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Pierre Gilles Bélanger is a Canadian lawyer who has shown leadership in crucial areas related to democracy and law in the Americas over the past 25 years. From 2000 to 2007, still linked to the Government of Canada, he was the coordinator of an expert working group on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters in the whole of the Americas with the Organization of American States (OAS). In 2008, the Department of Justice of Canada commissioned him to join the Center for Justice Studies of the Americas (JSCA) in Santiago, Chile, a center specializing in criminal justice reform in the Americas. In 2010 and 2014, he was visiting professor at the “Tecnologico de Monterrey” University (Mexico) to teach courses on international relations in the Americas, international human rights, and conflict resolution. In 2011, he received Mexican certification in the New Mexico Criminal Process.

Since 2010, Pierre Gilles has been a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa. It has set up a program with universities in Latin America, a program entitled "The political-legal order in Latin America and its relations with Canada" which allows students and teachers from Canada and Latin America to discuss issues of rights that the hemisphere has in common. From 2016 to 2019 he was the coordinator and one of the trainers for the University of Ottawa on a major training project on the implementation of human rights for Mexican judges in the framework of the new criminal process in Mexico. Most recently, he joined the University of Ottawa's Research Experience Center as a researcher in residence where he is developing a research and training program on the legitimacy of judicial reforms in Latin America for vulnerable groups. Presently and in collaboration with a group of multidisciplinary researchers from Latin America and Canada, he is developing as an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Civil Law a research and training program on the legitimacy of judicial reforms and legal approaches in Latin America for vulnerable groups.



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Pierre Gilles has just completed a doctorate in law at the University of Ottawa. It focused on criminal law reforms to provide a more legitimate approach to the penal process, particularly for groups or individuals traditionally vulnerable to the rule of law. More particularly, he made a Bourdieusian critique of the judicial actors in the context of the abbreviated procedure in Chile.

Mr. Bélanger is also a member of the Center for Human Rights at the University of Ottawa. Pierre Gilles Bélanger has been a member of the Barreau du Québec since 1988 and was recently appointed adjunct professor at the Faculty of Civil Law at the University of Ottawa in 2021.

Studies

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| 2011 – 2021 | Ph.D. Graduate studies in law - "The abridged procedure in Chile: a Bourdieu's analysis of the legitimacy of judicial reforms" |
| 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. |
| 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.

Employment

Legal Advisor, Canadian Department of Justice, Public Law Section and Criminal Policy Section. 1990 to 2021.

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
- 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>
- Auxiliary 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.uanet.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 / 2009 - Cuernavaca

Recent Publications

- 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
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- 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//BQCwhgzIBcwMYgk4DsDWszIQewE4BUBTADwBdoByCgSgBplTCIBFRQ3AT0otokLC4EbDtyp8BQkAGU8pAELcASgFEAMioBqAQByAYRW1SYAEbRS2ONWpA>
- 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.
<https://archivos.juridicas.unam.mx/www/bjv/libros/11/5143/9.pdf>
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles, Una reforma Penal en Latinoamérica en búsqueda de su legitimidad, pp.39-76, in Bélanger y Sandoval, *Debates y desafíos del estado de derecho y las formas alternas de Justicia - El orden jurídico político de Canadá y sus relaciones con Latinoamérica*, 2019, Ed. Nueva Jurídica, Colombia
- 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>
- BÉLANGER, Pierre Gilles; “Implementation of the obligations set out in the Statute of the International Criminal Court: Canada's experience”, OAS Web page, 2007. http://www.oas.org/juridico/mla/en/can/en_can_cpienglish.html

Scientific evaluation for indexed texts and grants

- *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 politica », 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

- *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> entre 23:20 hasta 38:00
- 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 21st, 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/programaddhucen/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
- “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.