



**IV Seminar on Democracy and Good Governance
For Young Leaders of the Americas**

Biographies of the participants



Maria Isabel Bustamante Barrientos, Bolivia

National Legislator

Julio Isamit, Chile

Coordinator of the “Republicanos” movement. Law degree from the Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile. Graduate of the National Institute, where he was Secretary General of the Student Center. Julio received several awards. He was a fellow of the United States Department of State IVLP scholarship program and the

Pan American Development Foundation for research on civil society in Cuba. He also was president of the Chile Siempre Foundation and Chairman of the Res Publica Institute.



Bonner Jiménez, El Salvador

Lawyer and notary, tourism entrepreneur. Elected in 2015 as the youngest congressman in the history of the department of La Paz, El Salvador, who also won most votes in the election. Currently he undertakes legislative work in the Committee on Youth and Sports and the Defense Committee of the Salvadoran Congress.



María Cristina Kronfle Gómez, Ecuador

Lawyer of the Courts of the Republic of the Catholic University of Santiago de Guayaquil. She was constituent assembly member in 2007-2008; assembly member for the province of Guayas in the period 2009-2013 and was reelected for 2013-2017. Since the beginning of her public career, her work has been focused on the fight and claim of the exercise of rights of persons with disabilities, so she created the Foundation Advancando Uni2. She was President of the Special Occasional Commission of Persons with Disabilities of the National Assembly. She is currently part of the Permanent Special Commission for the Right to Health of the National Assembly and President of the

Parliamentary Group for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. She has received several awards on both national and International levels.

Lucas David Lanzoni Acosta, Paraguay

Businessman. He studied International Business at the American University. He is the youth leader of the Authentic Radical Liberal Party (PLRA) and promoter of various social actions. Lucas is currently the elected Mayor of the city of Ñemby, the youngest mayor of Paraguay.



Leandro Gastón López Koenig, Argentina

Lawyer and Congressman. He is a member of PRO and participates in the Committees of Energy and Fuels, General Legislation, Environment, and Regional Economies. From 2009 to 2015 he was Councilman in the city of Neuquen, he ran for vice governor in 2011 with CC-ARI and again in 2015 as candidate for the coalition "Cambiemos". In 2003, he was a fellow of the foundation F N with which he attended a seminar on "Globalization and regionalism" in Germany.





Cristina Eugenia Reyes Hidalgo, Ecuador

National Assembly member. In November 2007 she was part of the Constituent Assembly of 2007 as Assemblywoman for the Social Christian Party, where she integrated the roundtable on Latin American sovereignty and integration. At the municipal elections in Guayaquil in 2009 she ran for city councilor for the alliance between the Social Christian Party and the Civic Movement Madera de Guerrero, obtaining the second highest vote among the councilors. In 2012 she resigned from the position to participate in the legislative elections of 2013, where she was elected Assemblywoman of the Province of Guayas. She is currently part of the Commission of workers and social security in the National Assembly.

Eduardo Rivera Pérez, México

Consultant for the University of the Americas Puebla Foundation and Co-Chair of the Advisory Council of the National Confederation of Municipalities of Mexico (CONAMM) since May 2015. Coordinator of the Parliamentary Group Puebla. He has been professor in the Master of Governance and Political Communication at the Graduate School of Political Management, George Washington University (2014-2015). He was the Mayor of Puebla de Zaragoza, Puebla, during the period 2011-2014 and from 2012 to 2014 he was Vice-Chair Secretary of the Board of ICLEI Mexico and member of the ICLEI Global Executive Committee. He also was the President of the National Association of Mayors (ANAC) from 2011-2014.



Edipcia Dubón, Nicaragua
National Legislator

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