

2022 FUNDED GLOBAL SOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

Dejusticia

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PROLOGUE



The closing of spaces for democratic participation has strengthened the need for international Human Rights actors to support one another's work and amplify each one's voice in the global arena. In solidarity with the human rights movement, Dejusticia has developed a fellowship program to support human rights defenders of the Global South who, because of their work and advocacies, have been subjected to elevated risk from repressive actions by governments and other actors.

Through the Fellowship Program, we offer the fellows respite from the difficult contexts in which they work, time to reflect on and retool their strategies and approaches, the opportunity to receive financial support especially in cases where international funding has been cut off by their governments, and access to our research facilities and our researchers, to empower them to access a safe space to be more effective in the work they do at home.

We seek to build durable relationships with the fellows and their organizations so that collaborations can continue after the fellows have returned to their home countries. This ensures that the fellowships do not become ends in themselves, but function as accelerator nodes for the connections that will make the movement more integrated, tighter, and aimed at impact on issues most important to the Global South.

PROFILE

The Global South Fellow is:

A Human Rights defender from the Global South working in an emergency or high-risk context* with an ability to exchange knowledge and experience with Dejusticia researchers and the willingness to continue working with Dejusticia after the fellowship and create a joint work product with the Organization.

The fellow must be able to work in either English or Spanish.

***Emergency or High-Risk Context means any of the following:**

- The country/city where the fellow works is in an armed conflict, civil unrest, or under the rule of an authoritarian (or with a tendency to authoritarianism) government.
- The fellow or the host organization has been a target of threats, intimidation, or smear campaigns that poses a threat to their work defending Human Rights or their families' security.

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- The fellow or their organization has been cut off from funding due to government or private sector influence and pressure aimed at obstructing the work of the fellow/organization or harassing the fellow/organization.

THE FELLOW'S COMMITMENT:

The fellow will allocate their time at Dejusticia according to the following:

- 35% to support Dejusticia's host area's work.
- 40% to develop and implement his/her own project at Dejusticia.
- 25% to continue supporting his/her home organization's work remotely.
- Lead two sharing events (at the start of fellowship, to share the context and experience working as a Human Rights defender in his/her home country, and at the end of fellowship, to share the work done and reflections on the fellowship with Dejusticia).
- Output of the project to be completed during the fellowship, which will be submitted to the host area.
- At least one blog reflecting on his/her experience or work, to be published in Dejusticia's Global Blog.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The call for applications will be open until **March 20, 2022**. Fellowships are generally for a period of three to six months, depending on the availability of the fellow and the host team.

To apply, please fill out the following form which contains:

- Letter of motivation indicating your period of availability, our research area that you are interested to work in, and your commitment to explore joint research/advocacy/training collaborations after you complete your fellowship.
- CV that includes your proficiency in English and/or Spanish.
- Letter of institutional support (for individuals, this letter can come from an organization/community that can attest to your contribution to the movement).
- One-page proposal for a project to be carried out during the fellowship. These can include videos, blogs, articles, book chapters, or other outputs that communicate the context of your work to the Global South Human Rights movement.

APPLY IN THIS LINK: <https://bit.ly/Fellows-01>

Dejusticia will cover all travel expenses and provide a monthly stipend based on the person's profile and experience.

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ABOUT DEJUSTICIA

The Center for Law, Justice and Society (Dejusticia) is a Colombia-based non-profit organization working to strengthen the rule of law and promote Human Rights in Colombia and across the Global South. We are a think-do tank that combines rigorous research and strategic activism, an innovative approach that makes our work both challenging and exciting. Our research is informed by our activism, and our direct advocacy (through campaigns, litigation, education, and capacity building) is based on the evidence we gather and analysis we conduct through our research. This overarching methodology of “action- research” guides our work as an organization. Learn more about us at <http://www.dejusticia.org>.

Since our founding in 2005, our work has evolved into ten Thematic Areas: Gender Justice; Racial and Ethnic Justice; Economic Justice (including Business and Human Rights; Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights; Right to Health; Fiscal Justice; and the justiciability of Socioeconomic Rights); Rule of Law (anti-corruption and the workings of state institutions); Technology, Transparency, and Human Rights; Environmental Justice (participation, integral land use management, and climate change); Judicial Systems; Drug Policy; Transitional Justice; and Land and Peasantry. Cutting across our thematic work are five cross-cutting areas: Strategic Litigation, Communications, Education, Regionalization, and Internationalization. In addition to supporting our thematic work, our International Team works on the closing of spaces for civic participation, migration, and climate change.

Our methodology is three-pronged. First, we produce rigorous legal and social science research with the aim of contributing to a better understanding of systemic failures and rights violations. Second, we leverage our expert knowledge to contribute to direct action campaigns, litigation or interventions in public policy design. Finally, we promote free access to knowledge for human rights through capacity building and experience sharing in a variety of formats and with a wide range of stakeholders—from young advocates to scholars and community activists, from judges to policymakers, and from transnational advocates to domestic advocates in the Global South.

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COMMUNICATIONS AREA



DESCRIPTION

Dejusticia's Communications team is responsible for making the organization's work visible through multiple channels and in multiple formats, as well as positioning important debates about human rights in Colombia and the Global South in various audiences.

PROFILE OF THE APPLICANT

We are looking for a fellow who can help us bring our communications strategy to countries, audiences, advocates and organizations in the Global South, with skills such as creating campaigns, writing scripts and articles, designing pieces for social media and editing short videos in Reel format. We are looking for someone purposeful, deeply sensitive to human rights issues, rigorous, fluent in Spanish and English and with skills to work with a multidisciplinary team.

FUNCTIONS

1. Support the Communications coordination in the design and implementation of the team's international strategy.
2. Support the communications team in reacting to critical events for the human rights movement in the Global South.
3. Sporadically, the Fellow could also support the Communications team in the translation of certain content.

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REGIONALIZATION AREA



DESCRIPTION

In the Regionalization Area, we promote, in coordination with the different lines of research of Dejusticia and the various agents of territorial social change, a strategy to strengthen the rule of law and the promotion of human rights in the regions of Colombia. In this framework, we note that with the signing of the Peace Agreement with the former FARC-EP guerrillas, a scenario was opened that places us at a decisive moment to leave polarization behind and influence the redefinition of our ethical and political stances, so that we can seek elements that allow us to definitively remove violence from any debate and move forward in the construction of scenarios of coexistence and reconciliation for the implementation of peace.

Our work focuses on overcoming violent conflicts, the consolidation of peace and democracy, as well as the development of analysis and strategies that promote deliberative practices to increase cooperation, recognition of the others and peaceful coexistence is a global challenge.

PROFILE OF THE APPLICANT

We are looking for a fellow to join us in the Global South Fellowship program who has interest and knowledge in concepts or experience in processes of reconciliation and peaceful coexistence in transitional contexts.

FUNCTIONS

In 2022, we will be developing an analysis around the concept of reconciliation and coexistence that combines the theoretical with the experiential, using a territorial approach. We hope that the new team member will support us in a comparative literature review between experiences and concepts of reconciliation and coexistence in the international and national spheres, in order to promote the construction of the concept of reconciliation and a global vision of reconciliation.

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INTERNATIONAL AREA



DESCRIPTION

We would love to have the support of a fellow to work on the issues of: migration and refugee issues and their relationship to climate change; the closing of civil society spaces and the rise of authoritarian governments; as well as strengthening human rights movements in the Global South. Our team works on the aforementioned issues through research, training, advocacy and litigation projects. We also develop joint activities with human rights organizations in the Global South to strengthen their work and the different networks of which Dejusticia is a member.

PROFILE OF THE APPLICANT

Those interested in becoming International Fellows should demonstrate a commitment to the defense of human rights, especially in the Global South, and a sensitivity to working with historically excluded populations. They must have excellent interpersonal skills, willingness to collaborate with multiple actors and flexibility to contribute to projects with different thematic and methodological approaches. A professional in law, social sciences or international relations is preferable.

FUNCTIONS

1. Review and analyze specialized literature on issues related to migrants' rights, climate change and the closing of civil society spaces.
2. Support the design and conduct of interviews, focus groups and other methodological tools to collect information for research.
3. Support with the organization and planning of events, trainings and other initiatives related to the team's work.
4. Participate in external events (such as trainings or conferences) organized by Dejusticia's national and international networks and write internal summaries on the content of these events.

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SCHOOL D



DESCRIPTION

In 2017, Dejusticia formally established the creation of a school in human rights practice (hereafter School D) with the intention of consolidating its amphibious approach to human rights work, which involves combining social research projects with litigation, advocacy, communications and training strategies to advance its mission and influence multiple audiences. School D offers virtual, face-to-face and blended programs following an inverted learning logic that prioritizes co-creation methodologies. The functions of the School D team include: curriculum design, methodological design, design of pedagogical materials, facilitation, evaluation, monitoring and learning of training programs aimed at multiple audiences.

PROFILE OF THE APPLICANT

Individuals interested in becoming School D Fellows should demonstrate a commitment to human rights advocacy, especially in the Global South, and a sensitivity to working with historically excluded populations. They should have excellent interpersonal skills, a willingness to collaborate with multiple actors, and the flexibility to contribute to projects with different thematic and methodological approaches. Ideally we are looking for people with a background in pedagogy, community education or organizational development and skills in curriculum design, design of pedagogical materials, management of virtual learning systems or community management. We are looking for a person willing to imagine, learn, support the achievement of collective results, innovate and strengthen our educational offerings.

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



DESCRIPTION

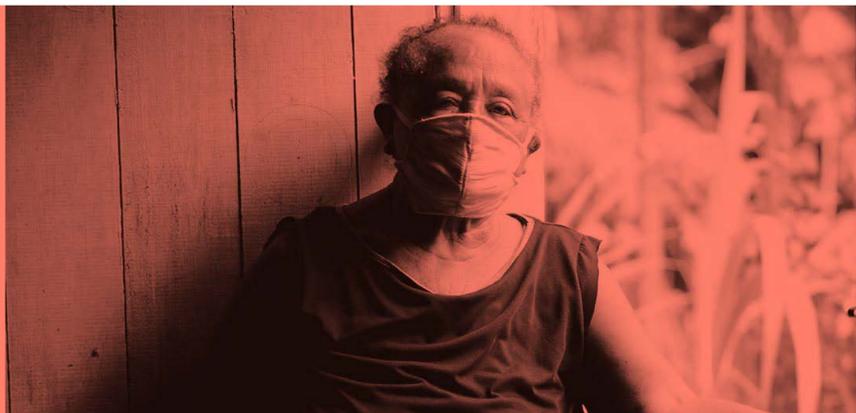
We work to guarantee the right of all communities and future generations to a healthy environment. We promote land use consistent with economic development, socio-environmental principles and the existence of policies and measures to prevent environmental damage from economic development based primarily on extractive industries. We advocate for environmental participation with an informed citizenry and legitimate institutions. We research and advocate for the development of a global and national legal framework for the protection of environmental displaced persons and refugees. At the same time, we work for a just transition from a carbon-intensive economy especially in countries of the Global South on which we focus.

FUNCTIONS

1. Support in the elaboration of the Mandate of the Rainforest, a document that should guide Dejusticia to include the minimum budgets for projects in the Amazon region.
2. Support in the advocacy strategy to strengthen the Mandate of the Rainforest.
3. Compilation of literature on energy transition and human rights.

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ECONOMIC JUSTICE



DESCRIPTION

In the economic justice area, we work for the legal recognition and effective implementation of social rights, with a special focus on the rights to health and food. In health, we promote public policies on health and its social determinants based on scientific evidence and with respect for human rights and democratic principles. Our work seeks to contribute through legal practice to more equitable access to health as well as the prevention of non-communicable diseases and deaths in auto accidents.

PROFILE OF THE APPLICANT

We are looking for a Fellow who works in the defense and promotion of health and/or its social determinants in any region of the Global South. Ideally, this person should be knowledgeable in Global Health debates and come at this issue with an interdisciplinary approach, be it law, public health, economics or any other relevant area. Ideally, this person should have experience working with communities traditionally discriminated against in equitable access to health or healthy food.

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ETHNIC & RACIAL JUSTICE



DESCRIPTION

The Ethnic and Racial Justice thematic area is dedicated to the search for equality for indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples. We are present in the design, accompaniment and strengthening of participation and prior consultation mechanisms related to natural resources and extractive industries. We also monitor decisions that affect these communities and promote affirmative actions, especially in the areas of employment and education. We strive to increase representation and participation to increase the effective enjoyment of the rights of indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples.

PROFILE OF THE APPLICANT

Be a professional in journalism, arts, anthropology or social sciences interested and preferably with previous experience in creative storytelling, ethnography, non-fiction literature and action-participatory research. Knowledge of a second language (preferably indigenous and/or English) and experience in journalistic projects and/or fieldwork would be an asset. Applications from professionals belonging to ethnic groups are appreciated.

FUNCTIONS

1. Support the Line's investigations through creative storytelling, art and photography.
2. To support the realization of workshops and academic activities organized by the thematic area.
3. Write and co-write journalistic chronicles, life stories and academic articles on the thematic area's research areas.
4. Attend academic discussions promoted by Dejusticia.

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FISCAL JUSTICE



DESCRIPTION

The fiscal justice thematic area focuses on analyzing the relationship between the fiscal policies of States and their capacity to protect, respect and guarantee the human rights of their citizens. It also studies the impact of taxation and public spending systems on income and wealth inequality. Thus, research and advocacy actions are sought to ensure that the tax systems of the world, as well as the international taxation system, design a progressive and fair taxation that allows States to have the maximum resources available to finance the needs of their inhabitants.

PROFILE OF THE APPLICANT

For this fellowship, we seek an economist, sociologist, political scientist, internationalist or related career, with previous knowledge and research interests in national, regional and global debates on tax justice with a human rights approach.

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PEASANT & LAND



DESCRIPTION

In the peasant and land area, we work for the right to land, the recognition of peasants' rights and the defense and fulfillment of these rights.

PROFILE OF THE APPLICANT

Being aware that the struggle of the peasantry is a global struggle, we are looking for a new member to join us in the global south fellows program, who has experience working with peasant collective groups or agrarian producers and/or land and territory issues.

FUNCTIONS

As a result of the Final Peace Agreement with the former FARC-EP guerrilla, former combatants have initiated processes of reincorporation into civilian life, accompanied by productive projects and settlement processes in rural and urban territories. Taking into account the recognition of this social and political issue, an issue which has peasant origins, we are currently developing a characterization of this population's access to land. In this sense, we hope that the fellow will support us in the exploration and review of sources and comparative literature on cases of access to land for the ex-combatant population as a result of peace agreements.

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