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**Pierre Gilles Bélanger** is a Canadian lawyer, member of the Quebec Bar since 1988. Over the past 25 years, he has been recognized for his leadership in areas related to criminal and international human rights, as well as democracy and law in the Americas.

From 2000 to 2007, still attached to the Canadian government he founded and coordinated an expert working group on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters throughout the Americas at the Organization of American States (OAS). In 2008, the Department of Justice Canada assigned him to join the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA) in Santiago, Chile, a center specializing in judicial reform in the Americas. In 2010 and 2014, he was a visiting professor at the Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (Tecnológico de Monterrey) in Mexico to teach courses in international relations in the Americas, international human rights, and conflict resolution. In 2011, he received Mexican certification in the new penal process in Mexico. Since 2023, he has been regularly invited to teach the course Ethics and Legal Profession at the Faculty of Law of the University of Chile.

Since 2010, Pierre Gilles has been a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa. He has developed a program with Latin American universities entitled "Legal-Political Orders in Latin America and its Relations with Canada" which allows students and teachers from Canada and Latin America to discuss legal issues that the hemisphere has in common. From 2016 to 2019, he was the coordinator and one of the trainers for the University of Ottawa of a major training project on the implementation of human rights for Mexican judges in the context of the new criminal process in Mexico. Recently, as a scholar-in-residence at the University of Ottawa's Centre for Research Experience and

subsequently as an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Civil Law, he developed a research platform in collaboration with a group of multidisciplinary researchers from Latin America and Canada on the legitimacy of judicial reforms in Latin America for vulnerable groups.

In 2021, he completed a Doctorate at the University of Ottawa. His dissertation focused on penal reforms in order to propose a more legitimate method of the penal process, particularly for groups or individuals traditionally vulnerable to the power of law. More specifically, in the context of the abridged procedure in Chile, he made a Bourdieusian analysis of the judicial actors and the impact of their decisions on the system and particularly on some of the accused. Since then, he has been appointed Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Civil Law at the University of Ottawa.

Mr. Bélanger is also a research member of the University of Ottawa's Centre for Research and Human Rights.

## Studies

- 2011 – 2021 Ph.D. Graduate studies in law - "The abridged procedure in Chile: a Bourdieu's analysis of the legitimacy of judicial reforms"  
<https://ruor.uottawa.ca/items/04e60fb2-e671-424c-91dd-73538492f16f>
- 2010 Diploma in Mexican Criminal Procedural Reform, Monterrey, Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Penales (INACIPE)
- 1989-90 Québec Bar
- 1986-89 LL. L, Law Faculty, University of Ottawa
- 1986-1996 Master, Social sciences, University of Ottawa, Dissertation : The Subject of Law in the Supreme Court of Canada - Based on Hegel's Philosophy of Law. <https://ruor.uottawa.ca/handle/10393/10413>
- 1983-86 B.A. Political Sciences, University of Ottawa
- 1981-83 B.A. Psychology School (with a concentration in communication), University of Ottawa

## Field of research and expertise

- Criminal law, human rights, constitutional law, and inter-American law
- Coordinator of a group of inter-American researchers on the legitimacy of judicial reforms across Latin America. [www.justiceamericas.org](http://www.justiceamericas.org)
- Training programs for Judicial experts <https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/uottawa-launches-globally-focused-program-legal-professionals-make-law-more-inclusive> and <https://www.uottawa.ca/notre-universite/luniversite-dottawa-lance-un-programme-denvergure-internationale-lintention-des-juristes-pour>

## Employment

**Legal Advisor, Canadian Department of Justice, Public Law Section and Criminal Policy Section. 1990 to 2024.**

### **Some special tasks and projects at the Department of Justice Canada:**

- Advisor to the Minister on Inter-American Relations
- Coordinator of the training project for Haitian judges
- Vice-president of the professional secrecy working group
- Training of senior civil servants in Canadian law
- Conflict resolution advisor
- Coordinator of the working group on mutual legal assistance and extradition (OAS)
- Senior Counsel and Manager of the legislative Re-enactment project – Justice Canada
- Senior lawyer with the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (2008)

## Professional activities

- Part-time professor, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Civil Law (2011 to present) - Main course "Political legal system of Latin America and its relations with Canada" <http://derecho.uchile.cl/noticias/178485/facultad-dicta-curso-junto-a-universidades-de-ottawa-y-central>
- Adjunct Professor, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law (2021 to 2026) – Coordinator of the Interamerican Platform on Justice and Research for vulnerable groups
- Editor for Canada of the legal magazine « Juriste International » (2020- ) <https://www.uianet.org/>

- Researcher in residence (2020-2021), University of Ottawa program for legal professionals to make law more inclusive  
<https://research.uottawa.ca/news/uottawa-launches-globally-focused-program-legal-professionals-make-law-more-inclusive>
- Coordinator and trainer for the University of Ottawa of the Mexican Judges Training Project (2016-2020)  
<https://mexicocanadajusticepartnership.wordpress.com/>
- Visiting-professor in law and international relations / Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico)  
2011 – México City Campus  
2009 – Cuernavaca Campus

## Recent Publications

- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, Interview with the Minister of Justice and Human Rights from Chile, “Estado del derecho en Chile” in *Juriste International*  
[https://www.uanet.org/sites/default/files/ji\\_2303\\_3\\_bat\\_bd.pdf](https://www.uanet.org/sites/default/files/ji_2303_3_bat_bd.pdf)
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilés y Sandoval Mesa JA., Elements of universal jurisdiction in criminal matters: Rome statute (1998) and domestic law in the Colombian case. *Sociol Int J.* 2023;7(5):246–250. DOI: 10.15406/sij.2023.07.00351  
<https://medcraveonline.com/SIJ/elements-of-universal-jurisdiction-in-criminal-matters-rome-statute-1998-and-domestic-law-in-the-colombian-case.html>
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, Après un rejet en 2022, une nouvelle constitution est prévue pour 2023 au Chili, in *Union International des Avocats*, Décembre 2023.  
[https://www.uanet.org/sites/default/files/ji\\_2023\\_2\\_bat.pdf](https://www.uanet.org/sites/default/files/ji_2023_2_bat.pdf)
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, *El Procedimiento abreviado en el contexto de la reforma legal penal chilena. Un análisis de la legitimidad Bourdieusiana a través de sus actores jurídicos*, capítulo 2 in «Justicia y legitimidad en América. Espacios judiciales para grupos vulnerables de especial protección», abril 2023, Ed. Instituto de Investigaciones y de formación en derechos humanos, México.  
[https://www.codhem.org.mx/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/justicia\\_legitimidad\\_digital.pdf](https://www.codhem.org.mx/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/justicia_legitimidad_digital.pdf)

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- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, El procedimiento abreviado en el contexto de la reforma legal penal chilena. Un análisis de la legitimidad bourdieusiana a través de sus actores jurídicos, Comisión de Derechos Humanos del Estado de México, « Justicia y legitimidad en América. - Espacios judiciales para grupos vulnerables de especial protección » , Enero 2023, Mexico  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WHzR8v3YL8DCTQy5zQM5edQjVbjqJB7w/view>
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, et Bernard Duhaime, Nelson Ovalle, Pierre Foucher, « La constitución canadiense y sus desafíos » , in *Observaciones sobre las constituciones del mundo por la chilena*, Ed. Tirant Le Blanch, Konrad Adenauer Foundation/Universidad de Chile, Oct. 2021.  
<https://www.kas.de/documents/271408/4591369/Constitución+y+estado+de+derecho.+Experiencias+comparadas.pdf/768a041d-bf45-63af-7c41-1b143e4d6bc5?t=1634656563176>
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, et Kami Temisjian, *Les entreprises canadiennes seraient-elles responsables de leurs actions à l'étranger?*, « Juriste International ». Feb. 2021  
[https://www.uianet.org/sites/default/files/uia\\_2102\\_bd\\_bat.pdf](https://www.uianet.org/sites/default/files/uia_2102_bd_bat.pdf)
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, « Le peuple chilien se dotera-t-il d'une nouvelle Constitution? » La Presse, October 21st 2020  
<https://www.lapresse.ca/debats/opinions/2020-10-20/le-peuple-chilien-se-dotera-t-il-d-une-nouvelle-constitution.php>
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles et Mariana Balcorta, Le droit de la Cour interaméricaine des droits de l'homme : une obligation moderne pour le Canada, *Revue générale de droit*, In *Le rôle du Canada à l'égard de la protection des droits de la personne au sein des Amériques*, Volume 49, 2019, p. 85–129, Ottawa, Canada.  
<https://www.canlii.org/fr/doctrine/doc/2019CanLIIDocs4013#!fragment//BQCwhgziBcwMYgK4DsDWszlQewE4BUBTADwBdoByCgSgBpltTCIBFRQ3AT0otokLC4EbDtyp8BQkAGU8pAELcASgFEAMioBqAQQByAYRW1SYAEbRS2ONWpA>
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles Y SANTIBANEZ RODRIGUEZ, Iliana, “Las decisiones judiciales como fuente del derecho internacional. La responsabilidad de los Estados en materia de derechos humanos: los casos de México y Chile”, in Becera Ramirez, Manuel, *Fuentes de derecho internacional desde una visión latinoamericana*, Editorial: Instituto de Investigaciones jurídicas UNAM, 2018, ISBN:978-607-30-1033-7,

Páginas:322, México.

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- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, Derechos Humanos y el Derecho Penal en el ciberespacio Rev. Sec. Perm. Tribunal Permanente de Revisión, 2017, Paraguay .  
<http://scielo.iics.una.py/pdf/rstpr/v5n10/2304-7887-rstpr-5-10-00274.pdf>
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles; « Et si Bourdieu avait une idée du droit de la personne pour les réformes pénales en Amérique latine? published in Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, May 2015, ed. Taylor and Francis - Routledge, London. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/08263663.2015.1044722>.
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles; «Une réforme pénale en Amérique latine qui devrait chercher sa légitimité», Hors-série, March 2015 in : Revue québécoise de droit international (RQDI) 29, ed. by Sébastien Grammond, Pierre Gilles Bélanger and all. <http://www.sqdi.org/fr/revue-collection-vhsn201503-3.html>, also available : <https://www.erudit.org/en/journals/rqdi/2015-rqdi05162/1067940ar/>
- MEJIA AZUERO, Juan Carlos; SANDOVAL MESA, Jaime Alberto; BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles (coautor); “Derecho Internacional Penal y derecho penal internacional”. Editorial Biblioteca Jurídica DIKE. Universidad de Medellín. Colombia. Primera Edición. Medellín, 2013 - ISBN 978-958-8692-69-2.
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles; “La libertad en un contexto de seguridad y la búsqueda del equilibrio para el ciudadano”; en: ZAVALA De ALBA, Luis Eduardo; BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, “Los derechos humanos en la formación ciudadana. Desafíos emergentes para la paz y la seguridad”, Tecnológico de Monterrey University Press, México, 2011, 28 pp.
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, Algunos apuntes sobre las razones de la reforma del procedimiento penal en América Latina, Prolegómenos. Derechos y Valores, vol. XIII, núm. 26, julio-diciembre, 2010, pp. 59-78 Universidad Militar Nueva Granada, Bogotá, Colombia. <http://www.redalyc.org/pdf/876/87617274005.pdf>
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## Scientific evaluation for indexed texts and grants

GRANT: March 2023 to December 2024: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Connection Grant as Principal Investigator Member

- Editor of the publication "Justice and legitimacy in América: Judicial Spaces for Vulnerable Special Protection Groups", January and April 2023, Ed. Institute for Research and Training in Human Rights, Mexico. [https://www.codhem.org.mx/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/justicia\\_legitimidad\\_digital.pdf](https://www.codhem.org.mx/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/justicia_legitimidad_digital.pdf)
- *La jurisprudence de la Cour interaméricaine des droits de l'homme et les luttes autochtones : le cas des communautés du Chaco paraguayen, à paraître dans les Cahiers de droit, Université Laval, 2023.*
- *Aproximación a un concepto material de democracia a partir de sus elementos fundamentales, destacados por la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, « Revista CONfines de relaciones Internacionales y ciencia política », Tecnológico de Monterrey, To be published September 2022*
- *L'autoritarisme concurrentiel à la lumière des zones grises, expériences depuis la frontière colombo-vénézuélienne, « Revista CONfines de relaciones Internacionales y ciencia política », Tecnológico de Monterrey, To be published in Nov. 2022*
- "Relevancia del ministerio público en las etapas procesales del sistema acusatorio, adversarial y su relación con los servicios periciales", Nov. 2021, Revista de Investigación en Derecho, Criminología y Consultoría Jurídica, UNAM, Puebla, MÉXICO
- « La criminalisation de l'action collective dans la crise actuelle des droits humains en Amérique latine », Hors-série (March 2015) Revue québécoise de droit international
- Leader of two winning grants applications obtained for projects at the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada - 2012 and 2015.

## Conferences and interviews

- "Ciberseguridad: empoderando a individuos e instituciones", Congreso Internacional del acceso a la información, la protección de datos personales y la rendición de cuentas, 25 de abril 2024, México  
<https://www.infoem.org.mx/es/contenido/noticias/expertos-discuten-retos-avances-y-riesgos-de-la-protección-de-datos-personales-y>
- "Acceso a la Justicia y Medio Ambiente", 30 de noviembre 2023, universidad central, Santiago.
- "Libertad Académica y el respeto por los Derechos Humanos: ventajas, desventajas y desafíos en la actualidad", October 19 2023, Scholar at Rist, (SAR) y el Departamento de Derecho Internacional de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de Chile. <https://derecho.uchile.cl/agenda/209958/seminario-libertad-academica-y-el-respeto-por-los-derechos-humanos>  
and

<https://derecho.uchile.cl/noticias/211666/libertad-academica-tiene-rol-clave-en-el-desarrollo-del-pensamiento>

- *A transversal view on legitimacy of the Judicial reforms of Latin America*, “La legitimidad y la ilegitimidad a través de los intereses de los actores”, 27, 28 april 2021 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OsoNuMJ2SnI>
- *Le Chili: Un laboratoire constitutionnel*, Jurivision, June 13th 2021, <<https://jurivision.ca/le-chili-un-laboratoire-constitutionnel/>>
- La implicación en derecho de la universidad de Ottawa en México, November 2nd 2020, *Confederación de Estudiantes de Posgrado e Investigadores Mexicanos en Canadá* (CEIMEXCAN) 2020: Huellas mexicanas en Canadá y sus frutos. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZaf7q7QFC4>
- Seminario Internacional sobre el derecho a la era de la pandemia, Proyecto PAPIME, October 7th,, UNAM, México <https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=5CpwSysGLFs&app=desktop&fbclid=IwAR2O7iCuU4eZRGs1djPunuBTMwK8XDE5m9lrVnhshl5VoX0tm-RNRW5shL>
- Judicial errors in Canada, presented at the Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- Le Chili – un laboratoire pour une nouvelle démocratie? Centre des études interaméricaines, Université Laval, Québec, March 12 2020 <<https://www.eti.ulaval.ca/evenements/le-chili-un-laboratoire-pour-une-nouvelle-democratie-cei>>
- Expériences universitaires et implication, Université de droit, faculté de droit civil, September 2nd 2020.
- Foro de Amnistía, “El proceso penal en América Latina”, Fundación Lucía Botín UNAM , México, August 30th 2018
- Le droit indigène en exploitation minière; l’expérience canadienne, lors du : Seminario "Estado, minería y pueblos indígenas: Las experiencias de Chile, Canadá y Nueva Zelandia. Estándares del sistema interamericano de DDHH", Santiago Central University , March 28th 2017, <https://www.facebook.com/programaddhhuken/posts/1039602689474691>
- Democracy and Free Trade: What’s happening with our corporations? Toluca, April 2015; <http://elpulsoedomex.com.mx/representantes-del-gobierno-y-embajada-de-canada-y-la-universidad-de-ottawa-visitaron-el-tsjem/>
- Advancing Democracy Consultation Session, Feb 20, 2014 - Canadian Foreign Affairs Strategy for Engagement in the Americas
- La transición de los juicios penales a orales , interview por la “ Agencia Mexiquense de Noticias,” July 8th 2014, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1glm4XhT84>
- Judicial guarantees, presented to judges from Argentina at the National Judicial Institute, Ottawa, December 2014.
- La transición de los juicios penales a orales, July 8th 2014, interviewed by Dr. Arturo Argente, México; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1glm4XhT84>
- L’État de droit et la démocratie en Amérique latine. Regard présent sur la règle de droit et la justice transitionnelle et alternative en Amérique latine: expériences



oartagées, University of Ottawa, March 25 th 2014,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QRQ6B4gzb7g>

- Presentation on Promotion of Democracy in Latin America, invited to speak at DFATD Strategies on the Americas (Gail Miller), Gatineau, February 2014
- Derecho penal, derecho humano comparada entre Colombia y Canadá, clase por magistrados, Universidad Santo Tomás, Bogotá, August 2013
- “Los desafíos de las « re » democracias”, Municipalidad de Santiago, Casa Colorada, Santiago, Chile, August 9, 2013.
- Les populations vulnérables et la liberté en Amérique latine, ACFAS, May 8 2013, Université Laval, Québec ;  
<http://www.acfas.ca/evenements/congres/programme/81/400/419/c>
- Proceso de marginalización vs. la inclusión de la ciudadanía en las Américas: “¿Cómo lograr la inclusión de los grupos vulnerables en cuestiones relacionadas a la aplicación efectiva de las nuevas reformas penales?” The impact on citizenship in the penal reform in Latin America, CALACS, May 4th 2013, Carleton University, Ottawa
- Entrevista con Radio-Canada-CBC Internacional, La importancia del derecho de libertad en reformas, March 26, 2013, [www.rcinet.ca/.../11-04\\_2013-03-26-la-importancia](http://www.rcinet.ca/.../11-04_2013-03-26-la-importancia)
- “Los nuevos derechos humanos en América Latina”, Oct. 3rd, 2012, Centre d’études Interamericaines, Université Laval, Québec, <http://www.cei.ulaval.ca/pdf/index.php?pid=28&n=67&lang=fr> <http://www.cei.ulaval.ca/index.php?pid=37&mode=tous&jour=3&mois=10&annee=2012&type=jour>
- “Crimes et pauvreté en Amérique centrale”, University of Ottawa, Law Faculty, March 5th 2012;
- La liberté de religion au Canada, University of Ottawa, Law Faculty, Feb.8th 2012.
- “Canadá, Estados Unidos y México, Democracia y derecho humano: Al nombre de la seguridad”, Universidad Veracruzana, 19 & 20 Oct 2011, Veracruz, México;
- Organization and presentation of: Los derechos humanos en la formación ciudadana: Desafíos emergentes para la paz y la seguridad, 17 & 18 March 2011, Cuernavaca, México;
- Radio Monterrey, El mundo del derecho, “El derecho de los ciudadanos”, Interviewed by Dr. Carlos Guabardi, Monterrey, Mexico March 15 2011.
- “Human Rights in Latin America”, Tecnológico de Monterrey, 16 & 17 Jan. 2011;
- “Drug related Violence and Media, the Canadian experience” presented at the annual Conference “Tec de Monterrey and Notre Dame University”, Feb 2010.
- “La Reforma penal en el hemisferio, una experiencia de democracia para la ayuda internacional” April 21st, 2010, with the Attorney General of Morelos, Cuernavaca, México.
- “Lessons learned to combat Narco traffic”, April 2010, Santo Tomas University, Bogota.
- “Réformes pénales et garanties juridiques en Amérique” Atelier technique sur la réforme des codes pénaux haïtiens, Port-au-Prince, June 2009.