



## **DIEGO MORENO RODRÍGUEZ ALCALÁ**

Diego Moreno Rodríguez Alcalá is a lawyer, professor, and researcher with over 20 years of experience in academia, international public service, and legal practice. He pursued specialized studies in constitutional law and fundamental rights at Columbia University in New York City and the University of Salamanca in Spain. Moreno is a professor at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels at national, Latin American, and European universities and institutes, teaching courses on constitutional theory, fundamental rights, legal interpretation and legal reasoning, and selected themes within the Inter-American System. He has authored numerous works on constitutional justice and human rights in collective works and specialized journals. Moreno has extensive experience in issues related to the Inter-American System, having worked at the Department of International Law of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) for over 6 years. In addition to his academic activities, he currently practices law in Asunción, Paraguay. He is married and a father of 4 children.

### **Academic Background**

- Doctorate in Constitutional Law from the University of Salamanca (2009).
- Master of Laws (LL.M) from Columbia University in New York City (2001).
- Graduated with honors from the Catholic University of Asunción (1999).

### **Experience in the Inter-American System**

He served as Legal Officer in the Department of International Law of the OAS General Secretariat in Washington, D.C., from 2006 to 2012, where he provided advice to the Organization's political bodies on various issues related to international law and human rights. In particular, he provided support to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs of the OAS Permanent Council in the drafting process of the inter-American conventions against racism and all forms of discrimination.

### **Teaching Activity**

Professor of the Master's Degree in Constitutional Justice and Human Rights offered by the University of Bologna and the Institute for Constitutional Development of Argentina (2016-present).

Taught in the OAS Course on International Law in Rio de Janeiro on three different occasions (2009-2011), as well as in the Master of Laws on International Human Rights Law offered by the University of Alcalá in Spain (2009-2011), among other courses and workshops (Argentina, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Brazil, Perú, etc).

Taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Paraguay on subjects such as "Constitutional Rights and Guarantees", "Constitutional Theory," and "Interpretation and Legal Reasoning" in the Catholic University of Asunción (2017-2023)

Teaches at the Judicial Academy of Paraguay since 2015 ("Legal Interpretation", "Logic and Structure of Judicial Sentences")

He was the Chair of the Paraguayan Institute of Constitutional Law (2019-2022)

## **Conferences and lectures**

Delivered lectures and speeches on subjects of his expertise in various international forums, including the OAS, the UN in Geneva, Switzerland, and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Sanremo, Italy.

Ha has also been invited to give speeches in different countries (Argentina, Mexico, Perú and others).

## **Specialization Courses**

Completed several periodic training and specialization courses in international refugee law (2008, 2011), internal displacement (2010), and international humanitarian law (2007) offered by organizations such as the OAS, the UN Refugee Agency, and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

## **Scholarships, Awards, and Distinctions**

Received various awards and distinctions for academic excellence, including a recognition from the Catholic University for outstanding academic performance (1999).

He is a Fulbright Scholar (2000-2001), and received a doctoral scholarship from Banco Santander Central Hispano (Spain, 2002-5).

He won prizes for his legal scholarship in the Spanish Law Review "Theory and Constitutional Reality" (2005), and in the Catholic University of Asuncion (1997).

## **Other Activities**

Serves as an Arbitrator at the Arbitration and Mediation Center of Paraguay (2018-presente)

Member of the Paraguayan Bar Association and the Paraguayan Institute of Constitutional Law.

He was the President of the Catholic University of Asunción Law School Student Council (1996), and engaged in various other social and volunteer activities, including founding and advising the Guyrá Paraguay Foundation for Bird Conservation (1999-2002), and serving as a Volunteer Firefighter at the Volunteer Fire Department of Paraguay (1996-2000).

## **Languages**

Fluent in Spanish and English, with basic proficiency in Portuguese.

## **Select Publications**

"From Danger to Prudence: The Paraguayan Presidential Model in Perspective", DPCE Online 1, Italy, 2023.

"The Incorporation of Constitutional Amendments in Paraguayan Constitutionalism," in R. Albert (ed.), *The Architecture of Constitutional Amendments: History, Law, Politics*, Hart, London, 2022.

"Paraguay" (country report), in *International Review of Constitutional Reform* (2021), University of Texas, Texas, 2022.

"The gap between the social and equal Constitution and the democratic reality in Paraguay," in J.A. Amaya and L. Mezzetti (eds.), *Democracy, Presidentialism, and Populism in Latin America*, Astrea, Buenos Aires, 2022.

"Constitution, health emergency, and restriction of Rights in Paraguay," in D. Valadés and N. González Martín (eds.), *Health Emergency due to Covid-19: Comparative Constitutional Law*, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City, 2020.

"Constitution, equality, and rights: Towards a new constitutional paradigm? (book review)," *Law Journal La Ley Paraguaya*, Feb 2020.

"The enforceability of social, economic, and cultural rights in the Paraguayan Constitution," in AA.VV., *Current Topics in Administrative-Economic Law*, Central Bank of Paraguay, Asunción, 2019.

"The protection of the rights of indigenous peoples in situations of isolation under the unenumerated rights clause (book review)," *Law Journal La Ley Paraguaya*, Aug 2019.

"Twenty-five years of evolution of constitutional justice," in AA.VV., *Commentary on the Constitution. Tribute to the 25th anniversary*, Supreme Court of Justice, Asunción, 2018.

"The emergence of the Constitution in private law," in *Paraguayan Private Law*, Vol. II, La Ley, Asunción, 2018.

"Interview. A skeptical approach on the doctrine of conventionality control," Asunción, *Legal Journal of the Law Students' Center at the Catholic University*, 2016.

"Democratic legitimacy and inter-institutional dialogue: some challenges for weak judicial control systems," *Journal of the Attorney General's Office*, Brazil, 2014.

"The regulation of collective action for the defense of democracy in the OAS," *Notebooks of the Manuel Giménez Abad Foundation*, Madrid, v. 1, 2011.

"The new Latin American constitutionalism at a crossroads: four trends and some challenges for the future," in J.M. López Ulla (ed.), *Human Rights and constitutional order in Ibero-America*, Civitas, Pamplona, 2011.

*Judicial control of law and fundamental rights. A critical perspective*, Center for Political and Constitutional Studies, Madrid, 2011.

"A brief introduction to the process of elaborating an Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance," in AA.VV., *International Law Workshops 2008/2010*, Department of International Law, OAS, Washington, DC, 2010.

*Standards of Protection of Afro Descendants in the Inter-American System*, co-edited with D. Negro and R. Rojas, OAS, Washington, DC, 2010.

"An introduction to the Draft Inter-American Convention Against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance," in XXXVI Course on International Law (2009), Department of International Law, OAS, Washington, DC, 2009.

"The development of the protection of refugees in the OAS," OAS, General Secretariat, Washington, D.C. (UNHCR/RefWorld), 2008.

"An approach to the deliberative conception of democracy," *Constitutional Theory and Reality*, Madrid, 2nd semester, 2005.

"Fundamental Rights, constitutional justice, and democratic process," *Legal Journal of the Law Students' Center at the Catholic University*, Asunción, 2004.

"The Doctrine of the Rule of Law and its Virtues", *Legal Journal of the Law Students' Center at the Catholic University*, Asunción, 2002.