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CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS  
**JUSTICIA & SOCIEDAD**

Knowledge, evidence and public policies for justice, security  
and social inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean.

## About us

The Center for Studies on Justice and Society (CJS UC) is a research centre with a Latin American focus based at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, among the top Higher Education institutions in the region as per diverse international rankings.

## Mission

With over a decade worth of experience, CJS looks to produce relevant knowledge and contribute towards the elaboration and analysis of public policies that foster and promote a more just and safe society.

## Regional focus

Latin America is one of the most violent regions worldwide and shows higher indexes of fear, insecurity, inequality and institutional weakness, conditions that influence CJS UC's work as well as underpin our commitment of working with local authorities, international institutions, other Universities and Non-Governmental Organizations. We incentivise South-South cooperation with countries and research centres to promote knowledge and good practices.

## Comprehensive view

Through an interdisciplinary team made up of sociologists, lawyers, psychologists, economists, criminologists and journalists, we look to critically and integrally understand the complexity of crime, justice and invisibilized communities on the margins of society.

## Leadership Team



**Eduardo Valenzuela**  
Director

Professor at the Institute of Sociology and the School of Government at the Pontificia Universidad Católica, director of the National Bicentenario UC-Adimark Survey and Chief Researcher at the Centre for Intercultural and Indigenous Studies (CIIR). He has conducted research, teaching and work on public policy in the areas of social cohesion, security and drugs. Between 2001 and 2010, he was an advisor for the National Service for the Prevention and Rehabilitation of Alcohol and Drug Consumption (SENDA). He has a BA in Sociology from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and a D.E.A. in Sociology from the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (Paris, France). Until 2021 he was the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.



## Catalina Droppelmann

Executive Director

Professor at the School of Government and the Institute of Sociology at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. She has conducted research, teaching and work on public policy on the topics of justice, crime and social exclusion. She has a BA in Psychology from Universidad de Valparaíso as well as a Master's degree in Criminological Research (Chevening Scholar) and a PhD in Criminology, both from the University of Cambridge, UK. She has worked as a consultant for international organizations such as the IDB, OAS, UNODC and UNICEF. She is an affiliate member of the Centre for Community, Gender and Social Justice at the Uni-



## Pablo Carvacho

Director of Research and Development

Professor at the Institute of Sociology at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. He has a Law degree from Universidad de Chile, a Master's in Sociology from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, a Master's Degree in International Legal Studies (SPILS) from Stanford University and is a PhD(c) in Law from the University of Edinburgh. He was the Director of the Division of Territorial Management at the Undersecretariat of Crime Prevention at the Government of Chile and a founding member of the NGO Ciudadano Inteligente. He has been an international consultant for diverse organisms, including the IDB, OAS, UNICEF and IDLO.

# Our pillars



## TRAINING

### **Human capital development with a solid social commitment**

We have trained hundreds of undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as professionals through continuous education in topics such as sociology of crime, criminology, drug policy and programs, organized crime, infancy and vulnerated adolescence, reentry and social rehabilitation, white collar crime, and access to justice, among other topics.



## RESEARCH

### **We promote knowledge**

Throughout our trajectory, we have carried out academic publications and high-impact research regarding public policy in Chile and Latin America, contributing towards the generation of knowledge in the region.



## POLICY INFLUENCE

### **We create impact and transformation**

We contribute to public debate through the involvement in public and legislative debates that impact the realms of justice, security and social exclusion.

## Our methodology

Depending on the nature of the research issues, we employ diverse and comprehensive strategies:

Basic research	Data gathering through interdisciplinary and innovative techniques	Systematic reviews of evidence and comparative public policy
Applied research	Evaluation of programs and public policies, such as design, process, results and impact research.	Design and monitoring of the implementation of public policies

## Research areas



### Childhood and adolescence

- Rights protection
- Juvenile Justice



### Drugs

- Prevention
- Treatment and social integration
- Politics of control



### Public Security

- Police
- Fear
- Crime prevention



### Justice Systems

- Access to Justice
- Prosecution, Judiciary and Public Defense
- Victims



### Prison System

- Prisons
- Alternatives to imprisonment
- Rehabilitation and Desistance

We have  
collaborated  
with



- Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).
- Organization of American States – Inter American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD).
- UNICEF.
- Konrad Adenauer Foundation.
- Worldvision.
- ACNUR – The UN Refugee Agency.
- GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
- Governments of Chile, Costa Rica, Perú, Panama, Colombia, Guyana, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic.
- Universities based in Latin America, the United States of America, and Europe.

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