



YEARBOOK
2019

Dear readers:

We are very glad to share a brief account of the activities carried out by our Association for Civil Rights (ADC) during 2019.

In accordance to a timeline detailed by month, we highlight the diversity in our fields of action, its geographical scope and the different means we are using for the purpose of advocacy and promotion of people´s fundamental rights and the strengthening of democratic institutions.

As main feature, we remark 2019 as a year of consolidation of guidelines set time ago, involving the revision and strategic decision of our activity as a third-sector organization.



C20 Summit. ADC Executive Director Valeria Milanés (left) presenting the policy pack to the Japanese Prime Minister Shinzō Abe.

This process has consisted of reinforcing our holistic approach on the varied civil rights, as well those of a more political, economic, social and cultural type, which have always been on our agenda, such as freedom

of speech, access to information, privacy, rights of disabled and LGBTIQ+ people, access to justice and the judicial system, and voting rights – just to name a few –, with a transversal gender and technological perspective.

Within a context of deep social and economic inequality, digital technologies appear to be the greatest (and sometimes sole) facilitator to enjoy access to public and private services. This particular scenario offers new opportunities and a wide range of challenges to a democratic and inclusive society, which require differentiated treatment.

We particularly emphasize some of our achievements, such as the first edition of the Fellowship program, which offers legal professionals from Latin America and the Caribbean, with interest in human rights in the digital sphere, the opportunity to share an experience with our organization in order to deepen their know-how in the design of litigation strategies in their countries.

Public interest litigation is ADC's distinctive feature, to which we pay particular attention. Thus, we launched our litigation clinic, which resulted in the submission of an Action of Unconstitutionality (ADI in Spanish) before the Supreme Court of the City of Buenos Aires, in which we challenged the facial recognition system installed by city authorities in surveillance cameras.

We developed and introduced the use of PubliElectoral, an internet tool which allows the collection of information on electoral advertising on social media, without affecting users' privacy.

Through a multidisciplinary network, we were able to view and publicize the state of web accessibility for disabled people in the Southern Cone.

In addition, and keeping our institutional commitment to actively participate in international forums in order to strengthen civil society representation in the region, we reinforced our presence in the Committee of Digital Economy Policy (CDEP) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) through the CSISAC, and in G20 summit through Affinity Group Civil 20, among other renowned international forums.

Finally, we had the chance to share our work with the global community through ADC's significant participation in the annual edition of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) which is backed by the United Nations.

Through this brief account, we hope to have illustrated our major accomplishments made in 2019, which in turn have inspired our motto "Building bridges", with which we will celebrate ADC's 25th Anniversary in 2020, and guide our work during the next few years.

We hope you enjoy it.

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January

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- Regarding the work done on microtargeting for election campaigns, launched in July 2018, where we focused on the PRO-Cambiemos campaigns of 2015 and 2017, we publish a new exploratory analysis: *Microtargeting on elections - 2nd case study – Frente para la Victoria 2015/ Unidad Ciudadana 2015*. Motivated by the novelty and relevance of the subject, ADC undertakes to portray a reality where social networks have taken an increasingly important role in the implementation of new strategies for online election campaigns.



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- Researcher Jeannette Torrez is interviewed for a new report on gender and privacy carried out by Privacy International.

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- Through our legal representative, we file an *amicus curiae* brief before the Colombian Constitutional Court in support of Las Igualadas, a Youtube channel from the journal *El Espectador*, after the well-known Colombian youtuber Kika Nieto filed a claim for an alleged violation of the right to a good name, reputation and integrity. ADC decides to step in as an advocate of the right to online freedom of expression, including criticism of public figures.

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- After assessing 25 applications submitted by candidates from different Latin American and Caribbean countries, we select Lucía Camacho, from Fundación Karisma (Colombia) and Betsabé Carrasco, from Defensoría Popular (Chile) to be part of the 2019 LAC Fellowship. This program, created by ADC, starting its nomination process by the end of October and closing in mid-November 2018, and offers Latin American lawyers who have an interest in human rights in the digital field the opportunity to work in our organization with the view of gaining knowledge and expertise in the design of litigation strategies in their countries.

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- As part of their dissemination work during the #DataPrivacyWeek, Privacy International cites ADC's work on their website.

February

- Being part of the Executive Committee of the C20 engagement group, ADC continues making contributions under G20 Japan 2019.

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- Together with IFEX ALC, we repudiate the attacks on freedom of expression and the violation of freedom of the press seen in Venezuela.

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- ADC, along with other civil society organizations, contributes to the work done by David Kaye (UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression), by analyzing the duties and responsibilities of States and companies regarding compliance with Human Rights standards when acquiring, transferring and using surveillance technologies. In said contributions, ADC and the other institutions provide an overview of the situation in Latin America and specific recommendations to strengthen legal frameworks.

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- Along with other global civil society organizations, ADC submits a response to a public consultation on the Second Protocol to the Budapest Convention of the Council of Europe. The protocol aims to develop legislation to regulate transborder access to personal

data by member states' authorities. The Convention Committee particularly seeks recommendations on provisions regarding requests for mutual assistance in emergency cases, as well as on the language to be utilized in this kind of requests. The recommendation made by ADC aims to ensure that emergency procedures are not used to circumvent legal and human rights when accessing personal data on a transborder basis. Likewise, it promotes the right to an effective legal recourse to demand that the request be translated into the language of the individual whose data is being sought in order that he or she may eventually challenge the measure.

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- The School of Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires holds in the Marcelo T. de Alvear building the meeting "Private regulation of contents and freedom of expression", organized by ADC together with Intervozes and the Latin American Observatory of Regulations, Media and Convergence (Observacom). The meeting hosts a panel of well-known experts of civil society, companies and the academia. In said event, we present the document A Latin American perspective on how to build a democratic regulation to restrict the power of big platforms and ensure online freedom of expression, in which we make recommendations that could guide the debate on the subject.



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- We are invited to talk in *Pasaron Cosas*, radio program hosted by journalist Alejandro Bercovich on FM Radio con Vos 89.9, where we refer to the ADC report on biometrics and elections, in the segment on technopolitics conducted by Natalia Zuazo.

March

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- ADC moves out to its new offices, located in downtown Buenos Aires City.

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- We attend a training course delivered by Internews and Global Partners Digital under a new project on companies and human rights in the city of Washington D.C., United States.

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- The National Supreme Court endorses a request for public information on secret regulations of the last military dictatorship. The claim had been initiated before the Court in 2011 by journalist Claudio Savoia, legally represented by ADC. It reached the highest court in 2013.

- For ADC, 2018 was a year of institutional change and intense work in various thematic areas. *The 2018 Yearbook* is published as a dynamic review of the work carried out by our organization, where we share the journey we made, reflecting and striving to address the various questions that we have posed to ourselves as an institution and as a third sector actor.

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- ADC publishes the report *Your content has been removed. Private regulation and its impact on freedom of expression*, where we reflect on the need for human rights-based regulations for the private governance of online speech.



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- We welcome in ADC's offices the fellows of the first edition of our LAC Fellowship: Lucía Camacho from Fundación Karisma (Colombia) and Betsabé Carrasco from Defensoría Popular (Chile).

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- We participate in the meeting of the Argentine National Contact Point of the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development), held in the Argentine Foreign Ministry, on the work carried out in the business and human rights fields. The meeting takes place within the framework of pillar 3 of the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Duty to Remedy), as the National Contact Point is an extrajudicial mechanism of conflict resolution for the implementation of guidelines in multinational companies, which contain a chapter on human rights.

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- We participate in the event "Online violence: new legislative challenges", organized in the House of Representatives by Congresswoman Alejandra Martínez.

April**1**

- Together with more than 300 national, regional and international civil society organizations, we sign a charter against the establishment of rules on electronic commerce at the World Trade Organization.

- Together with IFEX LAC, AMARC LAC and the Inter-American Press Association (IAPA), we undertake a joint mission before the United Nations to present recommendations to address the worrying state of freedom of expression in Nicaragua, in view of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the country before the UN.

- A group of Latin American organizations, including ADC, submit a response to a public consultation on ethics and data protection in Artificial Intelligence of the ICDPPC (International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners), a global forum of data protection authorities.

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- We begin to participate in a process led by the Web Foundation called “Contract for the web”, a working group on privacy and personal data, with Leandro Ucciferri as our representative.



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- Researchers Jeannette Torrez and Eduardo Ferreyra meet with advisors to the national deputy Alejandra Martínez, president of the Committee on Family, Women, Children and Adolescents, where we present ADC's views on issues such as intermediaries, personal data protection and online gender violence.

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- Following the announcement by the Government of the City of Buenos Aires (GCBA) of its plans to implement facial recognition technology in public spaces, ADC files a request for public information to learn more about the project. In addition, in order to disseminate our concerns and raise public awareness, we present the *Briefing for Journalists on Biometrics*, which includes a state of play-synthesis and suggested resources for those interested in learning more about the topic.

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- We collaborate in an article titled, “El polémico plan del Gobierno que usa cámaras para identificar delinquentes” [“The government’s controversial plan to use cameras for identifying criminals”], by Sebastian del Toma and Matias Castro for *Infotechnology*.

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- ADC participates in Andrea Catalano’s segment in *La Mañana de CNN* to discuss the advertised implementation of biometric technologies in the City of Buenos Aires’ public space.

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- Our organization participates in the IFEX Strategic Conference, a global network of organizations that defend freedom of expression. Eduardo Ferreyra attends the meeting and has the opportunity to share the work carried out by ADC during 2018. The event also provides an opportunity to learn about the latest developments and challenges in freedom of expression worldwide.

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- Interview with Leandro Ucciferri in the program *Todo por la tarde*, hosted by Fernando Lerner on Radio Andina (Mendoza), regarding the installation of 300 cameras with facial recognition by the GCBA.

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- We contribute to an article in *iProfesional* by Andrea Catalano, titled, "Videovigilancia porteña bajo la lupa: advierten que por capturar a los malos se violarán las libertades de los buenos" ["Buenos Aires City's video surveillance plan under scrutiny: catching the bad guys might mean curtailing freedoms of the good guys"].

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- Leandro Ucciferri collaborates in the article "Gran hermano porteño" [Buenos Aires Big Brother], published by the agency TSS.

- In view of the pilot tests that the Ministry of Security of the Nation allegedly carried out for the implementation of facial recognition, ADC files a request for information for them to provide details about the projects they are working on regarding the collection of biometric data in public spaces.

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- We send a letter to Mayor Julio Garro requesting details, following his announcement about the installation of security cameras in the city of La Plata with the intention

of implementing facial recognition and patent readers.

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- Our Executive Director, Valeria Milanes, participates in the Civil 20 Summit (C20), held in Tokyo, Japan. ADC is a member of the Executive Committee and, as such, is part of various working groups present throughout the event. Likewise, it is part of the troika delegation that delivers to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe –Chair of the Group of 20 (G20)– a Policy Pack containing C20 recommendations in various areas of interest, including for the first time a specific chapter on Digital Economy.



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- ADC and the other AI Sur member organizations express their concern in a document that the European Copyright Directive could seriously affect human rights.

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- Latin American organizations -including ADC- send feedback to the consultation on disinformation by the Special Rapporteurship for Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the

Organization of American States (OAS). In the face of such a controversial issue, we offer concrete strategies to address it without negatively affecting human rights.

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- Jeannette Torrez participates in the event organized by the National University of La Plata on the International Girls in ICT Day.

- Interview with Leandro Ucciferri in the program *La Perra Vida*, on AM 580 - FM 88.5 Radio Universidad, Córdoba, regarding the implementation of facial recognition in the public space of the City of Buenos Aires.

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- In view of the Argentine elections, ADC begins to analyze various aspects of the electoral process. On this occasion, we present *My fingerprint for a vote*, a report investigating the relationship between biometrics and human rights through a case in point: the identification of voters before the casting of ballots.



- We participate in an article by Xavier Ibarreche, titled “Libertades individuales vs. cámaras de vigilancia en América Latina” [Individual freedom vs surveillance cameras in Latin America], for *Vice*.

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- ADC holds the workshop “Election advertising on social networks: drawing the curtains of opacity”. This workshop – designed for civil society, the academia and the press - marks the first part of the presentation and discussion of the project “Electoral Publicity on the Internet and Liability”, carried out by our organization. This initiative aims at investigating the obstacles in electoral transparency in social networks (legal, institutional, technical and corporate) and the development of a technical-political tool to provide solutions.

May

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- Organized by ADC, the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), the Center for Studies on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information (CELE) and the Freedom of the Press Foundation (FPF), the 2nd Strategic Meeting of civil society is held in San José, Costa Rica, to discuss human rights issues in the digital realm and their link with the Inter-American System.

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- ADC meets with Joseph Cannataci, the United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy, during his visit to Argentina to assess the current situation in this area. During the meeting, we express the main concerns of the organization regarding the state of privacy in the country.



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- A new report is published: *The Lack of Women in the IT Industry: The Cybersecurity Case*. Another aspect regarding access to ICTs. The report investigates the situation of women in the IT industry, addressing central questions on the subject: what happens with women who are working in the IT industry and, especially, with those who work in areas such as cyber security? How can we ensure that women currently working in the field of technology remain in the industry? What is the situation like for those women professionals who

had to overcome several obstacles throughout their academic years as a result of their gender and now have to face a work environment that treats them differently? These aspects shed light on the debate regarding access to ICTs.

- We contribute to an article in *La Nación*, “El debate detrás del uso de las cámaras de seguridad para identificar personas” [The debate behind the use of security cameras for identifying people], by Sebastián Davidovsky.

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- We participate in the second round of working groups under the National Plan for Artificial Intelligence, incorporating the message of the joint declaration presented before the ICDPPC.

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- We are invited to a private meeting where we meet Robyn Greene, Facebook’s new Privacy Policy Manager on Law Enforcement Access, during her visit to Buenos Aires. We share our concerns about the increasing use of social network surveillance techniques by the State and learn about Greene’s approach to cross-border data access, surveillance and personal data.

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- Marianela Milanes participates in the 2nd panel of the Conference “Perspectives on Telecommunica-

tions and ICTs 2019”, held at the School of Engineering of the University of Palermo.

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- The agency TSS interviews Jeanette Torrez on our report *The Lack of Women in the IT Industry: The Cybersecurity Case*.
- We receive a reply from the GCBA on the request for information on facial recognition that we submitted in early April. We provide an account of the latest developments in an article published on our website.

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- “Por qué las mujeres abandonan las carreras y trabajos vinculados con la tecnología.” [Why do women drop out of IT university courses and jobs related to technology?] Article published on the newspaper *La Nación* about the report *The Lack of Women in the IT Industry: The Cybersecurity Case*.
- Researcher and public policy analyst Eduardo Ferreyra collaborates in an article written by Jon Martin Cullell for the technology supplement in *El País*: “Facebook prepara un tribunal de apelación para usuarios entre dudas sobre su alcance” (Facebook prepares an appeal court for users with doubts about its scope).

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- We take part in the debate, “Regulation of Internet giants and fake news in electoral contexts” [Regulation of Internet giants and fake news during election campaigns] at Cemupro, Buenos Aires.
- We are interviewed by Agostini Parisi for *lavaca*, on the use of surveillance techniques by the State in social networks.

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- The two fellows participating in the 2019 LAC Fellowship share their experiences about ADC’s program.
- As part of our efforts to make transparent the use of surveillance technologies and address the risks posed to the exercise of fundamental rights, we file a request for public information with the Municipality of Tigre for them to provide details of the system.

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- With the support of the National Secretariat of Modernization and in response to ADC’s call, a working group is formed to analyze and define the submission of feedback regarding the need to update the contents of ITU-T’s Recommendation X.1058, Code of Practice for personally identifiable information protection, published in March 2017. Two years after the date of approval and publication, the period for requesting an update is now

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- Lunch with David Greene, Senior Staff Attorney and Civil Liberties Director from Electronic Frontier Foundation, at RightsCon Tunisia. We discuss strategic litigation, delving into EFF's work in the U.S. and sharing ADC's initiatives with the Legal Clinic, particularly the work on facial recognition.

11 to 14

- We participate in the 2019 edition of RightsCon in Tunisia. This annual conference, organized by Access Now, brings together experts from around the world to work on the challenges facing human rights in the light of technological developments. On Wednesday 12, Leandro Ucciferri speaks on the panel "Getting a Handle on Facial Recognition Tech". On Thursday 13, he moderates the session "Political ads on social networks: tearing the curtains of opacity", where Natalia Zuazo - associate researcher at ADC - presents our work in this area. Later, Ucciferri speaks in the panel "Putting users first! The liability of technological S&MEs in the Global South in the respect for human rights". On Friday 14, Ucciferri participates as a speaker in the session "You're Not Just a Pretty Face: Biometric surveillance has moved beyond face recognition - how do we stop it?".



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- At the Centro Cultural Kirchner, the Association of Magistrates, members of the Public Prosecutor's Office and officials of the Judicial Branch of the City of Buenos Aires hold the 25th Scientific Conference of the Argentine Judiciary. On behalf of ADC, on June 14, its Executive Director, Valeria Milanes, and its Director of Strategic Litigation, Alejandro Segarra, participate as speakers in the panel "Innovations in Research Methods and Constitutional Limits".

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- We collaborate in an article issued by *La Tecla* magazine, about the latest report on Argentina prepared by UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy.
- We update the article with the latest information sent to us by the Government of the City of Buenos Aires on the Facial Recognition System (FRS).

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- Leandro Ucciferri participates as a guest speaker in Episode 26 of *Secure Podcast*, dedicated to the National Cybersecurity Strategy.

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- As part of the preparatory work for the City of Buenos Aires facial recognition litigation, we have a meeting with Liberty, the UK's leading human rights association, at their London offices. We speak with two of their lawyers who are pursuing litigation against the South Wales Police due to the use of facial recognition in public spaces. We exchange perspectives and arguments that make up the litigation strategy.

19 and 20

- In Mexico, under the 17th Ibero-American Meeting on Personal Data Protection and the 4th International Data Forum, Valeria Milanes participates in the panel "Personal data and new technologies. Consequences and impacts on privacy."
- As members of IFEXALC, we join the call to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) to elect candidates for the IA-CHR who meet all the requirements to be commissioners, leaving aside diplomatic and political interests.

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- We attend the closed workshop, "Defending the Integrity of the Latin

American Information Space", held in Buenos Aires and organized by the International Forum for Democratic Studies, the Center for the Opening and Development of Latin America (CADAL) and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

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- We participate in the annual meeting of Privacy International's international partner network in London, UK, where we discuss organizational development, project management, risk management and gender mainstreaming issues as applied to the work organizations conduct in their respective countries.

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- Eduardo Ferreyra participates in the panel "Access to information, data protection, freedom of expression and copyright", organized within the framework of the international seminar "Towards a legal framework for the Internet in Latin America" at the School of Law of the University of Buenos Aires.

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- Facebook disseminates its report on the public consultation for its Oversight Board. We send our feedback as members of the AISur collective. Its main points are the adoption of human rights over values, algorithmic transparency and influence on company policies.

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- We participate in the discussion and work table on electoral communication, organized in the City of Buenos Aires by the Public Defender of Audiovisual Communication's Office.

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- In the 24th anniversary of ADC's foundation, we renew the design of our website.

July

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- Esteban Magnani interviews Leandro Ucciferri for the magazine *Acción* about the implementation of facial recognition in the City of Buenos Aires.

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- A meeting is held in the City of Buenos Aires with advisors to the national senator Lucila Crexell (Movimiento Popular Neuquino) to discuss issues such as cyber security, personal data protection and gender.

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- During July, Dr. Daniela López De Luise gives the ADC team - over the course of four meetings - a training on artificial intelligence.

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- We are interviewed by Fernando Lerner on Radio Andina Mendoza,

about the report *Fintech: Privacy challenges in the data economy*.

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- We have a meeting with the GSMA, in their Buenos Aires offices, to discuss our project on business and human rights and engage in conversations with local operators to learn more about the subject in the business field.

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- We launch PubliElectoral, a technological tool of social interest, developed by ADC and the Argentinean technological cooperative Cambá, which allows for the collection of information related to electoral advertising in social networks, without affecting user privacy. It is a free software development; hence, its code is transparent and auditable, as well as accessible to diverse communities. Along the implementation of this extension for browsers, we launch the landing page of PubliElectoral.



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- Nine years after Law 26,618 was passed, Telam publishes an article by ADC's President, Hernán Gullco: "Matrimonio igualitario: 9 años de una sociedad de libres e iguales" [Same Sex Marriage: a 9-year society of free and equal individuals].

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- In view of our project on companies and human rights, we meet in the City of Buenos Aires with the coordinator of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, carried out by the Secretariat of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice. We provide our perspective on the need to address the digital phenomenon as part of the National Plan, the characteristics of the technological environment and the challenges for the exercise of human rights in the context of services and products developed by companies.

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- We contribute to an article published in *Reverso*, speaking about the dangers to freedom of expression that result from attempts to criminalize the so-called "identity theft" on social networks.
- We update one of our online articles about the use of facial recognition by the Government of the City of Buenos Aires in Buenos Aires' public space.

- In May, the national government organizes discussion sessions in view of the development of the National Plan of Artificial Intelligence. ADC participates in those meetings, where it emphasizes the need to adopt human rights as a framework to assess the effects of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on persons. To enrich our participation, we prepare a document where we provide recommendations to ensure any AI initiative is respectful of human rights.

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- We participate, in the City of Buenos Aires, in the monthly meeting of the Working Group on Digital Policies and Cyberspace of the Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI, in Spanish). In this meeting, which is an opportunity to discuss common concerns in digital security, the Italian expert Fabrizio d'Amore speaks about cybersecurity policies implemented in Italy.

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- The program *Animales de calle*, hosted by Alejandro Fantino, presents an investigation on the implementation of the Facial Recognition System in the City of Buenos Aires, carried out by Diego Iglesias and with the participation of Leandro Ucciferri. In this investigation, broadcasted on América TV, we refer to the impact of this type of technology on society and explain why the Asociación por los

Derechos Civiles (ADC) questions its implementation. “Facial recognition does not belong in our public space,” summarizes Ucciferri.



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- Article on PubliElectoral by Sebastián Davidovsky, published on *La Nación*: “Desde Chrome y Facebook: así vas a poder controlar los gastos de los candidatos en Facebook” [From Chrome and Facebook: this is how you will be able to control candidates’ expenses on Facebook].

- PubliElectoral is mentioned in *Esto recién empieza*, a journalistic program hosted by Darío Gannio on C5N.

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- ADC participates in the University of Toronto’s Citizen Lab Summer Institute. This event is an opportunity to meet a variety of researchers, professionals and human rights advocates who address pressing issues related to the internet. Jean-

nette Torrez presents a joint session with Kemly Camacho - president of the Costa Rican cooperative Sulá Batsú - about women in the computer industry in Argentina and Costa Rica.

August

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- We participate in an article by Bruno Massare for TSS Agency, on the facial recognition system implemented in the City of Buenos Aires.

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- On behalf of ADC, Valeria Milanes participates in the meeting “Human Rights and Technologies. Our Common Challenges”, held in La Paz, Bolivia. The event took place during the presentation of AISur, a coalition of Latin American civil society organizations that seeks to strengthen human rights in the digital field.



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- Colombia’s Constitutional Court rejects libel and slander suit filed by well-known Colombian youtuber Kika Nieto against the YouTube channel “Las Igualdas”, an opinion

supplement of the newspaper *El Espectador*. The court stated that the channel's comments about Nieto were protected by the right to freedom of expression. ADC supported the position of "Las Igualadas" by filing an *amicus curiae* brief before the Court. We presented several arguments about the characteristics of online freedom of expression, as well as how classic standards should be applied to digital technologies.

- We talk in a radio program, *Zysman 830* on LT8 Radio Rosario, about PubliElectoral.

- We are interviewed by Fernando Lerner about PubliElectoral, on Radio Andina (Mendoza).

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- A closed event is held in the City of Buenos Aires to present the research on web accessibility for persons with disabilities. A reduced number of special guests, coming from the academic, technical and governmental sectors participate in the meeting. During the event, the focus is placed on the novelty of the topic addressed in the report; the various possible approaches according to the type of disability and the diversity of stakeholders identified.

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- We continue disseminating the "Contract for the Web" campaign, promoted by the Web Foundation.

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- PubliElectoral is discussed in an article by the agency Télam: "Con herramientas digitales, las ONG buscan fomentar la participación ciudadana" [With digital tools, NGOs seek to encourage citizen participation].

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- We collaborate in a *La Nación* article by Iván Ruiz and Maia Jastreblansky, "Redes sociales, cartelerías y boletas, los principales gastos de la campaña electoral" [Social media, signage and ballots, main expenditures of the electoral campaign].

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- Eduardo Ferreyra gives a presentation on artificial intelligence and human rights in a seminar organized by the Bachelor's and Master's programs in International Relations from the School of Politics and Government of the National University of San Martín (UNSAM).

14 to 16

- On August 14, in Washington D.C., Leandro Ucciferri participates as a speaker at the meeting organized by EU Cyber Direct, where he delivers a presentation on the link between human rights and cyber security. Then, on August 15 and 16, he participates in the official event with the regional consultation of the Organization of American States (OAS) Cybersecurity Program and the United Nations (UN)

group of governmental experts on ICT developments in the context of international security.

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- Meetings begin for the implementation of ADC's Strategic Plan. Several work meetings are held between August and September.

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- We participate in an article by Alejandra Hayon for newspaper *Página/12*: "Sharenting: el peligro oculto de compartir fotos de los hijos en redes sociales" [Sharenting: the hidden dangers of sharing your children's photos on social networks].

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- From 26 August to 5 September ADC participates as part of the Argentine Delegation in the study groups of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Geneva, Switzerland. Standards and best practices are analyzed (mainly ISO standards and the European Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)), and their impact on recommendation X.1058, with the view of preparing a report and publishing it in an archive accessible to participants of Study Group 17.

- During the meeting of Study Group 17, our contribution triggers a discussion on a particularly sensitive subject, as is the protection of personal data, the focus being placed on the privacy aspect and

the need to review the way in which personal data of minors and persons with disabilities is processed and establish the appropriate form of consent for these cases.

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- Together with Mozilla and other civil society organizations, we send a letter to Google, Facebook and Twitter with recommendations on how to improve their APIs (application programming interfaces) in order to facilitate research into online political advertising.

- We give a video conference about privacy and rights for Punto Digital.

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- Presentation, in the City of Buenos Aires, of the report *Persons with disabilities and access to information and communication services* together with its web page: <https://accesibilidad-digital.adc.org.ar/>.

The public presentation of this research involves the participation of representatives of academic and civil society organizations working on issues related to the rights of persons with disabilities, representatives of government agencies and of the private sector, such as Mercado Libre. ADC invites Dr. Pamela Gutiérrez from the University of Chile, a point of contact for the development of the field work in that country, and Engineer Rossana Gienochio from the Agency of Electronic Government and Information

and Knowledge Society (AGESIC), for the government of Uruguay, to participate. The remote participation of Prof. Ivana Fernández López from the University of the Republic of Uruguay, a point of contact for the research done in Uruguay, is also available. In addition, Pablo Lecuona (TifloNexos), Yanina Boria (Public Defender's Office), Analía Gutiérrez (Lengua Franca) and Rosana Gienochio (AGESIC) are invited to participate in specific matters. The event is broadcasted via streaming and dubbed in Argentine Sign Language (LSA).



Persons with disabilities and access to information and communication services

An exploratory research in the southern cone



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- New article on ADC's website: "¿Por qué la deserción de las mujeres en las TIC es un problema de acceso?" [Why are women's ICT dropouts a problem of access?].

September

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- After the first stage of the Primary, Open, Simultaneous and Compulsory (PASO, in Spanish) election campaign, and in line with the electoral campaign of the October 27 elections, ADC re-launches PubliElectoral.

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- We submit a new request for information to the National Electoral Chamber (CNE, in Spanish) on the use of biometric voter identification in the PASO elections held in August.

- An article is published on *Letra P* about the letters sent to Google, Facebook and Twitter with recommendations on how to improve their APIs in order to facilitate the investigation of online political advertising.

6 and 7

- Marianela Milanes participates in the 2019 edition of *Latinity*, held in San José, Costa Rica. There, in poster format, she presents the work carried out by ADC on electoral publicity in social networks, PubliElectoral and the report *The Lack of Women in the IT Industry: the cyber security case*. *Latinity* is a conference reuniting Latin American women who are passionate about digital technologies. Participants reflect, exchange and build technology-based proposals and have the

opportunity to meet Latin American women who share the same interests.



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- The English version of ADC's monthly newsletter begins to be sent to international actors who support the work of the organization.

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- On behalf of ADC, Eduardo Ferreyra participates in activities carried out under the tenth anniversary of the Center for Studies on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information (CELE), at the University of Palermo. In addition, together with Lucía Camacho, from Karisma Foundation, he leads one of the sessions of the institution's annual workshop, where they discuss problems related to biometrics and identity in Latin America.

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- We contribute to an article in *Tiempo Argentino*, on cybersecurity.

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- ADC's team begins a training on public speaking and negotiating skills.

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- We meet with the Facebook Head of Public Policy Southern Cone in their Buenos Aires offices, to discuss the recommendations on transparency in political advertising made through a public letter endorsed by several organizations in Latin America.

October

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- Argentina joins Convention 108+. A year ago, ADC had sent a letter to the Chamber of Deputies of the Nation supporting the bill that incorporated our country into the original Convention, a process that finally leads to the country's adhesion to the modernized version.

- ADC opens the application period for the second edition of the LAC Fellowship. The program offers lawyers from Latin America and the Caribbean who are committed to fundamental rights in the digital field the opportunity to do a one-month fellowship (March to April 2020) in the organization. The program aims to train people working in civil society who are interested in improving their knowledge in the design of

public interest litigation strategies in Latin American countries.



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- Valeria Milanés has been in charge of ADC's Executive Directorate for one year.

- Some days before the general elections on October 27, more than 400 national legislators, advisors and leaders of different political forces receive ADC's document "Basic Guidelines for a Public Policy Agenda on Digital Issues". The document addresses important aspects which, in our opinion, should be a part of a national agenda on digital policy in order to face the challenges that this type of technology poses to people's rights.

- As part of our work regarding the role of companies in the promotion and advocacy of human rights, we organize an event with the Argentine Federation of Worker Cooperatives in Technology, Inno-

vation and Knowledge (FACTTIC). The conversation focuses on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, on how to incorporate impact assessment and due diligence processes, and how cooperatives can play an active role in the design of public policies. The meeting involves the participation of the following cooperatives: Cambá, Devcoop, El Maizal, Equality, Eryx, Fiqus, GAIA, gcoop, Nayra and TECSO.



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- We attend a meeting with the Department for Innovation and International Technological Affairs (DIATI) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship. The director and his team welcome us to discuss ADC's priority issues in the area of human rights in the digital field, as well as to introduce us to DIATI's main lines of work.

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- We support the charter coordinated by the Center for Democracy and Technology, along with more than 60 civil society organizations from around the world, in support of the encryption of our internet communications.

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- Interview with Marianela Milanes and Sara Soubelet and Least Authority developers regarding their development of applications for civil society activists. Least Authority is an open source business based in Berlin, Germany, which holds the view that people should be able to use the internet without sacrificing their data or privacy. They offer secure, sustainable and user-friendly development tools.

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- We send feedback to the UN for the thematic report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights about the impact of digital technologies on freedom of assembly and social protest. The document briefly outlines the main developments on the subject in Argentina.

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- ADC publishes a report on the exploitation of personal data for electoral purposes, *Segmented Democracy*, with an approach that seeks to move away from widespread concerns but whose veracity is now in question, such as the effectiveness of vote manipulation.

- Under the project “Who defends your data?”, we hold a meeting with the company IPLAN, one of the main Internet service providers in the City of Buenos Aires.

- The IACHR’s Office of the Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression publishes a guide to guarantee freedom of expression in the context of deliberate disinformation in elections. ADC and other organizations in the region participate by providing feedback for the preparation of the report.

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- In addition to our own feedback (sent on October 15), we send a document under AI Sur to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, to report on the benefits and threats of digital technologies for social protest in Latin America.

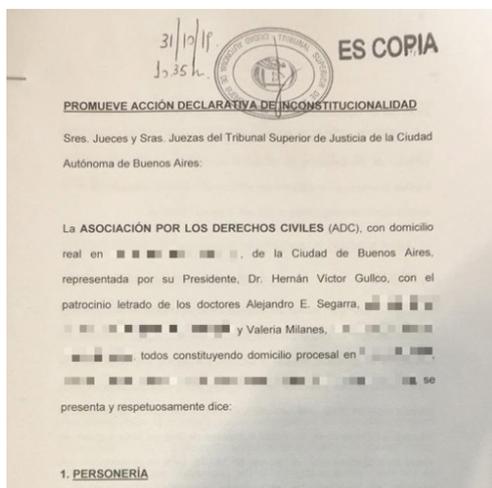
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- At the 41st International Conference on Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners (ICDPPC) in Albania, ADC endorses a statement supporting the moratorium on the use of facial recognition for mass surveillance, promoted by civil society organizations around the world.

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- ADC presents a Declaration of Unconstitutionality Action against the Government of the City of Buenos Aires with respect to Resolution 398/19 of the Ministry of Justice and Security, which introduces the Facial Recognition System in the surveillance cameras of the city. This action is part of the work that ADC has been doing on strategic litigation of public interest for

more than 24 years, with the aim of achieving a change in public policies to defend civil rights.



November

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- We attend the Seminar on Business and Human Rights organized by the Centre for Research on Urban Social Policies of the National University Tres de Febrero and Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN).

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- We join the campaign organized by IFEX to commemorate the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists (IDEI) by disseminating it on the web.

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- During the first week of the month, ADC shares different activities with members of the Privacy

International (PI) team, a London-based organization that works to defend the right to privacy. The visit to Buenos Aires by members of PI allows us to share work experiences, hold internal workshops and carry out joint projects. In addition, external meetings are held with local actors interested in privacy and personal data protection. We organize talks with the local chapter of the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), the Argentine Federation of Worker Cooperatives in Technology, Innovation and Knowledge (FACTTIC) and feminist activists. On Wednesday 6, ADC organizes a private meeting with representatives of civil society, the technical community and private enterprises to discuss the data shared by #Menstruapps with Facebook and third parties. That same day, PI interviews Leandro Ucciferri about the challenges resulting from the implementation of the Facial Recognition System in the City of Buenos Aires.

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- “Presentan acción judicial para declarar inconstitucional al Sistema de Reconocimiento Facial” (A lawsuit is filed to declare the unconstitutionality of the Facial Recognition System). Article published on Nueva Ciudad about the Action of Unconstitutionality filed by ADC against the GCBA regarding the

implementation of the Facial Recognition System in public spaces.

- We collaborate with the Access Now team to demand transparency and accountability regarding the implementation of surveillance technologies in the province of Córdoba.

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- We provide feedback to the Council of Europe with comments and suggestions on the drafting of the Second Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime.

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- We open a call for advanced students of Political Science or Sociology to volunteer in one of our projects.

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- “Planteo judicial contra el gobierno porteño por el Sistema de Reconocimiento Facial de Prófugos” (Legal action against the Government of the City of Buenos Aires due to the Facial Recognition System used for fugitives). Article published on Córdoba’s newspaper *La Voz del Interior* about the Action of Unconstitutionality filed by ADC against the GCBA after the implementation of the Facial Recognition System in the City of Buenos Aires.

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- Valeria Milanes, ADC’s executive director and coordinator of the Civil Society Forum of the Ibero-Amer-

ican Data Protection Network, moderates Panel VIII in a meeting held at the Spanish Cooperation Training Centre in Montevideo, “One year after the application of the Data Protection Regulations”. In the event, dedicated to the “creation of the Civil Society Forum and the assessment of the current situation of data protection in Latin America”, Lía Hernández (Ipandec), Christian Hidalgo García (Sulá Batsú), Jessica Mathus (Fundación Datos Protegidos) and Gonzalo Navarro (Asociación Latinoamericana de Internet) present their views.

- We attend a breakfast organized by Open Knowledge Foundation (Argentina) and the National Democratic Institute in Buenos Aires. Such event is arranged to learn about the results of the initiatives developed by different organizations for the 2019 elections, and the challenges facing the new government for 2020.

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- The organizations grouped under IFEX ALC condemn the threats, attacks and censorship against journalists and the media in Bolivia.

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- We open a call for travel collaboration with the view of increasing representation from other provinces in the 2019 edition of the FemIT conference, which is organized by the group LasDeSistemas and

which on this occasion took place at the School of Exact and Natural Sciences (UBA) It offers technical talks on IT given by women and non-binary persons. In addition to the 7 grant holders who came to Buenos Aires, we had our own booth in the conference where we shared the work on gender and ICTs that we carry out.

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- “¿Es inconstitucional el reconocimiento facial porteño?” [Is the City of Buenos Aires’ facial recognition system unconstitutional?] Article written by Valentín Muro, for *La Nación*, about the Declaration of Unconstitutionality Action filed against the GCBA upon the implementation of the Facial Recognition System in the City of Buenos Aires.

- We meet with an advisor of Congressman Daniel Arroyo (to become Minister of Social Development as of December 10) to communicate ADC’s views on various digital policy issues. We address, in particular, the use of digital technologies by the State for the provision of social benefits.

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- We welcome Emiliano Falcon, policy counsel at the ACLU of Massachusetts, to discuss facial recognition. In addition, we share the progress made by both organizations in public policy, litigation, and

advocacy regarding this surveillance technology.

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- ADC’s executive director, as part of CSISAC, participates in the meetings of the OECD’s Committee on Digital Economy Policy in Paris. They address issues we work on in the organization such as Privacy & Personal Data Enforcement, Data Portability and AI.

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- “Reconocimiento facial: críticas al sistema y advertencias por riesgos para la privacidad” [Facial recognition: critiques of the system and privacy warnings]. Article published on *Perfil* about the Action of Unconstitutionality filed by ADC against the GCBA upon the implementation of the Facial Recognition System in the public space of the City of Buenos Aires.

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- We participate, together with Derechos Digitales, APC, TEDIC and IDEC, in the debate on facial recognition organized by Coding Rights on the eve of the IGF 2019 in Berlin, Germany.

25 to 29: ADC at IGF 2019

The 14th Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF), previously held in Geneva and Paris, takes place from 25 to 29 Novem-

ber at the Estrel Congress Centre in Berlin, Germany. A large part of ADC's team attends the event and has its own stand in the Booth Village in the meeting venue area. The following members of ADC's delegation are present during the event: Executive Director Valeria Milanes, Director of Strategic Public Interest Litigation Alejandro Segarra, Associate Researcher Natalia Zuazo and researchers Eduardo Ferreyra, Marianela Milanes, Sara Soubelet and Leandro Ucciferri. The ADC team promotes their work, activities and lines of action. They use graphic and audiovisual materials to present their work and have individual sessions with those visiting the stand, providing them with guidance and answering their queries.



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- At the end of day zero of the IGF, we hold a meeting with AlgorithmWatch, the leading NGO in the field of algorithmic decisions in Europe. The event hosts presentations by Natalia Zuazo and Leandro Ucciferri from ADC, and Matthias Spielkamp and Fabio Chiusi from AW, who introduce the audience to the approach and projects that

both organizations are developing in the field of automated decisions. The meeting favors an exchange of ideas, with members of civil society organizations participating in it. Emphasis is placed on their impact on fundamental rights.

- Eduardo Ferreyra participates in a session held within the framework of the IGF on surveillance in Latin America organized by Derechos Digitales, where he refers to the current situation in Argentina.
- Eduardo Ferreyra participates in a meeting on copyright and intermediary liability organized by AISur, with the participation of various Latin American and European organizations. The meeting takes place in Berlin under the IGF and honored attendees include Julia Reda, former European parliamentarian who had a prominent participation in the debate on the European Directive on copyright.

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- Our Executive Director, Valeria Milanes, delivers a presentation in the session "Artificial Intelligence, from Principles to Practice". In this opportunity, her contribution comes during the first part of the session "OECD Recommendations on Artificial Intelligence", the aim of which is to promote discussions on the creation of an international

political framework for AI. Milanés presents the topic from the perspective of civil society and based on her experience as executive director at ADC and member of the Executive Committee at CSISAC (Civil Society Consulting Committee for Information Society). Her contribution stresses the importance of the Universal Guidelines for artificial intelligence developed by The Public Voice in 2018 and she recalls that the increase in decisions taken by AI also involves fundamental rights of justice, accountability and transparency, and that the greatest responsibility for these systems lies with those institutions founding, developing and implementing them.



- We take part in a meeting held by Facebook in its Berlin offices to discuss data portability. Such meeting is attended by organizations from all over the world and helps keep track of the company's progress in its data portability policy.

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- Researchers Marianela Milanés and Sara Soubelet run tests on the tool "Magic Folders" in the offices of Least Authority in Berlin. The tool

allows for the synchronization of files between two computers in a secure way.

- Part of our team participating in Berlin in the IGF has a meeting with Transparency International at its main office to share ADC's work on the monitoring of online election advertising. Before an audience of 60 people, we present PubliElectoral, a technological tool of social interest that allows for the collection of information related to electoral publicity in social networks without affecting the privacy of citizen users. With political integrity being one of its global priorities, Transparency International welcomes ADC's presentation, which provides a fresh look at how technology impacts said priority and how a "traditional" issue such as election advertising can be addressed from a novel approach.



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- Jeannette Torrez presents ADC's work at the GCTI Conference, organized by FLACSO's UNESCO Chair in Women, Science and Technology. The event is held at the Buenos Aires offices of the Organization of Ibero-American States (OEI).

December

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- Jeannette Torrez is a speaker at the meeting “Gender + Technology” organized by the Association of Legislative Personnel.

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- Natalia Zuazo, associate researcher at ADC, takes part in the debate “The work of the future: strategy of the German Trade Union Confederation and the international experience”, with Oliver Suchy, held at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). That same day she participates in the panel “Work and unions towards a future of uncertainties”, along with Suchy and Juan Ottaviano, held in the Aula Magna of the Metropolitan University for Education and Work (UMET). Both activities are organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

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- Valeria Milanes participates as a speaker at the Regional Forum on Artificial Intelligence in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Brazil on 12 and 13 December, where she presents ADC’s views and work on the subject, particularly focusing on AI and inclusion.

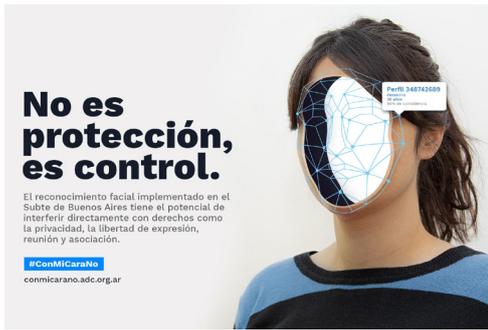
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- We publish the report *Digital Due Process*. Seven aspects for a minimum agenda of discussion on criminal policy and technology in Argentina, which sets out various aspects that should be considered for discussion -from a legal perspective- regarding future attempts to regulate digital evidence and specific research technologies.



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- We launch conmicarano.adc.org.ar, a section in our website that is dedicated to research and awareness work on the use of facial recognition technologies. The purpose of the page is to explain and illustrate the use of this technology, which offers a high technical complexity and has a very high impact on the fundamental rights of society.



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- Meeting with an advisor of Marcelo Gouman, a legislator from the City of Buenos Aires, to discuss a future bill on personal data protection for the City of Buenos Aires.

Communication

One important feature, as to the improvements made by ADC in the area of communication and dissemination, is its webpage. After a period of reflection and assessment of our necessities with an expert team, we achieved a design which suits our requisite for being responsive and considers the aspect of accessibility. Hence its one-page format, avoiding pop-ups and tabs, giving each section of the page a clear and agile modality. This character, added to the option of access to an English version of the site, has expanded the scope of our online visibility.

Another strategic decision with good reception has been the release of landing pages, featuring issues and projects which, due to their nature, require a specific place where their content can be streamlined and disclosed. It is the case of [accesibilidad-digital.org.ar](https://www.accesibilidad-digital.org.ar), [publielectoral.adc.org.ar](https://www.publielectoral.adc.org.ar) and the brand new [conmicarano.adc.org.ar](https://www.conmicarano.adc.org.ar).

Social Networks

Regarding metrics, the number of our total interactions surpassed those achieved in 2018, totaling 15.018, resulting in an increase of 7%. As to Facebook, the rise in our interactions was 53%, amounting up to 4854.

In the media

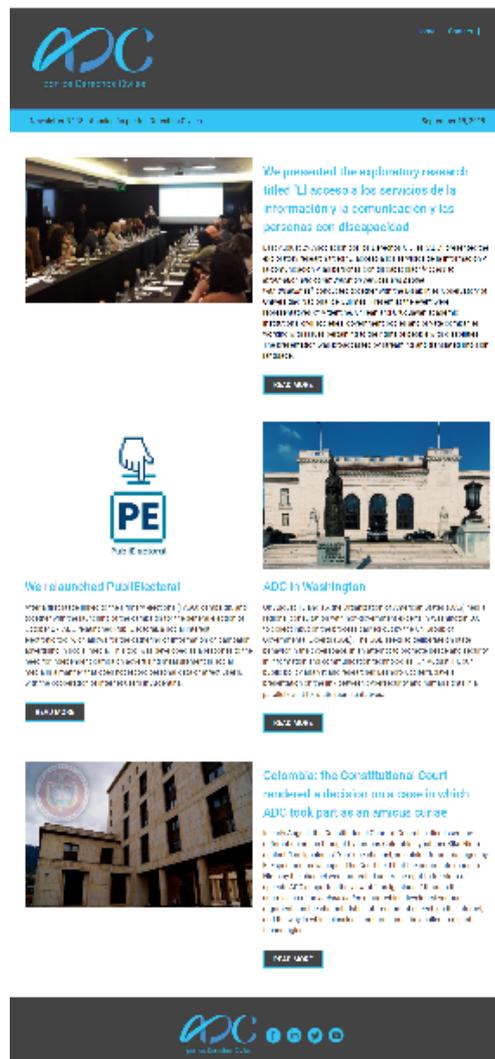
Compared to 2018, our participation, interviews and mentions have increased from 35 to 45 (encompassing radio, television and printed and digital press). From prestigious newspapers, such as *El País* (Spain) or *La Nación* (Argentina) and broadcasting stations C5N o la CNN Radio AM 950. We particularly underscore our interview in *Animales de calle* (América TV), where one of our researchers gave a detailed account of our position regarding facial recognition.

Newsletter

ADC's newsletter, from its first issue in September 2018, has become a superb means for disclosing our latest activities. Our mailing list enjoys 3800

subscribers, including journalists, academics, social referents and other people from other fields.

Since September 2019, we have implemented newsletter mailing in English, in order to reach international agents with an interest in supporting our labor and willing to be updated on our news.



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