Presidential Debates
Co-Organized with CIES

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CIES. June 2016. The Economic and Social Research Consortium (CIES, for its acronym in Spanish) co-hosted with the National Electoral Board the three Presidential debates and the programmatic technical debate between Governance Plan teams, during the first round of the Peruvian election and runoff election. IDEA International and UNDP also participated in this co-organization.

The debate prior to the first round of elections took place in Lima, in April 3, where 10 presidential candidates participated. After elections of April 10, Keiko Fujimori (Fuerza Popular Political Party) and Pedro Pablo Kuczynski (Peruanos Por el Cambio Political Party) obtained the highest percentage, and both participated in two further debates, the first in Piura (decentralized) and the second in Lima.

On May 15, the technical debate took place in Cusco between the Governance Plan Teams of both parties. Next week, on May 22, the decentralized presidential debate took place in Piura, at the National University of Piura campus, while the final debate took place in Lima on May 29 at University of Lima.
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Ten candidates for the presidential office participated in the debate. It was divided in 4 blocks: vision of the country, debate in pairs, questions from public and a final message. Journalists José Maria Salcedo and Mávila Huertas were the moderators. The purpose of the debate was to enable the country’s voters cast a responsible and informed vote in Sunday April 10, thus fulfilling one of the commitments that the political parties signed in the Electoral Ethics Pact. In this debate a block of questions from citizens was included, collected by the JNE and the CIES through the web of the Informed Vote program. More than a thousand questions in various topics were collected, and only 10 questions addressed to the candidates in the debate were chosen by lot.

Pairs:
Alan García (Alianza Popular) versus Fernando Olivera (Frente Esperanza)
Pedro Pablo Kuczynski (Peruanos Por el Kambio) versus Antero Flóres-Araoz (Partido Orden)
Alfredo Barnechea (Acción Popular) versus Gregorio Santos (Democracia Directa)
Keiko Fujimori (Fuerza Popular) versus Miguel Hilario (Progresando Perú)
Verónica Mendoza (Frente Amplio) versus Alejandro Toledo (Perú Posible)
Towards the second runoff: Decentralized technical debate. Cusco, May 15

The technical debate in second runoff was held in Cusco. It was developed in 5 blocks: economy, social development, State reform and decentralization, citizen safety, and closing remarks. Each block began with a presentation of the topic, followed by the other party reply. The National Electoral Board, CIES and the other organizers highlighted the willingness of the political organizations to develop this debate outside the capital city for the first time in the history of debates. The journalist Pedro Tenorio performed as moderator.

Technical teams were formed by:

**Fuerza Popular**: Eduardo Vásquez Huamán, Vladimiro Huaroc Portocarrero, Elmer Cuba Bustinza, Eduardo Pérez Rocha y José Chlimper Akerman

**Peruanos Por el Kambio**: Alfredo Thorne Vetter, Martín Vizcarra Cornejo, Gino Costa Santolalla, Juan Sheput Moore y Mercedes Aráoz Fernández.

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Towards the second runoff: First decentralized Presidential Debate. Piura, May 22

Composed by 6 blocks: vision of the country, decentralization and territorial planning, regional competitiveness, natural resources and social conflicts, infrastructure, and final message. This debate was carried out at the National University of Piura, institution associated to the CIES. Journalists Monica Delta and Carlos Cornejo were the moderators.

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Towards the second runoff: Presidential Debate. Lima, May 29

This debate was developed at the University of Lima, divided in 8 blocks: Why should I be elected president?, economic growth and employment, environment and sustainable development, education, poverty reduction and inequality, transparency and corruption control, civilian safety and public order, citizens questions, and a closing message. Journalists Federico Salazar and Mávila Huertas were the moderators.

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Polls and final result (June 5)

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