadership tools. The sessions are practice oriented. The program finishes when participants prepare and implement either an academic or a public-impact project.

RESEARCH

Research conducted by IDEHPUCP is defined within its line of institutional activity and objectives.

In that scope, our Institute develops the following tasks:

- It produces cultural and institutional diagnoses on issues mainly related to public policies and proposes regulatory provisions.
- It contributes to substantial discussion and critical analysis of the conceptual framework of topics related to democracy and human rights.
- It produces analysis about specific problems concerning the public interest and related to our lines of work offering new perspectives and approaches to their discussion.

PROMOTION OF PUBLIC POLICIES

The design and promotion of public policies related to our topics of interest are basic tasks in the work conducted by IDEHPUCP and express our specific contribution to the development of the country.

In this context, IDEHPUCP promotes the creation of spaces for dialogue with various political and civil society stakeholders, as well as with governmental and non-governmental officials and technicians in order to design, promote and express opinions on public policy implementation, as well as drafting bills.

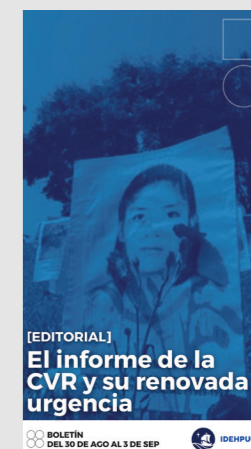
These activities are supported by academic research and processes of dialogue in which citizens' requests are collected and the local and regional realities are considered. IDEHPUCP also conducts lobbying and public impact tasks with two purposes: to add visibility to issues and requirements of the social and politic stakeholders we work with, and to propose specific government policies.

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT

In order to conduct its activities, IDEHPUCP considers it essential to create spaces for dialogue and communication channels with citizens, especially with social leaders, officials and the media.

To comply with this mission, IDEHPUCP organizes a series of academic and cultural activities to increase the level of public debate and generate reflection on our topics of interest. It also promotes and disseminates research and publications such as magazines and academic newsletters including specialized information about current and public interest topics.

- Newsletter weekly
- IDEHPUCP radio
Through a radio format and using an IT platform, IDEHPUCP develops an Internet radio project in which it broadcasts radio programs on the Internet promoting the exchange of ideas between the academic community and other sectors of the society on national and international topics. To access the radio, follow this link:
<http://idehpucp.edu.pe/etiqueta/tiempo-global/>
- "Memoria" (Memory) magazine
IDEHPUCP issues "Memoria" magazine every four months on digital format. The magazine covers topics related to democracy, culture, and human rights. Every issue presents articles, reports, interviews, and a graphic portfolio on the topics the Institute works on. To access the magazine, follow this link: <http://idehpucp.pucp.edu.pe/revista-memoria/>



3 Some of our main projects

With the generous support of international cooperation and through self-generated funds, IDEHPUCP executes various academic, public impact and advocacy projects in different regions of the country, which address the issues of our lines of work. Some of the projects developed in recent years are:

- Indigenous governance and political participation in Peru. Search for Missing Persons: New Narratives and Capacities for Political Advocacy for Peace (Ford Foundation)
- Contributing to the Elaboration of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights in Peru (DCAF)
- Discrimination against the Venezuelan population: the role of the media and political authorities in the construction of stereotypes and beliefs (GIZ)
- Indigenous peoples and climate change: recognizing the ancestral and sustainable practices of indigenous women (MISEREOR)
- Promoting the capacities of journalists and university students to investigate cases of corruption and money laundering in Peru (NED)



4 Special activities

HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Since 2005, IDEHPUCP organizes once a year the “Human Rights Conference”, an event in which PUCP schools, departments, and units, as well as civil society organizations and institutions conduct activities to raise awareness among the university community and public in general on human rights defense and validity. Each edition addresses a specific topic related to this field of study.

The Conference lasts a week and is conducted at PUCP campus and offers academic, artistic, and cultural activities for the university community and general public.

Along its eleven editions, the Conference has addressed topics such as the university and its contribution to human rights, challenges of reconciliation, memory and public spaces, education, and memory, fight against corruption, and enterprises and human rights, among others.

“YACHAY” HUMAN RIGHTS CONTEST

The word “Yachay” means “to learn” in Quechua. By organizing this contest, IDEHPUCP promotes that the participants from local and international universities attain a deeper knowledge about how cases are brought and argued before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

In a simulated hearing, university teams from different countries play roles representing a State or the victim’s side. Each team prepares a defense or accusation strategy by using their knowledge of doctrine and jurisprudence of International Law. Afterwards, they present, both written and orally, their defense statements related to a hypothetical case previously assigned. The jury assesses the quality of legal grounds, oral expression, and coherence.



The two best teams, the best speaker and the best memorial are awarded.

IDEHPUCP PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY NETWORKS:

- Latin American Network for Transitional Justice (IDEHPUCP is in charge of the Executive Secretariat)
- Working Group for Refugees and Migrants of the Regional Platform for Interagency Coordination for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela
- Human Mobility Group of the National Coordinator of Human Rights
- Human Mobility Group of the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL)
- Latin American Observatory on Trafficking and Trafficking in Persons (ObservaLATrata)
- Intersectoral Table for Migration Management coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Latin American Network of Researchers on Business and Human Rights
- International Code of Conduct Association (IcoCA)



- Working Group on Business and Human Rights - Voluntary Principles and Guiding Principles (since 2019 the IDEHPUCP is in charge of the Executive Secretariat)
- Association of Human Rights Institute - AHRI



Documentation center

This unit offers specialized information about democracy and human rights. Its collection comprises more than three thousand documents and national and international publications including printed, digital, and audiovisual material.

This specialized bibliographic material is available for researchers, students, and the general public.

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