



YEARBOOK  
2018

Dear readers,

2018 has been a year of institutional changes and hard work for us in several thematic areas. We hope to share our path with you through this yearbook, which emerged from reflection and the need to answer a variety of questions that we have asked ourselves, as the self-envisioned institution that we are, and also as an actor of the third sector.

Without limiting the chronological description, you will find in the following pages, we will point out first some of those landmarks.

**Association for Civil Rights**

## Institutional changes: new Executive Director

Throughout its history, the Association for Civil Rights (ADC, for its acronym in Spanish) has fostered and stood for fundamental human rights and worked tirelessly to consolidate democratic institutions through rigorous research, advocacy actions and strategic litigation efforts.

So many years of experience have shown the importance of always paying attention to the reality that surrounds us. The constant technological development and paradigm shift that digital outbreak has generated presents itself as an unavoidable scenario to exercise a wide variety of rights and democratic interests.

Thus, preservation of the values that define the ADC since the day it was founded requires that the continuity of the thematic diversity we have developed over these past years is accompanied, at the same time, by a cross-sectional digital approach.

In that context, last September the Board of Directors appointed Valeria Milanes as Executive Director. Milanes is a lawyer specialized in IT law graduated from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA), and she is part of the ADC since 2015. She has done a remarkable job as Director of the Digital Area, making the organization an undeniable presence in terms of human rights in the digital environment.

## The thematic agenda: leading the way both on a national and international level

In 2018, the ADC expanded and strengthened the cross-sectional digital approach of its thematics and its presence both on a national and international level in terms of fundamental rights in the digital environment.

In that way, the ADC took its voice into the following spaces:

- **Group of 20 (G20) - Engagement Group Civil 20 (C20).** As part of the C20 Steering Committee, a space formed by more than 600 civil society organizations from all over the world, we worked to promote an encompassing comprehension of digital affairs related to fundamental rights within the extensive agenda of this forum, and this resulted in the recommendations that the C20 gave to the presidency of G20, which was assumed by the Argentine government in 2018.

- **International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners (ICDPPC).** With the support of the Privacy International network of members, we applied to be civil society representatives in the Advisory Committee of the 40<sup>th</sup> ICDPPC, conducted in Brussels in October of 2018 by the European Data Protection Supervisor. We were one of the two organizations selected to represent the sector. Due to our experience in the field, the ADC was also invited to participate in the public sessions, representing Latin America.

- **Hearing before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR).** We requested a thematic hearing before the IACHR, which was granted under the title “Digital Intelligence, Cybersecurity and Freedom of Expression”, and in which other organizations from the region and from the United States also participated. The presentation to the Commissioners took place in Bogotá, Colombia, within the framework of the 167<sup>th</sup> Period of Sessions held from February 22<sup>nd</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- **Course on the Inter-American System for Human Rights and strategic meeting over digital litigation and rights.** As part of a joint research event, a course on the Inter-American System took place in the offices of IACHR in Washington, D.C. Subsequently, a strategic meeting took place on the topic of digital litigation and rights -with 18 participants from different Latin American civil society organizations- in the headquarters of the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL).

- **Involvement in the session “Confidentiality of Communications and Privacy of Data in the Digital Age”,** organized by the International Network of Civil Liberties Organizations (INCLO) and Privacy International, on the sidelines of the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland.

On a national level, we will highlight the work of the ADC in the following topics of the human rights in the digital environment agenda:

- **Personal data.** We presented the report *Who Has Your Back? [¿Quién defiende tus datos?]*, in a launching event, together with the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), with the participation of industry representatives, the National Directorate for Personal Data Protection, and also journalists and advisors of legislators. In June, after the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on May 25<sup>th</sup>, we published a document comparing that normative instrument with Argentine legislation. With the intention of establishing the differences in regulation and detecting those aspects that our legislation does not cover, the document shows the main changes that the regulation features and compares them with local legislation. On the other hand, we made a follow-up, with commentaries and suggestions, of the submission to the Congress of the Personal Data Protection Bill drafted by the National Executive Power (known in Spanish as PEN), and which attempts to update current regulations. In October, we released our *Initial review of the Argentine Personal Data Protection Bill [Análisis inicial del Proyecto de Ley de Protección de Datos Personales de Argentina]*.

- **Biometrics.** We requested access to public information to the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Modernization about the Digital Identity System (known in Spanish as SID). This initiative was part of our monitoring agenda of public policies that aim to implement technology that collects and processes biometric data.

- **Surveillance.** We released *High in the Sky [Alto en el cielo]*, a report about aerial surveillance technologies in Argentina. Then, we released a policy paper and carried out a campaign named “#ReformaEspía” [#SpyReform] in light of the debate in the Senate for the reform project of the National Criminal Procedure Code in order to authorize the

use of surveillance technologies in crime investigation, which did not provide adequate safeguards for their use. Along with the support of several civil society organizations, the project was finally approved excluding the chapter dealing with electronic surveillance, due to the need for further consideration of such sensitive matter. In October, we released an innovative report which made an impact on a national level: *Followers We Do Not See. An Initial Approach to the Government Use of Open-source intelligence (OSINT) and Social Media Intelligence (SOCMINT)* [Seguidores que no vemos. Una primera aproximación al uso estatal del Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) y del Social media intelligence (SOCMINT)]. This work is a significant contribution to a debate that nowadays is not present in society's agenda as well as in the democratic spaces for the construction of public policies. Throughout the document we analyzed the increasing use of investigation techniques of information in open source data and social networks by several government agencies in Argentina, focusing particularly from the point of view of the prosecution of crime. In the report, we also clarified the impact of this on fundamental rights and offered a series of preliminary recommendations for improving public policies from a respectful approach of human rights.

- **Cibersecurity.** Within our framework in terms of digital security, and under Global Partners Digital's Cyber Capacity Building Programme, we led a campaign in which we asked the national government to start a process of discussion and development of the National Strategy on Cybersecurity in a transparent, open and all-inclusive manner with the collaboration of all the concerned parties and out of the government area: civil society, the technical community, the academy and the private sector. This unprecedented call resulted in a substantial variety of signatory actors. It was implemented with the intention of encouraging collaboration and advancing with the development of an agenda contemplating a multi-sector approach, as well as the inclusion of people as a main factor at the time of developing such policies.

- **Cybercrime.** During March and April, we released a trilogy of reports about cybercrime. The first one, entitled *The Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and Latin America* [La Convención de Cibercrimen de Budapest y América Latina] analyzes the impact of the adoption of the treaty and what this could mean to the guarantees and rights of individuals in Argentina -were the convention is effective already- and the rest of the countries in our region. The second one, entitled *The Computer Forensic Investigation in Latin America* [La investigación forense informática en América Latina], aims to be an addition to the emerging bibliography on the subject. It depicts in its pages the present state of digital forensic investigation in four countries of the region that already have a certain experience in the use of digital tools for collecting evidence: Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Mexico. Renowned experts on the subject were consulted on this report for the chapter dealing with our country as well as for the rest. Finally, we published *A Legal Analysis of the Situation of Digital Evidence in the Criminal Process in Argentina* [Análisis jurídico de la situación de la evidencia digital en el proceso penal en Argentina], where we analyzed the legal challenges and difficulties of digital evidence, which -taking into account the advancement of technologies and the daily use of internet- affects the system in many different ways.

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## JANUARY

- We published the report *High in the Sky*, the first exploration on the use of aerial surveillance technologies in Argentina.



- We were signatory to the *amicus curiae* presented by Privacy International before the Supreme Court of the United States in the case “The United States vs. Microsoft”.
- We were part of two meetings of the C20 Steering Committee and took part in several tasks related to the committee: design of the C20 website, assembling of workgroups and designation of each group’s coordinator; elaboration of internal operating regulations for the Steering Committee and the International Advisory Committee.
- We participated in the workshop “Closing the Digital Gender Gap. Views from Argentina and Latin America”, organized by the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) in the British Embassy in Buenos Aires.

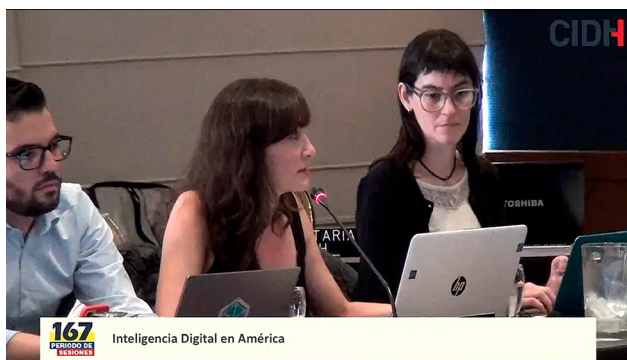
## FEBRUARY



- Announcement of the alliance with Open Observatory for Network Interference (OONI) to deepen our work related to online freedom of expression in Argentina, through the implementation of community technology for the identification of blocked and censored websites.
- We were part of two meetings, convened by the Secretariat for Information Technology and Communication and the Technology and Society Center of the University of San Andrés (known in Spanish as CETyS), to evaluate the possibility of a multistakeholder nomination for Buenos Aires to be headquarters of the 2018 edition of the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Internet Governance Forum (LACIGF). The decision was positive, and so we participated in a subsequent meeting with the intention of formulating the presentation before the Secretariat for the LACIGF.
- We actively collaborated in the renewal process of our position as civil society representatives in the Program Committee of the LACIGF. In that sense, the ADC informed to the community its decision of not renewing its place in the Committee in order to promote change. We promoted a nomination process for the position along with Derechos Digitales [Digital Rights] and Association for Progressive Communications (APC).
- We took part in the C20 Steering Committee meeting and collaborated in the review of the C20 operating processes. Moreover,

we evaluated opportunities for advocacy and began organizing C20's Face-to-Face Meeting, scheduled for April, 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

- The IACHR complied with the request from ADC and granted a thematic hearing under the title “Digital Intelligence, Cybersecurity and Freedom of Expression”, in which other colleague organizations from the region and the U.S. also collaborated, such as Derechos Digitales, the Karisma Foundation, R3D and the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF). The presentation before the commissioners took place in Bogotá, Colombia, as part of the 167th Extraordinary Sessions Period.



Valeria Milanes in one of the IACHR hearings

- With the support of the Privacy International network of members, we applied to be part of the Advisory Committee for the 40<sup>th</sup> ICDPPC, conducted in October in Brussels, Belgium, organized by the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) and the Commission for Personal Data Protection of Bulgaria (CPDP).
- The ADC was part of a virtual consultation with David Kaye, United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur in terms of freedom of expression. The objective of the call was to get involvement from the region's civil society for the Rapporteur's Office report on private removal of contents.
- We took part in the new series of working meetings from the Red de Parlamento Abierto [Open Parliament Network] with the President of the Honorable Chamber of Deputies of the Nation.

## MARCH

- Launching event for the report *Who Has Your Back?* Throughout 2017 we prepared the Argentine edition of the regional study led by the EFF about policies and practices of telecommunications providers regarding their users' privacy and personal data. The launching event counted with the participation of industry representatives, the National Directorate of Personal Data Protection, and also journalists and advisors of legislators.



Presentation of *Who Defends Your Data?*

- We were part of the C20 Steering Committee meeting, and we collaborated ultimately defining the Face-to-Face meeting agenda, scheduled for April in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- We were selected by the EDPS as one of the two organizations to represent civil society in the Advisory Committee of the 40<sup>th</sup> ICDPPC.
- We were part of an open meeting convened by Facebook and CETyS related to the topic of fake news.
- We were part of the Internet Freedom Festival (IFF) in Valencia, Spain. We led four sessions related to different topics: cross-border data access, cybersecurity, biometrics and drones.





- We started a regional campaign directed to the authorities of the Ibero -American Data Protection Network (known in Spanish as RIPD), requesting the adoption of measures to achieve better involvement from civil society during the annual open meetings and in the internal structure of the RIPD. More than 16 organizations from the region joined the campaign.

- We published the report *The Budapest Convention for Cybercrime and Latin America* [La Convención de Cibercrimen de Budapest], a small guide about how it affects the rights and guarantees of individuals.



## APRIL

- We were signatory for the request sent to the asking for more transparency and

significant involvement from civil society in the negotiations for the Additional Protocol to the Convention of Cybercrime (better known as The Budapest Convention).

- We organized an exchange session about cybercrime at the Torcuato Di Tella University [Universidad Torcuato Di Tella], focusing on the topic's legal and technical aspects. The main subject was cross-border data access but we also discussed certain aspects of forensic investigation. Also, the session featured renowned jurists and computer experts.

### WORKSHOP

«Los desafíos de la evidencia digital para el proceso penal: el caso del acceso transfronterizo de datos»

**Presentación:**

- **Hernán Gullco** (Presidente de ADC / Director de la Maestría en Derecho Penal - UTDT)

**Expositores:**

- **Gustavo Presman** (Perito informático forense)
- **Valeria Milanes** (Directora del Área Digital de ADC)
- **Carlos Christian Sueiro** (Secretario letrado de la Defensoría Oficial ante la CSJN)
- **Eduardo Ferreyra** (Investigador del Área Digital de ADC)

25 de abril • 10:00h • Universidad Torcuato Di Tella - Campus Alcorta • Av. Figueroa Alcorta 7350, CABA

Actividad gratuita. Requiere inscripción previa.

- We organized a webinar about the challenges that handling digital evidence implies for human rights.

- We were part of the first Advisory Committee meeting for the organization of the 40<sup>th</sup> ICDPPC.

- We were part of the C20 Face-to-Face International Meeting.

- Release of the report *The Computer Forensic Investigation in Latin America*.

## La investigación forense informática en América Latina

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- Release of a joint paper with Latin American organizations which included suggestions for transparency and anti-corruption policies in the acquisition and use of surveillance technologies in the context of the 7<sup>th</sup> Summit of the Americas in Lima, Peru.
- Release of the report *A Legal Analysis of the Situation of Digital Evidence in the Criminal Process in Argentina*.

## Análisis jurídico de la situación de la evidencia digital en el proceso penal en Argentina

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- We were invited by Facebook to the event “Privacy Roundtable” in Menlo Park, California, USA.

- We were featured in the TV show *Public Affairs* [Asuntos Públicos], broadcasted on Canal Metro, in which we were invited to talk about Facebook and Cambridge Analytica.



Valeria Milanes and Leandro Ucciferri en Public Affairs

- We took part in a new working meeting of the Open Parliament Network [Red de Parlamento Abierto] with the President of the Honorable Chamber of Deputies of the Nation.



Open Parliament Network meeting in the HCDN

- We released a policy paper and implemented a campaign named “#ReformaEspía” [#SpyReform]. The Senate of the Nation discussed a bill which authorizes the use of surveillance technology in crime investigation by its introduction in the Federal Code of Criminal Procedure. The project did not provide adequate safeguards to avoid the abuse of such tools, which in other countries have led to systematic and invasive espionage cases. This policy paper documents the origin of the initiative and how it was developed in the Senate and analyzes the project’s regulations

in terms of electronic surveillance, pointing out the main disadvantages from the point of view of human rights, also offering suggestions which aim to enhance the discussion and improve the public policies in that respect. Finally, thanks to the support of several civil society organizations, the project was finally approved excluding the chapter dealing with electronic surveillance, due to the need for further reflection of such sensitive matter.



## MAY

- We were part of the international conference RightsCon, which took place in Toronto, Canada. We took part in five sessions that discussed the following topics: automated decisions, biometrics, rights of programmers, cross-border data access and data control in Latin America.
- We helped in the drafting, signature calling and promotion processes of the *Open Letter to the Group of 20 (G20) Leaders*, led by Mozilla, Internet Society (ISOC) and Web Foundation. We translated the text to Spanish in collaboration with Web Foundation, and we also helped promoting the document along with IFEX and in the different C20 working groups.



- We were part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Forum on Gender and Cybersecurity, organized by the Organization of American States (OAS) in Buenos Aires.

- The ADC presented a report describing the situation in Argentina, in response to a call from the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression of the IACHR (known in Spanish as RELE) to contribute information about standards, public policies and national practices that regulate the right of access to public information and its relation with the exception relating to the protection of the purpose of national security and other similar concepts.



- The multistakeholder proposal presented before the Program Committee of the LACIGF by organizations from Argentina (including the ADC) for Buenos Aires to host the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the regional Internet Governance Forum was

accepted, therefore we started taking part in the LACIGF Host Organising Committee meetings.

- We were part of the Civil 20 Steering Committee meeting.
- We took part in the multistakeholder meeting convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to analyze the Mercosur Digital Agenda.
- We were part of an event organized in the city of Rosario by the government of Santa Fe that discussed the reform of the Provincial Constitution and the potential inclusion of internet as a right.



- We took part in the 1<sup>st</sup> Forum on Artificial Intelligence and the Internet of Things in Smart Sustainable Cities in Latin America, in Buenos Aires, organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Valeria Milanés was featured as moderator in the session “Data Revolution: Ethics of Big Data and Analytics”.



Valeria Milanés acting as moderator in the forum

- Marianela Milanés was interviewed for the *Oficina Antivigilância* project in charge of Coding Rights (Brasil) about public policies in Argentina

with regard to the new challenges posed by data exploitation for electoral purposes.

- Release of the three episodes podcast *The Perfect Couple* [La pareja perfecta]. The second episode was led by Leandro Ucciferri.



- We collaborated in the promotion of the website created by the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression of the IACHR about standards for a free, open and inclusive internet.

- Leandro Ucciferri was interviewed by digital newspaper *Infobae* on the upcoming implementation of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

- Eduardo Ferreyra was interviewed by newspaper *Perfil* about the implementation of the EU General Data Protection Regulation and its impact in Argentina.

- We shared under the hashtag #ReformaEspía [#SpyReform] information about the state of the campaign.

- Valeria Milanés wrote a column for the online newspaper *Urgente 24* on the worries about the bill regulating telephone tapping.

- We collaborated in the promotion of ICDPPC’s request for public consultation about the future of the forum. Also, the ADC additionally presented a response to the request.

- We collaborated with other Latin American organizations in a joint contribution for the upcoming report on human rights and business,

responding to a request made by the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (SRESCER) for the IACHR.

- Eduardo Ferreyra was part of the discussion “Data, Privacy and Public Policies” which took place in the Buenos Aires City Legislature.



Eduardo Ferreyra acting as speaker in a session

- Eduardo Ferreyra was part of the discussion “The Challenges of Data Protection in Argentina in the Face of the New GDPR” organized by NIC Argentina.
- We were part of a breakfast with the Argentine organizations that are part of the OGP to conclude joint activities and advocacy strategies and to make contributions to the rules of the National Board of Open Government.

## JUNE

- Leandro Ucciferri participó en la sexta edición del “Summer Institute del Citizen Lab”, en Toronto, Canadá.
- Participamos en reunión del Comité Organizador Anfitrión del LACIGF. Durante junio las reuniones fueron semanales.
- Publicamos el *Análisis comparativo entre el RGPD europeo y la ley nacional de protección de datos personales*.



- Jeannette Torrez and Marianela Milanes were part of a debate about online security for women, convened by Facebook in their offices in Buenos Aires. Several organizations that deal with matters concerning online gender-based violence in the region were invited to the event for its development. The event also featured women who work in lead positions for the Facebook security area.
- Invited by the Ford Foundation, we were part of a communication training in New York, USA.
- We were part of the Advisory Committee meeting for the 40<sup>th</sup> edition of the ICDPPC.
- Participamos en la reunión del Consejo Consultivo de la organización de la 40.<sup>a</sup> edición de la ICDPPC.
- We presented our stance on the right to privacy in the digital era before the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations.
- Eduardo Ferreyra was featured as instructor in the Privacy and Personal Data on Internet workshops organized by the Center for Studies on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information [known in Spanish as CELE, Centro de Estudios en Libertad de Expresión y

Acceso a la Información] of the Palermo University Law School.

- Valeria Milanes was featured in an article published by *Infotechnology* on the use of algorithms to shape public policies.
- Eduardo Ferreyra was featured in an *Infobae* article on the changes aimed by the Personal Data Protection Law.
- We collaborated in the promotion of a work by Privacy International related to the use of hacking tools by different States.
- We helped to promote the call for registrations for the IGF Argentina 2018.



- We were part, through a videoconference, of a closed meeting which took place in Santiago de Chile, along with other civil society organizations of the region, with the intention of sharing the ADC's experience in how to request thematic hearings before the IACHR.
- We organized a webinar along with TEDIC, Karisma Foundation and Privacy International on digital security for startups and the role of OAS on digital security and human rights planning and strategies.
- We helped in the promotion of a report on online violence against women made by the UN Special Rapporteur for that subject.
- We helped to promote the call for registrations to collaborate in the LACIGF.



## JULIO

- In an interview broadcasted by the Argentine Public Television [known in Spanish as *Televisión Pública Argentina*] Alejandro Segarra, Strategic Litigation Director of the ADC, spoke about the National Electoral Chamber's ruling which urged the Chamber of Deputies to modify its structure.



Alejandro Segarra interviewed on Public Television

- We collaborated with the promotion of a report made by Son Tus Datos (Mexico): *How Do Political Parties Use Your Data to Influence Your Vote?* [¿Cómo utilizan los partidos políticos mexicanos tus datos para influenciar tu voto?].
- We were part of the support campaign for liberty of expression in Honduras, rejecting a bill on cybersecurity which encouraged censorship.
- Leandro Ucciferri was featured in an article by *VICE* on the Federal Biometric Identification System (known in Spanish as SIBIOS).

- We were part of a joint campaign requesting the Provincial Government of Mendoza to stop acquiring mass surveillance technology.
- We were part of a follow-up meeting for the third UN Universal Periodic Review (UPR), convened by the Argentine State.
- We published the report *Microtargeting in Elections. Exploratory Study: 1st Case Study - PRO 2015-2017*. We were part of a research of Tactical Tech entitled *Our Data, Ourselves*, which analyzed the role that digital campaigns and microtargeting played in both 2015 and 2017 elections.



- We were part of IFEX-ALC's campaign condemning the threats, attacks and harassment against journalists in Nicaragua.
- We helped in the promotion of the new version of the website *acoso.online*, which features information on how to proceed in case of non-consensual sharing of intimate images through electronic media.
- We presented a request to access public information to the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Modernization in relation to their announcement of the Digital Identity System (known in Spanish as SID). This initiative was part of our monitoring agenda of public policies

that aim to implement technology (biometrics, in this case).

- We were part of a coordination meeting of Latin American organizations that took place in Buenos Aires.
- We collaborated in the promotion of a campaign asking President Michel Temer the passing of the Personal Data Protection Bill in Brazil. This campaign was started by Brazil's Coalizão Direitos na Rede.
- We started promoting the *G20 + C20 + Digital Rights* guide, both in Spanish and English.



- We took part in the meeting of the LACIGF Host Organising Committee. During July, the meetings were on a weekly basis. Subsequently, we organized a closed event within the framework of the Preparatory Meeting, attended by around thirty people from different Latin American countries who were part of think tanks, civil society and academic groups. The event discussed the relationship between technological giants and the rest of the areas (especially civil society) that comprise the internet governance model in a relaxed, trustful dialogue.

## AUGUST

- Within the framework of LACIGF, Marianela Milanes moderated the session “Transition to IPv6 and Implementation of Infrastructure”.
- The ADC was part of the #FemHackPartyLAC, organized within the framework of the LACIGF, and shared the results of the first report about online gender-based violence in Argentina.



Presentation of Jeannette Torrez in the #FemHackPartyLac

- Valeria Milanes gave the closing speech for the LACIGF, in the name of the local Organising Committee.



Valeria Milanes in the closing event of LACIGF

- We took part in the meetings that took place in the Buenos Aires City Legislature dealing with the reform of the Misdemeanors and Criminal Procedure Codes, which included several electronic surveillance security regulations in conflict with fundamental rights. We were also part of a joint campaign expressing civil society’s concern over the proposed reform.

- The President of the ADC, Hernán Gullco, presented in the Chamber of Deputies his views on the origins of the legalization for interruption of pregnancies.



The President of the ADC in the Chamber of Deputies

- We were part of the C20 Summit, in which also took place a session proposed by the ADC, APC, ISOC and Access Now: “Future of education and jobs for the digital society in the framework of rights-based economy”.

- Valeria Milanes was in charge of last day’s closing speech. Argentine President attended the C20 Summit, where he was given a *Policy Pack* of recommendations.



Valeria Milanes in the C20 Summit

- We helped to promote the report on the Right to Privacy in the digital era by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the United Nations.

- Valeria Milanes took part as a speaker in the Regional Seminar “The UE-Mercosur FTA. Background and perspectives”, organized by Public Services International (PSI). The topic discussed was e-commerce, personal data and their links with free trade agreements.



- The ADC was invited to be part of the series of Cybersecurity Videoconferences organized by the Modernization Secretariat. In those videoconferences we presented our views on human rights in the digital environment and shared our work in the subjects of privacy, freedom of expression and gender.



ADC researchers in the series of videoconferences

- We contacted the Agency for e-Government and Information Society and Knowledge [known in Spanish as AGESIC] of Uruguay -an executing unit which holds the pro-tempore presidency of the Ibero-American Data Protection Network- to make a follow-up of a campaign that started in March and through which more than sixteen NGOs from the region requested better involvement from civil society.
- Eduardo Ferreyra was part of the “Digital Generation. Offline-Online Citizenship” workshops as a speaker in the session “Limits, Regulations and Liabilities of Intermediaries”, organized by the Council of Magistrates of the City of Buenos Aires.
- We were part of the multistakeholder meeting convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to discuss the Mercosur Digital Agenda.
- We were part of a webinar organized by Open Government Partnership (OGP), the Latin American Open Data Initiative (known in Spanish as ILDA), International Development Research Center (IDRC) which discussed an Open Government for Latin America from a feminist approach.
- We were part of a joint campaign before the Argentine Senate expressing our concern on

the proposition to include “virtual identity theft” as a definition in the Penal Code.

## SEPTEMBER

- We made a series of considerations (based on our previous work on the subject) in response to the announcement of the principles released by The United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand (“the Five Eyes”) stating the need for making surveillance prevail over the security and privacy of people.
- We were part of Privacy International’s partners meeting in London, England.
- We took part in a series of meetings that evaluated coordinated actions with a group of Latin American civil society organizations which took place in Mexico City, in Mexico.
- We collaborated in a report of Privacy International entitled *Having Civil Society at the Table Comes with Great Benefits: more Inclusive, Open and Richer Legislative Processes*.
- We collaborated in the promotion of a Privacy International report entitled *The Keys to Data Protection Policy Guide for Civil Society*.
- We analyzed and promoted the contents and consequences of the “Torres Abad” Court ruling in relation with the Argentine State being in charge of personal data protection.
- Article in *KBZ* on ADC’s report *High in the Sky*.
- Valeria Milanes was invited by the Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung Foundation of Argentina to be part as a speaker in the session “Big Data and the Dangers for Democracy. Present Situation and Challenges in Argentina”, aimed at young social, union and political leaders.
- We were part of the Global Forum on Cyber Expertise (GFCE) which took place in Singapore.



**Global Forum on Cyber Expertise**

- We took part in the 5<sup>th</sup> Global Congress on Intellectual Property and the Public Interest which took place in Washington, D.C., USA. In that context, Jeanette Torrez presented the session “The Impact of Free Trade Agreements between Mercosur / EU on Data Protection”.



- We made an up-to-the-minute follow-up, with commentaries and suggestions, of the submission to the Congress of the Personal Data Protection Bill drafted by the Executive Power (known in Spanish as PEN), and which attempts to update current regulations. A first analysis of the bill was published in November.
- We were part of the session “Confidentiality of Communications and Privacy of Data in the Digital Age”, organized by the International Network of Civil Liberties Organizations (INCLO) and Privacy International on the

sidelines of the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland.



**Ucciferri in a side event of INCLO and Privacy International**

- Presentation before the National Chamber of Deputies promoting Argentina’s support to Convention 108 for the Protection of Individuals with Regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data.
- Valeria Milanes took part as a speaker in the session “Big Data and Consent in the Use of Data” which took place in the International Open Data Conference (IODC) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This session was proposed by the National Directorate of Personal Data Protection (functioning as Personal Data Protection Authority).



**Valeria Milanes taking part as a speaker in the IODC**

- We joined DATACTIVE’s campaign expressing concern over the decision by the firm Palantir to be platinum sponsor of the Privacy Conference in Amsterdam. The campaign’s slogan was “#fundingmatters”.
- We were part of IFEX-ALC’s campaign on digital security for journalists.

- Article in newspaper *Clarín* featuring Alejandro Segarra, which discussed the Access to Public Information Law coming into effect in the context of its anniversary.

- Joint statement expressing our concerns over the reform of the Code of Criminal Procedure proposed by the Buenos Aires City Legislature, which allows levels of surveillance that violate people’s privacy. The joint effort had positive results: the articles including surveillance measures were excluded, given the need for further debate.

- We started a call for young lawyers from Latin America and the Caribbean, in an online campaign to register for our fellowship program. Several organizations and networks collaborated with its promotion.



- We relaunched our *G20 + C20 + Digital Rights* guide, both in Spanish and English.

- We were part of the seminar “Social Media Control in Electoral Matters”, organized by the National Electoral Chamber.

- We were part of a breakfast with the Argentine organizations that are part of the OGP to conclude joint activities and advocacy strategies.

- We took part in a lecture about financing of political parties given by Michael Hershman (founder of Transparency International) in the Honorable Chamber of Deputies of the Nation and organized by the Constitutional Affairs Committee..

## OCTOBER

- Valeria Milanes took part as a speaker in the 40<sup>th</sup> edition of the ICDPPC, conducted in Brussels, Belgium. Session: “The Digital Dividend: Discussion, Part 2”.



Valeria Milanes participating in the 40<sup>th</sup> ICDPPC

- We were part of a week-long training session in the City of Buenos Aires led by Privacy International where we addressed thematic issues such as perfecting the implementation of monitoring and evaluation methods, the evaluation of a risk analysis process for the organization and how to implement it in everyday work, and also the development of advocacy and communication campaigns and strategies.

- Valeria Milanes took part as a speaker in the event “AI, Ethics and Fundamental Rights”, organized by The Public Voice with ICDPPC 2018 in Brussels, Belgium. In the context of that event, the UGAI (Universal Guidelines for Artificial Intelligence) were presented. The ADC also collaborated in its development.

- Taking advantage of our visit to Brussels, Belgium, we held meetings with authorities from the Personal Data Unit from the European Commission (EC), to discuss the project for Reform of the Personal Data Protection Law

project in Argentina and the reviewing process to the adequacy granted by the EC to Argentina as a country fit to receive personal data from European countries.

- We supported the campaign from IFEX-ALC asking the Paraguayan government to investigate death threats against two journalists from the country.
- We were part of “Fake News and Elections”, an event organized by Observacom, the RELE and Unesco in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- We took part in the Mozilla Festival (MozFest), in London, England. Leandro Ucciferri and Jeannette Torrez shared our experience as part of the OONI Observatory.



- We were one of the members of the group of non-state actors in the workshop convened by the Mercosur *pro-tempore* Presidency, with the intention of making the Mercosur Digital Agenda Group discuss the digital transformation of Mercosur, which took place in Montevideo, Uruguay. ADC was the only civil society organization that was part of this meeting, and we requested state delegations to increase the amount of such organizations for these kinds of events.
- We carried out a week-long training session and a strategic meeting entitled “Human Rights in the Digital Environment and Inter-American Human Rights System” which took place in Washington, D.C., USA. This week-long event was organized by ADC along with CEJIL, CELE, the Foundation for Press Freedom (known in Spanish as FLIP) and Nani Jensen. It counted

with the involvement of 18 representatives from several Latin American organizations.



- We released a new report: *Followers We Do Not See. An Initial Approach to the State Use of Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) and Social Media Intelligence (SOCMINT)*.

## Seguidores que no vemos

Una primera aproximación al uso estatal del Open-source intelligence (OSINT) y Social media intelligence (SOCMINT)



- We carried out a campaign in social media for the “Cybersecurity Month”.

## NOVEMBER

- We were part of the Argentine delegation in the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference that took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- We were part of IFEX’s campaign “#NoMasImpunidad” [#NoImpunity] to expose crimes against journalists.

- Article in *Diario Judicial* on ADC's *Followers We Do Not See* report about OSINT and SOCMINT technologies.
- We supported the “#ForTheWeb” campaign promoted by Web Foundation.



- We started a campaign asking the national government to start a transparent, open and all-inclusive process of discussion to define a national strategy on cybersecurity. This campaign counted with the collaboration of several specialists from the cybersecurity sector.
- We took in part in the elections organized by the Argentine organizations that are part of the OGP with the intention of selecting four organizations to represent civil society in the National Board of Open Government along with the National Government.
- We started our in-house litigation clinic (2 sessions).
- We took part in the 1<sup>st</sup> Working Session on the preservation and conversion of digital content, an event organized by the General Archive of the Nation (known in Spanish as AGN) and the General Directorate for Communication of the Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing.
- We were part of a coordination meeting with Latin American civil society organizations which took place in Paris, France. This was a follow-up to the meeting that had taken place in Mexico in June.
- We were part of the Freedom Online Coalition meeting in Berlin, Germany.

- We published our *Initial Review of the Argentine Personal Data Protection Bill*.

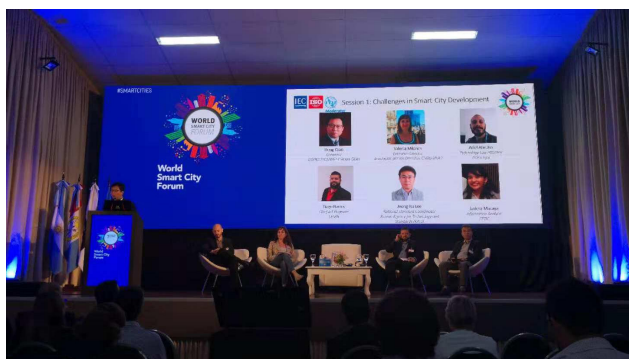


- We were part of the Global Internet Governance Forum (IGF) which took place in Paris, France. Leandro Ucciferri was featured as a speaker in two sessions: “Private sector hack back: Where Is the Limit?” (organized by the OECD) and “Balancing Cybersecurity, Human Rights and Economic Development”. On the other hand, Valeria Milanes was featured in the session “Well-being in the Digital Age”.
- Valeria Milanes was part of the OECD’s Committee on the Digital Economy Policy meetings, representing the Civil Society Information Society Advisory Council (CSISAC) and also acting as a member of CSISAC’s Executive Committee.
- We were part of the XVI Ibero-American Data Protection Network (known in Spanish as RIPD) Symposium, which took place in San Jose, Costa Rica. In the context of that event, Eduardo Ferreyra was featured as a speaker in the session “Security vs. Privacy”. There was also a closed meeting between civil society representatives and RIPD’s Executive Committee and Permanent Secretariat with the intention of analyzing alternatives to draw up involvement from civil society in the internal processes of the RIPD. This meeting concluded

with a reform of the regulation, which was informed in December.



• Valeria Milanes was featured as a speaker in the session “Challenges in Smart City Development”, within the framework of the third edition of the World Smart City Forum, organized by ITU in Santa Fe, Argentina.



One of the World Smart City Forum sessions

## DECEMBER

- We were part of a promotion campaign for the Open Letter addressed to the G20 leaders in the context of the G20 Summit, which took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Article by news agency TSS about the report *High in the Sky*, which analyzes the use by security forces of drones and hot-air balloons.
- Article in *Infobae* featuring Leandro Ucciferri discussing the acquisition of surveillance equipment by the State at the national level.
- The ADC conducted its institutional retreat for reflection and also to start planning activities for 2019.

• Taking into account the G20 Summit, we reinforced the promotion of the Policy Pack made for the C20, which was given to the G20 Argentine Presidency in August.

“ (...) Las libertades de asociación, reunión pacífica y expresión, tanto online como offline, (...) requieren un espacio legal y político para la sociedad civil. Este espacio es lo que permite no solo a las OSC, sino también a la gente, participar y hacer que los gobiernos rindan cuentas. Vemos con preocupación cómo los espacios para la acción democrática se están reduciendo y cómo esto impacta negativamente en el trabajo de las OSC.

Para garantizar no solo una respuesta a las necesidades e intereses de las personas y a los desafíos globales, sino también para reducir la desconfianza de los ciudadanos en sus gobiernos, es importante dar prioridad a la participación y la transparencia en la toma de decisiones. El C20 cree que es vital que todos los líderes del G20 preserven y mejoren las condiciones para que las OSC puedan seguir haciendo su trabajo, tanto dentro del G20 como en otros foros, espacios e instituciones multilaterales.”

C20 2018 Policy Pack



- In-house litigation clinic (2 sessions).
- We were part of the C20 Handover Ceremony from Argentina to Japan. The ADC was part of the event acting as a C20 Steering Committee member.
- We were part of the Global Forum on Digital Security for Prosperity in Paris, France, organized by OECD. Leandro Ucciferri was featured as a speaker in the session “Active Defense: How Far Can Businesses Go in Proactive Security?”.



• We were part of Privacy International’s podcast on abortion, gender and privacy.



- We were part of the meeting for the Argentine chapter of the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). Valeria Milanes was invited to discuss the Personal Data Protection Bill submitted by the National Executive Power (known in Spanish as PEN) to the Congress.
- We were part of the discussion “Surveillance Technologies in Argentina”, organized by the Ombudsman Office of the City of Buenos Aires. Eduardo Ferreyra was featured as a speaker, sharing the efforts of the ADC on the subject.
- We promoted the results of the meeting held between civil society representatives and the RIPD authorities, which implemented reforms to its regulations in order to guarantee civil society involvement in the internal processes of the RIPD.
- We helped promoting IFEX-ALC’s campaign urging the State of Nicaragua to cease the attacks, censorship and criminalization of opposing voices.
- We were part of the IFEX-ALC campaign expressing their concern over attacks and surveillance of press in Bolivia.

## COMMUNICATION

- During 2018, our work was featured in articles, interviews and also referenced in well-known media such as *Perfil*, *Ámbito Financiero*, *El Dipló*, *Vice*, *Agencia Télam*, *Revista Fibra*, *La Nación*, *Radio 10*, *Canal Metro*, *Infotechnology*, *Red/Acción*, *Diario Judicial* and *Televisión Pública*, among others.

- As of September, we implemented a monthly newsletter which we send to our 3,800 subscribers. By doing so, we started communicating on a regular basis updates on the ADC's activities and the contents and actions that we develop each month to the governmental, legislative, legal and civil society areas and also to the press, among others.

- Additionally, 2018 marked a significant growth concerning the presence and scope of the ADC on global networks. Between the first and second half of 2018, the total amount of interactions on Facebook as well as on Twitter increased by a 34 percent, while (organic) impressions increased by 29 and 42 percent, respectively. On the other hand, the ADC is also present in Instagram since July. Through that service, we regularly share updates on our activities too.



First newsletter of the ADC



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