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INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS ANNOUNCES THE RESULTS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

San José, Costa Rica, January 29, 2025. – Yesterday, during the Opening Ceremony of Inter-American Judicial Year 2025, the winners of the photography contest “Focusing on Rights: a photographic journey along with the I/A Court HR,” organized as part of the 45th Anniversary of the Court, were announced. The winners, chosen from more than 150 regional participants, portrayed in their photographs themes such as memory, immigration and displacement.

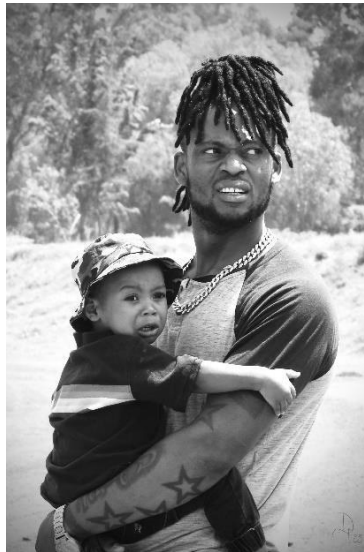
The photographs were evaluated by a jury composed of: Maria Fernanda García, from Chile, current director of the Museum of Memory and Human Rights of Chile; Federico Ríos, Colombian photojournalist and finalist of the prestigious 2024 Pulitzer award for his coverage of the flow of immigrants through the Darién jungle; and lastly, on behalf of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Judge Nancy Hernández López, from Costa Rica. The contest consisted of three categories: 1) Focus on rights: Pictures of iconic moments in the history of Latin America and the Caribbean alongside the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. These images can be related to official visits or social contexts in which the Court had an impact. 2) Humans in the lens: Artistic images that represent the current work of the I/A Court HR and the impact of its decisions on the countries in the region. 3) Portrait of a continent: Unpublished photographs showing human rights milestones, realities and challenges in the countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The winning photographs were:

- **Focus on rights.** 29th Anniversary of the Massacre at Pak’oxom, Lawyers Without Borders, Guatemala, Photographer: James Rodríguez.



- **Humans in the lens.** Anguish, David Fonseca.



- **Portrait of a continent.** Immigrant via crucis, an exodus of faith, Emanuel Hernández Salinas, Office for the Defense of Human Rights of the People of Oaxaca.



The Court created the contest as an opportunity to recognize, through the lens of images and culture, the impact of the Court's decisions over the last four decades. The initiative was part of the 45th Anniversary of the Court, and sought to create more spaces for the participation of new groups regarding human rights in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Participation in this contest was free of charge and open to all nationals of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, with no age restriction. Civil society organizations, journalists and media were invited to participate. The winning images will be exhibited at the seat of the I/A Court HR in San José, Costa Rica, accompanied by a commemorative plaque with the details of the award winners, with the support of the Bar Association of Costa Rica. An award certificate will also be given by the Registrar's Office.



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