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Overview

I am a Lecturer in Law and the Director of the Human Rights Centre Clinic. I also lead the 'Human Rights Local' project at the Human Rights Centre.

Between 2017 and 2019, I was a Research Associate at the Institute of Health & Society of Newcastle University, where I co-drafted the first Bill on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the UK.

Between 2016 and 2019, I was the Policy Director of Just Fair, leading the organisation's research, strategic communications, partnerships and campaigning on economic and social rights in the UK.

Between 2013 and 2019, I worked as an independent researcher for Amnesty International, authoring four reports on the rights to health, education and housing in Spain. Over the years, I have also been very involved in Amnesty's strategy-development and governance at the international, national and local levels.

Between 2011 and 2013, I was the Chief of Staff of the Human Rights Commissioner of the Basque Country ("Ararteko").

I hold a PhD in European and International Studies from King's College London (2017), a Fulbright MA in International Studies from the University of Denver (2011), a MA in Theory and Practice of Human Rights from the University of Essex (2009), and a Law Degree from the University of the Basque Country (2008).

I am the author of "Politics of International Human Rights Law Promotion in Western Europe: Order versus Justice" (Routledge 2019), and "Spain and Its Achilles' Heels: The Strong Foundations of a Country's Weaknesses" (Rowman & Littlefield 2021), and co-editor of "Social Rights and the Constitutional Moment: Learning from Chile and International Experiences" (Hart 2022).

Experience

Academic Appointments

Director, Human Rights Centre Clinic, School of Law, University of Essex	2021-present
External Examiner, Department of Politics, University of York	2020-present
Deputy Director, Human Rights Centre Clinic, School of Law, University of Essex	2020-2021
'Human Rights Local' Project Lead, Human Rights Centre, School of Law, University of Essex	2019-present
Health Law Cluster Coordinator, School of Law, University of Essex	2019-2020
Research Associate, Institute of Health and Society, Newcastle University	2017-2019

Non-Academic Employment

Policy Director, Just Fair	2016-2019
Freelance researcher on social rights, Amnesty International - Spain	2013-2019
Chief of Staff, Ararteko - Human Rights Commissioner of the Basque Country	2011-2013
Researcher on Housing and Equality, Ararteko - Human Rights Commissioner of the Basque Country	2008

Education

Degrees

PhD European and International Studies King's College London	2013-2017
MA International Studies University of Denver	2009-2011
MA Theory and Practice of Human Rights University of Essex	2008-2009
LLB University of the Basque Country	2003-2008

Certifications

Higher Education Academy, Fellow (FHEA)	2021
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