

**INSTITUTE**

**FOR DEMOCRACY AND**

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

**IDEHPUCP**



## INTRODUCTION

The Institute for Democracy and Human Rights of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (IDEHPUCP) promotes the strengthening of democracy and human rights in Peru through training, research, advocacy of public policies and the generation of spaces for debate and dialog.

Its work is developed in partnership with various government agencies, civil society institutions, international organizations and citizens committed with our topics of interest.

The work of **IDEHPUCP** represents the commitment of our university with the affirmation of justice, peace and democracy in the country, with the recommendations of the Final Report of the Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission (2003). It also reflects the need to research and disseminate human rights and its performance in different social contexts, including violence and armed conflicts.

### Mission

We are an academic entity of the PUCP aiming at strengthening democracy and promoting human rights through research, training and promotion of public policies, connecting our University with civil society and the State.

### Vision

By 2021, IDEHPUCP will be established as a technical and academic benchmark in the promotion of human rights through interdisciplinary training, quality research and advocacy in the country and abroad.





## I. LINES OF WORK

The activities of **IDEHPUCP** focus on the following topics:

### 1. Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission (CVR) and Post-conflict

- Applied research on memory and democracy, reparation policies and mechanisms.
- Advocacy, through dialogue and public actions, about memory processes on the national, regional and local level.
- Monitoring of cases filed by the Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

### 2. Human Mobility

- Training programs on criminal prosecution of human trafficking.
- Analysis on the situation of refugees and international migrants from a human rights approach.

### 3. Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities

- Knowledge creation and training based on the social model enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- Management of the Legal Clinic of Actions of Public Interest, Disability section, where strategic litigation is conducted.
- Advocacy in public policies and rules on the field.

### 4. Indigenous Communities

- Academic research on rights of indigenous communities.
- Training programs for the governability and advocacy favorable to indigenous communities.
- Promotion of public policies and regulations.

### 5. Enterprises and Human Rights

- Applied research for the development of prevention tools in human rights.
- Consultancy focused on the prevention of social conflicts.

### 6. Fight against Corruption

- Training program for the improvement of the capabilities of justice operators in the investigation and sanction of crimes against public administration.
- Monitoring of legal actions and production of specialized information.
- Advocacy to improve policies on access to public information.



## 2. AREAS OF WORK

### 2.1 ACADEMIC TRAINING

**IDEHPUCP** considers that training professionals in areas related to the defense and promotion of democratic values and fundamental rights validates and strengthens them. For such purpose, the institute conducts specialized academic programs intended to increase theoretical and practical knowledge on these fields. Additionally, the work is directed at strengthening capacities of officials, social leaders, young people and activists of human rights.

#### MASTER'S DEGREES

##### ● Master's Degree in Human Rights

It is an interdisciplinary post-graduate program aimed at training professionals committed to the defense and promotion of fundamental rights, in order to make more effective its advocacy in the validity and strengthening of these rights. This master's degree gives their participants the most advanced and useful conceptual, analytical and operational tools in these fields. The program is offered online and on-site.

The master's degree has a dual degree with the El Rosario University (Colombia). It also has a student exchange agreement with the Laval University (Canada). Additionally, it receives the support from international institutions such as the Carlos III University of Madrid, Spain; the Roma Tre University of Italy and the Institute of High International and Development Studies of Geneva, Switzerland.

It has a social scholarship program sponsored by the cooperation agency of German Catholic Church Misereour which enables low income students and social leaders to conduct specialized studies that impact in their field of action. So far, 80 students have benefited from the scholarships since the program began in 2006.



### ● **Master's Degree in Forensic Anthropology and Bioarcheology**

Forensic anthropology contributes to the solution of cases of violation of human rights, common crimes and mass disasters. This specialization, that complements forensics, enables the analysis of skeletal remains, which can be, in many cases, the only source of information available to identify victims and establish the facts related to their death.

The development of forensic anthropology has gone hand in hand with bioarcheology. This discipline makes it possible to interpret human behavior from old biological remains by combining biological and cultural information in the reconstruction of past events.

### ● **Diploma Courses and Specialization**

**IDEHPUCP** conducts these programs both in Lima and in other parts of the country. These diploma courses are validated by our university and are intended for professionals working in the government and entities of civil society; as well as for social leaders whose activities are directly related to the promotion and defense of human rights.

The diploma courses generate a multiple effect by training people who can transmit and apply the shared knowledge related to our lines of action in their own fields of work.

### ● **Seminars, Courses and Workshops**

IDEHPUCP offers seminars, courses and workshops for authorities, officials, and professionals from different fields, academic researchers and social leaders, whose mission is in accordance with our areas of work and the strengthening of the democracy in Peru and Latin America.

### ● **Short Course Programs**

IDEHPUCP offers this academic proposal to the general public, to contribute to specialization in social development and other topics related to the ones addressed by the institute.



### ● Young Leaders Training Program

Our institute seeks to strengthen the leadership skills of young people participating in social and political organizations through a program in which they acquire knowledge and skills to develop and benefit their places of origin. The program subjects are taught by PUCP teachers and acknowledged national experts.

### ● Voluntary Service Program

This program is intended for PUCP undergraduate students and aims to strengthen a space for dialog and debate on culture, democracy and human rights among young people. The program has a theoretical component related to these topics and leadership tools; sessions are practical. The program finishes when participants prepare and implement either an academic or a public-impact project.

## ➤➤➤ 2.2 RESEARCH

Research conducted by IDEHPUCP is defined within its line of institutional activity and objectives.

In that scope, our Institute develops the following tasks:

- It diagnoses cultural and institutional issues mainly related to public policies and proposes regulatory provisions.
- It contributes to lay the foundations and to critically analyze the reasons as well as the conceptual framework of topics related to democracy and human rights.
- It issues problem analysis related to the topics from our line of institutional activities in order to provide arguments and new approaches about specific topics of public interest.



## 2.3 PROMOTION OF PUBLIC POLICIES

Designing and promoting public policies related to our topics of interest are basic tasks in the work conducted by **IDEHPUCP** and they express specifically its contribution to the development of the country.

In this context, **IDEHPUCP** promotes the creation of spaces for dialog with various political and civil society stakeholders, as well as with governmental and non-governmental officials and technicians in order to design, promote and express opinions on public policy implementation, as well as drafting bills.

These activities are supported by an academic research process and dialog in which citizens' requests are collected and local and regional scenarios enabling to direct its preparation are analyzed. **IDEHPUCP** also conducts lobbying and public impact tasks with two purposes: to add visibility to issues and requirements of the social and politic stakeholders we work with, and to propose specific government policies.





## 2.4 COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT

In order to conduct its activities, **IDEHPUCP** considers it essential to create spaces for dialog and communication channels with citizens, especially with social leaders, officials and the media.

To comply with this mission, **IDEHPUCP** organizes a series of academic and cultural activities to increase the level of public debate and generate reflection on our topics of interest. It also promotes and disseminates researches and publications such as magazines and academic newsletters including specialized information about current and public interest topics.

### IDEHPUCP RADIO

Through a radio format and using IT and communication, **IDEHPUCP** develops an Internet radio project in which it broadcasts radio programs on the Internet promoting the exchange of ideas between the academic community and other sectors of the society on national and international topics. To access the radio use the following link: <http://idehpucp.edu.pe/etiqueta/tiempo-global/>

### “MEMORIA” (MEMORY) MAGAZINE

**IDEHPUCP** issues “Memoria” magazine every four months on electronic format, which specializes in topics such as democracy, culture and human rights. Every issue presents articles, reports, interviews and a graphic portfolio on the topics the Institute works on. To access the magazine use the following link: <http://idehpucp.pucp.edu.pe/revista-memoria/>





### 3. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

#### HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Since 2005, **IDEHPUCP** organizes once a year the “Human Rights Conference”, an event in which PUCP schools, departments and units, as well as civil society organizations and institutions conduct activities to raise awareness among the university community and general public on human rights defense and validity. Each edition addresses a specific topic related to this field of study.

The Conference lasts a week and is conducted at PUCP campus and offers academic, artistic and cultural activities for the university community and general public.

Along its eleven editions, the Conference has addressed topics such as: the university and its contribution to human rights, challenges of reconciliation, memory and public spaces, education and memory, fight against corruption, enterprises and human rights, among others.

#### “YACHAY” HUMAN RIGHTS CONTEST

The word “Yachay” means “to learn” in Quechua. By organizing this contest, IDEHPUCP aims those participants from local and international universities knowing how a lawsuit is confronted in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

In a simulated hearing, university teams from different countries play roles representing a State or the victim. This way, each team prepares a defense or accusation strategy by using their knowledge of doctrine and jurisprudence of International Law. Afterwards, they present, both written and orally, their defense statements related to a hypothetical case previously assigned. The jury assesses the quality of legal grounds, oral expression and coherence.

The two best teams, best speaker and best memorial are awarded.



## 4. DOCUMENTATION CENTER

This unit offers specialized information about democracy and human rights. Its collection comprises more than three thousand documents and national and international publications including printed, digital and audiovisual material.

This specialized bibliographic material is available for researchers, students and the general public.

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