

International Conference Labor Rights in the 21st Century Montevideo 2026

In an increasingly precarious and divided world, where labor rights are being increasingly reduced and attacked, we promote the universality of labor rights and the need to expand and improve them. Furthermore, we demand mandatory inclusive labor rights for emerging and digital jobs and the urgent need to promote a movement to implement international laws for the benefit of workers in and of all countries.

Therefore, we invite activists, academics, politicians, union leaders, and workers interested in sharing their experiences and presenting their ideas to the International Conference “Labor Rights in the 21st Century,” to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on November 20, 2026, at:

the Montevideo City Hall Conference Center (Av. 18 de Julio 1360) and Espacio Colabora (Arenal Grande and Mercedes).

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University - UAM (Mexico), Housing Works (New York City, USA), Schiller International University Heidelberg (Germany), Socialist Party (Uruguay), Communist Party of Uruguay (PCU), University of Iowa (USA), University of Genoa (Italy), Dr. José María Luis Mora Research Institute (Mexico), Michigan State University (USA), Bilkent University (Turkey), York University (Canada), University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA), University of São Paulo (Brazil), University of Buenos Aires (Argentina), University of Cape Town (South Africa), National University of General Sarmiento (UNGS) (Argentina), FLACSO-CONICET and CIFRA-CTA (Argentina), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Hong Kong, China), Morgan State University (USA), Complutense University of Madrid (Spain), Institute of Philosophy and Human Sciences-Unicamp (Brazil), Kettering University (USA), University for Foreigners of Perugia (Italy), Adolfo Ibáñez University (Chile), State Workers Association – ATE, National Technological University (Argentina), and Independent Researcher (Russia).

In addition, **three roundtables on labor rights will be organized**, comprised of activists, researchers, and union representatives from Uruguay and other countries, with the aim of sharing experiences and perspectives on current labor rights challenges.

During the day on Saturday, November 21, **thematic working groups will be formed** to collectively develop recommendations, public policy proposals, and international agreements. The results will be compiled and published as the conference's final document and promoted internationally.