

# Annual Report 2025



## The Legacy of Milada Horáková: Resistance and Human Rights

Seventy-five years after her execution, the legacy of Milada Horáková remains a powerful symbol of resistance and human rights. The future of democracy depends on new generations finding role models such as Horáková, both to confront authoritarianism and to demonstrate active solidarity with its victims.



In 2025, CADAL participated in public debate through 128 appearances in the press. It recognized the courage of four political prisoners in Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela with the Graciela Fernández Meijide Award. CADAL organized ten in-person events in Buenos Aires and two virtual seminars, issued public statements on serious human rights situations worldwide, and awarded four young people the Milada Horáková Award, as well as one student the “Sinic Analysis: Decoding China” Award.

CADAL published three books and seventy-nine articles, granted two distinctions recognizing commitment to international democratic solidarity, and reached 200 interviews through its Cuarto de Hora program. It reactivated the Coalition for Freedom of Association with nine organizations as Active Members and eight as Observers. Fifteen young people completed local

volunteer placements and international internships. CADAL also organized two concerts featuring musicians from Argentina, Cuba, and Nicaragua and renewed the leadership of its Board of Directors.

CADAL thanks the fifty-five participants who took part in events as speakers or moderators; three authors and three book collaborators; thirty-eight article authors; forty-nine interviewees on Cuarto de Hora; and five individuals who shared their testimony for the podcast Let's Talk About Human Rights.

Finally, CADAL extends special thanks to those who contributed to sustaining its work throughout 2025, making possible the implementation of activities in analysis, research, dissemination, training, monitoring, and policy advocacy aimed at defending and promoting human rights and international democratic solidarity.

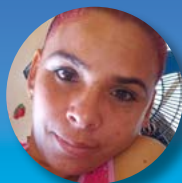
## Graciela Fernández Meijide Award 2025

In its third edition, corresponding to 2025, the award focused on individuals imprisoned for political reasons in Latin America whose cases have received limited international visibility. The jury expressed its high regard and recognition for the trajectory and courage of each nominee.

### Award winners:



**Nancy  
Henríquez**  
Nicaragua



**Lizandra  
Góngora**  
Cuba



**Alexander  
Fábregas**  
Cuba



**Carlos  
Julio Rojas**  
Venezuela





### Milada Horáková Award

Three International Relations students from the Catholic University of Salta, Candela Costa Taralli, Candela Aguirre, and Lucila Fernández, along with Lourdes Lobo from Universidad San Pablo in Tucumán (San Pablo University of Tucumán), received the Milada Horáková Award on November 10 at the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Buenos Aires. The award followed their participation in the seminar *Goodbye Lenin* and the submission of essays on cases comparable to that of the Czech heroine, focusing on Heda Margolius Kovály, Zofia Korbońska, and Margarete Buber-Neumann.



### "Sinic Analysis: Decoding China" Award

María Elvira Zavalía won the award after attending all six sessions of the seminar *The China of Xi Jinping*, organized by CADAL and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. She was recognized for her article *The Other Side of Anti-Imperialism: How China Succeeded in Winning Over Latin American Progressivism*. Five other participants received honorable mentions for their work: María Sol Villarruel, Luisina Bertolaccini, María del Milagro Nieva, Oriana Gómez Florez, and María Lourdes Lobo.

## Distinctions for Commitment to International Democratic Solidarity

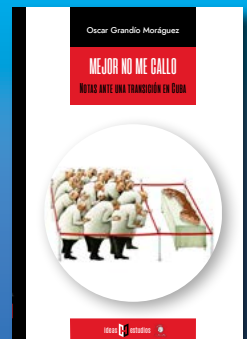
At the closing event of the 2025 edition of the *Goodbye Lenin Program*, CADAL awarded a distinction to historian Ricardo López Götting for his academic commitment to international democratic solidarity. For the past fifteen years, he has taught courses on the socialist experience in Central and Eastern Europe and on iron and velvet transitions as part of the educational program organized by CADAL's Václav Havel Institute.

To mark twenty years since the publication of *Maten al cartero: Posdata del asedio a la prensa durante las dictaduras militares del Cono Sur* (Kill the Postman: Postscript on the Siege of the Press during the Southern Cone Military Dictatorships) and the milestone of 200 interviews in the *Cuarto de Hora* (Quarter Hour) series, CADAL honored journalist Jorge Elías at its final event of 2025 for his journalistic commitment to international democratic solidarity.

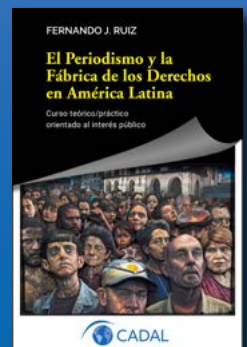


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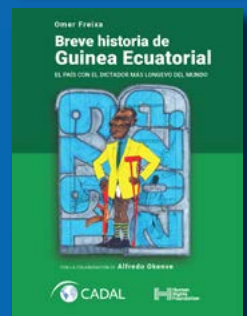
*Mejor no me callo: Notas ante una transición en Cuba* (I Will Not Remain Silent: Notes on a Transition in Cuba), by Oscar Grandío, with a foreword by Hilda Landrove, co-published with Hypermedia.



*El periodismo y la fábrica de los derechos en América Latina* (Journalism and the Making of Rights in Latin America), by Fernando J. Ruiz.



*Breve historia de Guinea Ecuatorial: El país con el dictador más longevo del mundo* (A Brief History of Equatorial Guinea: The Country with the World's Longest-Serving Dictator), by Omer Freixa in collaboration with Alfredo Okenve, with a foreword by Trifonia Melibea Obono, co-published with the Human Rights Foundation.





## Cuarto de Hora Interview Series

The interview series **Cuarto de Hora**, broadcast on CADAL TV on YouTube and hosted by journalist Jorge Elías, focuses on international human rights issues and reached 200 episodes by the end of 2025.

## The Defense of Human Rights in the Face of the Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza

**From a human rights perspective, Gaza represents a case where multiple systematic and documented violations converge.**

On September 5, CADAL issued a statement indicating that “There is international consensus—including within Israeli society and the global Jewish community—that the military response following the Hamas attack of October 7, 2023, has been disproportionate. The destruction of hospitals, schools, UN shelters, and civilian infrastructure cannot be considered collateral damage: international organizations have identified these actions as possible war crimes. The displacement of millions of people and the blockade leading to famine constitute clear violations of humanitarian law”.

The statement added that “The exact number of victims remains uncertain, but the scale is devastating. Gaza is also virtually closed to international journalism. The



deaths of at least 184 Palestinian journalists confirm that the press has been a direct target in one of the deadliest wars for the profession in recent history. In this context, the announcement of a new settlement in the West Bank—which will further fracture Palestinian territory and bury the two-state solution—shows that Israel is deepening its occupation strategy, disregarding the international community”.

In this way, CADAL reaffirms its commitment to the universal defense of human rights, to transparency of information, to international solidarity with the victims of human rights violations, and to resisting attempts by those in power to deny responsibility and conceal the consequences of their actions.

## Renewal of Authorities

In October 2025, CADAL renewed the leadership of its Board of Directors. The Board is composed of Carlos Fara, President; Inés Pousadela, Vice President; José Montaldo, Secretary; and Bernabé García Hamilton, Treasurer.



CADAL is a private, non-profit, non-partisan foundation established on February 26, 2003, and registered with the General Inspectorate of Justice in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Its mission is to promote human rights and international democratic solidarity.

CADAL is part of the International Coalition to Stop Crimes against Humanity in North Korea, the International Tibet Network, and

the Coalition for Freedom of Association. It is a member of TrustLaw and is registered as a Civil Society Organization with the Organization of American States.

In October 2022, the Faculty of Law of the University of Buenos Aires recognized CADAL's work for its historic, consistent, and courageous defense of human rights in the field of foreign policy.



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