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Date and place of birth: 6 September 1974, Guayaquil, Ecuador

United Nations working languages: Spanish, English, French

Current position/function:

Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Law School. Since 2010

* Professor of Human Rights, Criminal Law and International Law.
* Director of the Public Interest Law Clinics.
* Director of the Legal Aid Clinic.

Main professional activities:

Ecuadorian National Council of the Judiciary for the Transition (Council member). 2018

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Assistant Attorney (“Rómulo Gallegos” Fellow) for the desk of Argentina. 2001–2002

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, Law School. Director of the Human Rights Clinic. Coordinator of the Criminal Law Section at the Legal Aid Clinic. 1999–2001

Independent professional practice. Constitutional and criminal law litigation.

Government and Police Ministry. Advisor to the Vice minister of Government. 1997–1998

Legal expertise/experience and other main activities in the field of enforced disappearances:

Representation of relatives of victims and civil society organizations working with relatives of victims of enforced disappearance in various countries of the region from his role as Principal Specialist of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Director of the Public Interest Law Clinics and Director of the Legal Aid Clinic of the San Francisco de Quito University.

Study of the forced disappearance issue and identification of good practices, as part of the Committee of Experts of the Program of Good Practices in Human Rights - Council of Europe - Global Campus on Human Rights.

Expert of the System of Specialized Jurisdiction for Peace in Colombia, who deals with the investigation and punishment of crimes committed in the framework of the internal armed conflict that affected that country for decades (including tens of thousands of enforced disappearances).

Educational background:

The Law School, University of Notre Dame, Indiana – USA Doctorate in International Human Rights Law (Doctor of the Science of Law J.S.D.).

Center for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame, Indiana – USA. International human Rights Law Master LL.M. (Magna Cum Laude).

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador. Doctor en Jurisprudencia. Abogado de los Tribunales y Juzgados de la República del Ecuador. o Licenciado en Ciencias Jurídicas (LL.B. equivalent).

List of most recent publications, particularly in the field of enforced disappearances:

1. Unfinished business? Dealing with the complicity of entrepreneurs in the crimes of the military dictatorship in Argentina, Quebec Journal of International Law, Société Québécoise de Droit International (fall of 2021).}

2. Outstanding debts: Punishment attempts, broken promises and the pending reconciliation in Ecuador (May 2019), <https://bit.ly/3idPftM>

3. Do Venezuelans have a right to raise up in arms against their Government? (May 2018), <https://bit.ly/2Scyu6g>

4. Los límites jurídicos al uso de la fuerza por parte de la Policía, en Defensa y Justicia No. 19, Revista de la Defensoría Pública del Ecuador, <http://www.defensayjusticia.gob.ec/dyj/?p=1873> (2016).

5. ¿Qué es un delito de lesa humanidad?, en La República diario digital <http://www.larepublica.ec/blog/opinion/2015/11/30/que-es-un-delito-de-lesa-humanidad/> (2015).

6. Promesa incumplida: la implementación de la Ley de Reparaciones en el Ecuador, en GKillCity revista digital <http://www.gkillcity.com/articulos/el-mirador-politico/promesa-incumplida-la-implementacion-la-ley-reparaciones-el-ecuador> (2015).

7. Treinta años de impunidad y contando, en GKillCity revista digital <http://gkillcity.com/articulos/el-mirador-politico/treinta-anos-impunidad-y-contando> (2015).

8. Delitos de función v. violaciones de derechos humanos: El fuero privativo como mecanismo de impunidad, en Prohomine, Blog de Derechos Humanos y Derecho Internacional <http://wp.me/p41HUl-2V> (2014).

9. La reconciliación pendiente: El proceso de judicialización de los casos del informe de la Comisión de la Verdad del Ecuador, in Aportes No. 18 Magazine, Due Process of Law Foundation <http://dplf.org/sites/default/files/aportes_18_web.pdf> (2014).

10. La obediencia debida y las violaciones a los derechos humanos, en Prohomine, Blog de Derechos Humanos y Derecho Internacional <http://wp.me/p41HUl-2F> (2014).

11. Cosa juzgada fraudulenta v. prohibición de doble juzgamiento, en Prohomine, Blog de Derechos Humanos y Derecho Internacional <https://prohomine.wordpress.com/2013/11/24/cosa-juzgada-fraudulenta-v-prohibicion-de-doble-juzgamiento/> (2013).

12. Las graves violaciones a los derechos humanos como categoría jurídica, en Prohomine, Blog de Derechos Humanos y Derecho Internacional https://prohomine.wordpress.com/2013/11/03/las-graves-violaciones-a-los-derechos-humanos-como-categoria-juridica/ (2013).

13. Las otras víctimas (los allegados de la víctima como parte lesionada), en Prohomine, Blog de Derechos Humanos y Derecho Internacional <http://wp.me/p41HUl-C> (2013).

14. Sobre la imprescriptibilidad de la acción penal en casos de graves violaciones a los DDHH, en Prohomine, Blog de Derechos Humanos y Derecho Internacional <https://prohomine.wordpress.com/2013/10/26/sobre-la-imprescriptibilidad-de-la-accion-penal-en-casos-de-graves-violaciones-a-los-ddhh/> (2013).