

“Does Forgiveness Exist without Justice? Testimony of Mariana Suárez Ulloa”



Mariana Suárez Ulloa sharing her testimony of repression in Venezuela with the students.

This past Wednesday, February 26, the Francisco de Vitoria University hosted a moving reflection on forgiveness and justice in Venezuela, with the political scientist and human rights activist Mariana Suárez Ulloa as the main speaker. Under the title *"Does forgiveness exist without justice?"*, the event, organized by the Institute of Forgiveness and the Center for Education in Virtues and Values (CEV), brought together students around this real testimony that reflects the suffering of those who have faced repression in the South American country. This testimony included the analysis of scenes from the film "SIMÓN", which illustrates the brutal reality of political persecution in Venezuela and the lasting impact it has on its victims.

Mariana, who has been incarcerated three times and suffered physical and psychological torture, shared her personal experience of struggle and resistance. Her bravery, generosity, and perseverance throughout her life have made her one of the most prominent voices in the defense of human rights. Her significance in the fight for justice reflects her character and her deep commitment to her country.

Her unceasing work for the defense of human rights has made her a key voice in denouncing the abuses of the Venezuelan regime: "The war for my country is not over, we have only lost some battles."

The event aimed to generate a space for deep reflection on the possibility of forgiving without justice and the implications of this dichotomy in the reconstruction of a country marked by violence and impunity.

The attendees left the event deeply touched and with new perspectives on the fight for human rights in Venezuela. The day reaffirmed the need to keep alive the memory of all those Venezuelans who are no longer with us and who gave their lives in the fight for their country's freedom.

Thank you, Mariana, for promoting justice as the foundation for true reconciliation!