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Description

This Special Edition of *Colombia International* invites rigorous research and reflection articles that pose relevant questions and present findings related to political campaigns and the results of the legislative and presidential elections (first and second round) in Colombia in 2022.

As on other occasions, the 2022 elections have been shown by the media and seen by a good part of public opinion as historic elections whose main feature, in discursive terms, has been the idea of change, understood in different ways: structural change, necessary reforms, change with responsibility, alternation in power, etc. It is also important to highlight that these elections were not played in the context of the peace/war dilemma, as was usual in the country for at least two decades.

The context of the 2022 electoral process had different characteristics, which influenced the campaigns of political parties and candidates and the electoral results. Some of these characteristics were: the end of a government with high rates of unpopularity; the emergence of candidacies disconnected from traditional politics; the defense of campaign speeches focused on the need for structural changes; the need to implement measures of the 2016 Peace Agreement; economic and social conditions left by the pandemic (e.g., impoverishment, greater inequality, higher unemployment, among others).

It also meant a change in campaign strategies, the employment of electoral vehicles to reach votes, the use of social networks, the participation and agency of citizens, the use of fear as a tool for selection or decision-making regarding votes, an increase in participation, the strategic use of blank votes, the consolidation of personalistic ties, etc.

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Consequently, we propose as some of the thematic strands of this special issue the following:

- Electoral and varied performance of political parties
- Selection of candidates in legislative elections and the role of inter-party consultations in presidential elections
- Behavior of political coalitions
- What happened to the political center?
- Campaign strategies of parties and coalitions
- Use of social networks
- Variation of electoral competition throughout the national territory
- Programmatic, clientelistic, and personalistic relationships of candidates with voters
- Political representation of women and minorities (indigenous, Afro-Colombian, peasant, LGTBI community, Christians, among others).
- Election of Special Transitory Peace Constituencies
- Polarization or exhaustion of the *status quo*? Punishment of the Duque government? Weakening or the end of Uribism?
- Political configuration of the Congress and relations with the Executive: Parties and lists of coalition-opposition-independents
- Role of the National Registry
- Electoral democracy in Colombia