

Public lecture at Universidad ORT Uruguay, 2025.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 16

Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

ORT contributes to safer communities and stronger institutions through research on crime and illegal markets, education for democracy and the rule of law, ethics across the curriculum and award-winning investigative journalism by its graduates.

3

new research projects on crime, violence and business

56

courses mapped to SDG 16 (ethics, governance, human rights)

3rd

year of Euromodelo Joven with the EU Delegation

TEACHING & LEARNING

Euromodelo Joven 2025

For the third year, ORT co-organized this EU leadership programme with the Delegation of the European Union: 70 places for students from all universities in Uruguay, with training, debates and a two-day simulation of the European Parliament ending at the Legislative Palace in Montevideo. facs.ort.edu.uy/novedades/lanzamiento-del-euromodelo-2025

Ethics and governance

Ethics workshops for accountants, Corporate Governance, Sustainability and Risk Management, Ethics, Legislation and Professional Communication in Engineering, and the II Symposium on Information Ethics on AI. fc.ort.edu.uy/novedades/ii-simposio-de-tica-de-la-informacion-desaf...

Jean Monnet Module

The EU-funded Jean Monnet Module Thinking Europe closed three years of activity in November 2025, after a year of courses, a European cultures workshop, Europe Day, webinars on climate and on democracy and populism, and five open lectures. facs.ort.edu.uy/novedades/cierre-del-modulo-jean-monnet

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Crime and business dynamics

Two projects funded by the ANII Citizen Security Fund study how crime affects firm creation and closure and local employment (Dr. Marcos Segantini), and the operational dynamics of drug micro-trafficking, violence and criminal groups in Montevideo (Dr. Gonzalo Croci). A third, funded by the IDB, examines crime and entrepreneurship (Dr. Santiago Acerenza). facs.ort.edu.uy/novedades/anii-aprobo-dos-proyectos-de-investigacio...

Democracy and populism

Research and debate on the democracies of Argentina and Uruguay and on European and Latin American populisms. facs.ort.edu.uy/novedades/miradas-cruzadas-sobre-los-populismos-eur...

COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIPS

Investigative journalism

Graduate and lecturer Tomer Urwicz and Carolina Delisa (El Observador) won the Marcelo Jelen National Written Press Award for an investigation into the sexual exploitation of girls in a state care home in Rivera, which documented at least nine cases and led to a parliamentary interpellation and a review by the National Human Rights Institution. Martín Tocar and Delisa also won the Bartolomé Hidalgo Award for chronicle and investigative journalism. fc.ort.edu.uy/novedades/docente-y-graduado-de-la-universidad-ort-ur...

Institutional cooperation

ORT and the MERCOSUR Secretariat agreed to promote institutional cooperation; faculty serve as international experts in arbitration (Latin American Centre for Arbitration and Mediation, LATCAM). facs.ort.edu.uy/novedades/ort-y-la-secretaria-del-mercosur-impulsan...

Expert advice to public bodies

Renato Opertti, adviser on international projects at the Institute of Education, served as evaluator for Chile's National Council of Education, assessing research proposals aimed at improving learning. Mariela Questa-Torterolo joined the Evaluation and Monitoring Committee of the Education Sector Fund "Inclusión Digital" of ANII and Fundación Ceibal, which co-ordinates the technical evaluation of proposals, and ANII's selection committee for links with Uruguayan scientists abroad. ie.ort.edu.uy/novedades/opertti-participo-como-evaluador-de-proyect...

Memory and human rights

The Department of Jewish Studies commemorated the International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

56 course offerings linked to SDG 16 in 2025

- Ética y Relaciones con la prensa (Communication)
- Org. industrial y regulación (Engineering)
- Ética, legislación y comunicación profesional (Engineering)
- Taller de ética y sostenibilidad empresaria (Management)
- Taller de Ética (Management)
- Biotecnología de microorganismos y biología sintética (Engineering)
- Gestión y gobernanza de la seguridad de la información (Engineering)
- CERTIFICACIONES ENERGÉTICAS EN EDIFCIOS (Architecture)
- Gen c/renovables y redes int. (Engineering)

Understanding crime to build safer communities

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new research projects on crime, violence and business in 2025

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2025 publications on crime, justice, democracy and human rights

70
places in Euromodelo Joven 2025 for students across Uruguay

Public security is a major public concern in Uruguay, and in 2025 the School of Management and Social Sciences consolidated a research line on crime and institutions. Two projects funded by the ANII Citizen Security Fund began: one, led by Dr. Marcos Segantini, measures how crime affects the creation and closure of firms and local employment; the other, led by Dr. Gonzalo Croci, applies crime-script analysis to the operational dynamics of drug micro-trafficking, violence and criminal groups in Montevideo. A third project, funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), studies the causal relationship between crime and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Croci published in the Journal of Criminal Justice on the role of the criminal justice system in explaining homicide rates, in the International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice on effectiveness and corruption in Latin American justice systems, and in the Palgrave Handbook of Criminology and the Global South on the spread of organised crime violence.

Research on democracy and human rights included studies in Democratization on autocracy promotion in Venezuela and Nicaragua, a report by Inés Pousadela on reforming the UN Human Rights Council, and an analysis of Montevideo's Marcha del Silencio as collective memory.

Education for democracy continued with Euromodelo Joven, which offered 70 places to students from all Uruguayan universities to simulate the European Parliament, ending at the Legislative Palace.

SELECTED 2025 PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS BY ORT FACULTY

1. Croci, G., & Gómez, J. (2025). Breaking the cycle: The role of the criminal justice system in understanding homicide rates. Journal of Criminal Justice, 99, 14 p.
2. Croci, G. (2025). Effectiveness and corruption in the criminal justice system of Latin America: An overview. International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice, 49(1), 81-105.
3. Croci, G., Dammert, L., & Larroca, M. (2025). From safe havens to hotspots: The spread of organised crime violence in Latin America. En R. Pessoa Cavalcanti, D. S. Fonseca, V. Vegh Weis, K. Carrington, R. Hogg, & J. Scott (Eds.), The palgrave handbook of criminology and the global south (pp. 1-20). Palgrave Macmillan.
4. Croci, G., Larroca, M., & Gómez, J. (2025). Las cambiantes dinámicas del crimen organizado en América Latina (Documento de Investigación nro. 150). Universidad ORT Uruguay.
5. Palestini, S., Quispe, L., & Telias, D. (2025). Autocracy promotion in the Americas? Scrutinizing the effect of China and Russia on democracy protection in Venezuela and Nicaragua. Democratization, 24 p.
6. King, S., & Pousadela, I. M. (2025). The UN human rights council: Challenges and opportunities for reform (ENSURED Research Report nro. 8). Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi).
7. Moreno Barreneche, S. (2025). La marcha del silencio en Uruguay: abordaje semiótico de una práctica ritualizada por la memoria colectiva. América Latina Hoy, 95, 25 p.