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## Ivette E. Galván García

Ivette Galván is a lawyer and is currently the **Coordinator of the Strategic Litigation Committee with the Centre for Indigenous Rights (CEDIAC)**, which is part of the Jesuit Mission of Bachajón in Chiapas, Mexico. She will be speaking as a guest of Canadian Jesuits International in Ottawa on **November 15, 2018**. Ivette will be in Ottawa for six weeks as a participant in the Sister to Sister Mentorship Program of the Nobel Women's Initiative.

As a defender of human rights, Ivette is continually sharpening her legal analysis from theory to practical application. She is self-taught in Tsel'tal, a Mayan language, and is passionate about defending indigenous rights as outlined in the Mexican constitution. Inspired by communities that champion a community-centred approach, she envisions a world where indigenous peoples are both the "subjects and writers of their own history." Ivette is deeply committed to fostering meaningful relationships and hopes to be an effective interlocutor of strategies to meet the needs of the Tsel'tal people. See Ivette's article ["The right to self-determination in Chiapas, Mexico."](#)



Canadian Jesuits International (CJI) supports projects for promoting the rights of indigenous peoples in Chiapas, Mexico. They include the training of human rights promoters, research, advocacy, peace building and the promotion of good governance. CJI has invited Ivette Galván to update us on the situation in Chiapas and on the indigenous peoples she works with. She will be speaking in Ottawa as part of CJI's Tell Ten campaign called [Bridging Borders](#).

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