



Annual Report

ICON•S Argentina Chapter

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This brief report describes the first year of existence of Argentina's Chapter of the International Society of Public Law (ICON•S).

A. Origins

The Argentina chapter of ICON•S was launched as an initiative of young scholars, mainly focused on Constitutional and international law in Argentina. Our goal was to create a new learning space, around which a solid community of inquiry could be formed. We organized a first virtual meeting on February 2021 in which we discussed the scope of the chapter, what our goals were, and so on. An Executive Committee was formed to develop the founding documents. On April 2021, our chapter was accepted.

B. Activities

We organized two activities: whole day discussion of papers, drafts and dissertation chapters that were identified by the Executive Committee in an in-house call among founding members.

The first meeting took place on May 27, 2021. It consisted of two discussion sessions in the morning, and two in the afternoon, where we discussed papers by Florencia Saulino, Ignacio Colombo, Florencia Lebensohn and Santiago Truccone. Our second meeting took place on September 10, 2021 and started with a key note address by Amaya Álvarez Marín, a member of

Chile's constituent assembly. The day carried on with the discussion of papers by Juan González Bertomeu, Julieta Cena and Mariela Puga. In both events, each paper was commented by a discussant and a general, seminar-style discussion ensued. All papers were distributed before the meetings.

Furthermore, several of our members participated in the ICON•S Mundo event that took place in July.

The chapter also sponsored two seminars on Constitutional Theory conducted by founding members Pedro Caminos (on September) and Roberto Gargarella (on November). The chapter also sponsored the Fifth Conference on History and Philosophy of Law in the Universidad Nacional de Cuyo (on November).

C. Membership

The chapter started with 85 founding members. Since then, twelve new members have joined the chapter. At the time of writing this report, women form the majority of the membership (55%). In terms of geographical representation, the chapter's membership appears reasonably well balanced (See Table 1) but membership from Buenos Aires is still predominant. The Executive Committee is making efforts to expand membership among academics, scholars, and practitioners in Argentina's provinces.

Table 1: Geographical Membership in Argentina's Provinces

Provinces	Membership
Azul (PBA)	2
Bahía Blanca (PBA)	1
CABA	48
Córdoba	22
La Pampa	2
La Plata (PBA)	3
Mar del Plata (PBA)	2
Mendoza	3
Neuquén	1
Salta	2
San Juan	1
Santa Fe	1
Tucumán	5
NA	4

D. Governance

The Governance has been mainly in charge of the Executive Committee, which has built a good working relationship and has managed to make swift decisions, generally through consensus in its six-members composition.

E. Next steps

Our main goal next year is to expand membership and federal representation within the chapter. We are also looking forward to organize our first in person meeting.