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**Mid-Year Meeting  
April 24-25, 2025**

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**PROGRAM**

**Thursday, April 24:**

- 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. Inauguration and welcome: IAPA President **José Roberto Dutriz**, *La Prensa Gráfica*, El Salvador.
- 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. Presentation of the new IAPA website. **Leandro Armas** and *Dos Al Cubo* team, Argentina. Moderator: **Roberto Rock**, *La Silla Rota*, Mexico.
- 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Panel: The need to create a social network of public interest. **Catalina Botero** and **Martín Etchevers**, *Clarín*, Argentina.
- 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Panel: The Battle against Disinformation: AI as a Tool to Defend the Truth. **Cristina Tardáguila**, *Agencia Lupa*, Brazil and **Ana Paula Valacco**, *Journalism AI*, USA.

Moderator: **Andrea Miranda**, *Debate Media*, Mexico.

12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Presentation of the progress of the IAPA's Digital Revenue Accelerator program supported by Google News Initiative.

**Rodrigo Bonilla**

1:00 to 1:45 p.m.

Conversation with former Costa Rican President **Laura Chinchilla** on the future of democracy in the Americas. With **Silvio Waisbord**, George Washington University, USA.

1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

Panel: Challenges and Safeguards in the Age of Artificial Intelligence. **Courtney Radsch**, Center for Journalism and Liberty, USA and **Justin Hendrix**, The Tech Policy Institute, USA. Moderator: **Gabriela Vivanco**, *La Hora*, Ecuador.

### Viernes 25 de abril:

9:30 to 9:45 a.m.

Opening. Welcome and reflection on the main current challenges to press freedom in the Americas. **Carlos Jornet**, Chairman of the IAPA's Committee on Freedom of the Press.

9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Roundtable 1: Journalism in exile.  
Presentation of the IAPA's Latin American Network of Journalism in Exile (RELPEX).

Analysis of the situation of journalists forced to leave their countries and strategies to keep their voices active. **Juan Lorenzo Holmann**, *La Prensa* (in exile), Nicaragua and **Carlos Lauría**, IAPA Executive Director.

10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

Panel 2: Press Freedom in the United States. The implications and repercussions for the U.S. press of the White House's decision to restrict access to the *Associated Press*. **Julie Pace**, *The Associated Press*, USA. Conversation with **Martha Ramos**, Editorial Director, *Organización Editorial Mexicana* (OEM), Mexico.

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Conversation with **José Rubén Zamora**, founder of *elPeriódico*, Guatemala. The judicial persecution of the journalist, the closing of *elPeriódico* and the impact of government repression on independent journalism in Guatemala. With **Carlos Jornet**, *La Voz del Interior*, Argentina.

12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Roundtable 3: Threats to Press Freedom  
Topics:

- Violence and impunity against journalists
- Judicial harassment as a tool for censorship
- Stigmatization of the press and its effect on credibility
- Growing authoritarianism and its effects on the flow of information.

(Panelists to be confirmed)

1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

Closing of the Mid-Year Meeting 2025.  
Summary of conclusions and proposals to  
strengthen the defense of press freedom in  
the region.