**Milena Costas Trascasas (Spain)**

**Experience** Lawyer (PhD in law); consultant, researcher, legal advisor, lecturer, project manager.

**Languages** Spanish (mother-tongue) English, French, Italian (fluent, spoken and written).

**Titles**

• 2004, PhD in Law, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain.

• 1997, Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Spain.

• 1996, Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Spain.

• 1995, Bachelor of Law, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain.

**Specialization**

• Mediation Skills, UNITAR, 2015.

• Human Rights, European University Institute, Florence, 2007 and 1999; René Cassin International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, 1998.

• International Humanitarian Law, ICRC Course, Warsaw, 1999.

• Refugee Law, University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain, 1996–1997.

• Public and Private International Law, Hague Academy, Netherlands, 1997.

**Membership**

• OSCE/ODIHR Panel of Experts on the Freedom of Assembly and Association (2016).

• Madrid Bar Association, Spain (2004–).

• Centre for Studies of International Humanitarian Law of the Spanish Red Cross (2002–).

• Asociación Española de Profesores de Derecho Internacional y de Relaciones Internacionales (2004–).

• International Law Association (2016–).

**Experience**

**Consultant**

*Spanish Red Cross (From Oct. 2017)*

Coordinating, designing and lecturing a distance learning programme on International Protection of Human Rights; providing on-line teaching and guidance on international human rights law, with a particular focus on national and international protection mechanisms and procedures (before the United Nations bodies and the European Court of Human Rights); elaborating materials (case study, group activities) and supervising projects.

*Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (August 2017–February 2018)*

Carrying out research and drafting a study mandated by the Spanish Red Cross on Spain’s implementation of international humanitarian law obligations and other humanitarian political commitments, including policy and strategic recommendations to national authorities; making a comparative study and providing support in the elaboration of a National Strategy on Humanitarian Diplomacy; interviewing experts and coordinating the research of a group of professionals.

*Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (2015–2017)*

Providing technical support to the United Nations Human Rights Council Advisory Committee; carrying out research; drafting of reports and assessments on the impact on human rights of certain issues.

*Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (From October 2017)*

Designing a distance learning programme and providing on-line guidance and teaching services on international criminal law, elaborating materials (case study, group activities), supervising projects and providing on-line teaching and guidance on international criminal law, with a particular focus on: 1) the definition and codification of international crimes and its prosecution in national jurisdictions; 2) the functioning of ad hoc, internationalized and mixed courts and tribunals, including the analysis of the main features of these instances (procedural principles and standards) and 3) the analysis of the most relevant international case law.

*Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR/OSCE) (October 2016)*

Legal support to the Parliamentary Working Group on the Draft Amendments to the Legal Framework on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism in Kazakhstan.

*Centre for Human Rights, Research and Advocacy (Malaysia) (March 2015, 2016 and November 2017)*

Organizing training courses on human rights and humanitarian issues for human rights promoters; drafting a proposal for a National Human Rights Plan; helping the elaboration of a shadow report for the Human Rights Council UPR; analysing the human rights situation in Malaysia and supporting the elaboration of advocacy strategy and recommendations addressed to national authorities.

*Consultant, Democracy International Reporting (Germany) (October 2015–February 2016)*

Drafting an assessment on the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in Pakistan.

**Research fellow and project coordinator**

*Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (2013–2015)*

Carrying out research, drafting of reports including briefings and policy papers; organizing a series of regional experts meetings; collaborating in the training and advocacy activities of the Academy; coordinating and carrying out research; organising a regional experts meetings on policing and the use of force in Latin America; attending the United Nations Human Rights Council sessions and participating in a number of expert meetings; creating a network of experts, including civil society, governmental representatives, United Nations and other international experts.

*Universidad Jaume I de Castellón (2008–2013)*

Coordination of the research project ‘Armed Conflicts, Peacekeeping, Transitional Justice: Law as Solution’ (European Commission’s FP7 funded project); carrying out research and reporting; drafting of several documents including a code of conduct for Common Security and Defence Policy operational personnel and a compilation of best practices on the integration of the human rights and international humanitarian law component in EU crisis management missions; editing two collective publications; organization of an expert meeting with more than 80 participants coming from all across Europe as final outcome of the project.

*Fondazione CARIPLO/Universitá degli Studi di Milano (2011–2013)*

Coordination of the research project: ‘International Crimes, Italian Law Making Policy and Prospective Legislation’; carrying out research and drafting of a legislative proposal for the implementation of the International Criminal Court’s Statute in Italy; development of policy and legislative recommendations addressed to national authorities; making comparative studies of national implementation measures with a particular focus on the definition of crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide.

*Università degli Studi di Milano (2005–2008)*

Postdoctoral research activities in the framework of the project “Counter-terrorism and the right to a fair trial” funded by the Spanish Ministry of Education and the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs; collaboration in the teaching of the human rights law programme at the Department of International Studies; drafting and publication of several articles on the subject; supporting administrative and organizational activities.

**Lecturer – International law and EU law**

*Universidad Jaume I de Castellón, Public International Law (2012–2013)*

Teaching of ‘European Law’ and ‘Public International Law’ and supporting the activities of the Department of Public Law.

*Universidad Carlos III (2005)*

Teaching of ‘Public International Law’, general and special part (three groups) and supporting the activities of the Department of International Law and Philosophy of Law.

**Legal advisor**

*Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (2002–2004)*

Legal advice and support to the work of the Human Rights Office; providing assistance in the follow-up of Spain’s compliance of international human rights obligations; attending international conferences and meetings, including to the sessions of the former United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva and the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly in New York; drafting of reports, speeches and official documents; coordination of Spain’s periodical report before the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the United Nations Committee on the elimination of racial discrimination; assisting the Spanish Delegation in the presentation of the reports on behalf of Spain before the United Nations human rights monitoring bodies.

**Visiting professor**

*University of Sassari, Italy (May–June 2018)*

Designing and teaching an advanced course on the EU’s policy and practice on the impact on human rights of counterterrorism measures, including agenda and measures to countering violent extremism.

*Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Milan, Italy (2009–2011)*

Professor at the PhD Programme in Public International Law and Economics (topic: Business and Human Rights).

*Università degli Studi di Sassari, Italy (from 2010 to 2011)*

Delivering a specialized course on the ‘EU External Action in favour of democratization’.

**Trainer**

*Spanish National Society of the Red Cross (2000–2002)*

Member of the Centre for Studies of International Humanitarian Law. Delivering specialized training on International Humanitarian Law to the police, the military, journalists and representatives of civil society on international humanitarian law and human rights issues.

**PhD candidate and teaching assistant**

*Universidad Complutense de Madrid (1997–2000)*

Research fellow at the department of international public law and international private law. Teaching and research activities in the framework of my thesis project on the ‘Protection of the person in situations of internal violence’. Study of the interplay between international humanitarian law and human rights law in ‘grey areas’; analysis of national legislation and practice on the restriction of human rights on grounds of national security and public order as well as under the state of emergency; analysis of the proposal for a set of minimum humanitarian standards.

**Organization of international meetings**

• Regional Experts Meeting on Security, Policing and Use of Force, UNODC and Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, 8–9 May 2014, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

• 5th Biennial Conference of the European Society of International Law ‘Regionalism and International Law’, University of Valencia, 13–15 September 2012, Valencia, Spain.

• “International Colloquium on the Integration of the Human Rights Component and International Humanitarian Law in Peacekeeping Missions Led by the European Union”, University of Castellón, 26–27 November 2010, Castellón, Spain.

• “Colloque international sur problèmes actuels de la juridiction internationale”, Centro Internacional Bancaja para la Paz y el Desarrollo and University of Castellón, 26–27 November 2009, Castellón, Spain.

• “International Conference on Individual Guarantees in the European Judicial Area in Criminal Matters”, Università degli Studi di Milano, 28 September 2007, Milan, Italy.

**Selected projects**

*Project coordinator and senior researcher*

• “Facilitating Peaceful Protests”, Geneva Academy, funded by the Swiss Government, 2013–2015.

• “Drones and Autonomous Weapons System under International Law”, Geneva Academy, funded by the Swiss Government, 2013–2015.

• “Armed Conflicts, Peacekeeping, Transitional Justice: Law as Solution” (ATLAS), University Jaume I de Castellón, funded by the European Commission. Cooperative project with the University Sorbonne, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Universidad de Valencia, British Institute of Comparative Law, 2008–2012.

• “International Crimes, Italian Law Making Policy and Prospective Legislation”, Università degli Studi di Milano, funded by the Italian Foundation Cariplo, 2011–2013.

*Senior researcher*

• “International Organizations” responsibility for actions committed in armed conflict or post-conflict situations’ funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Research, 2010–2013.

• “Terrorism and international legacy”, funded by the University Complutense of Madrid, 2008–2011.

• “Fight against terrorism, international humanitarian law and international criminal law”, funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Education, 2005–2008.

**Selected presentations**

• “Special issues in human rights: combatting terrorism, money laundering and corruption”, Geneva School of Diplomacy, 31 October 2018.

• “The 2030 Agenda and the SDGs: A Challenge or a Utopia?” Summer Courses, Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo, Santander, June 2018.

• The Right to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly in the OSCE Area, OSCE Human Dimension, Warsaw, September 2017.

• “Code of Conduct for CSDP Personnel”, EU CSDP Police Command and Planning Course, European Police College (CEPOL), Lisbon, 19 November 2015, 17 November 2016.

• “The New Challenges to Disarmament and the Increasing Role of Non-State Actors”, Secretary-General’s Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (ABDM), Meeting for its sixty-third session, Geneva, 29 January 2015.

• “Overview of legislation on police use of force in the MENA Region”, Regional Experts Meeting on Security, Expert Meeting on Policing ant the Use of Force in Law Enforcement in the MENA Region, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and UNODC, Tunis, 26 January 2015.

• “Lethal autonomous weapons (“killer robots”) and the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW): is it time for an EU Common Position?”, Annual EU Seminar of the Non-Proliferation Consortium, Brussels, 3 November 2014.

• “Overview of legislation on police use of force in the Americas”, Regional Experts Meeting on Security, Policing and Use of Force, Geneva Academy and CELS, Ministry of Interior, Buenos Aires, 8 May 2014.

**Field missions**

• Nepal – Electoral Monitor, Parliamentary Election, European Union Electoral Mission, 2008.

• Palestine – Electoral Monitor, Parliamentary Election, European Union Electoral Mission, 2006.

• Ivory Coast – Spanish Red Cross Mission and Training Course, setting up a human rights promoters network, 2004 and 2005.

• Madagascar – Electoral Monitor, Parliamentary Election, European Union Electoral Mission, 2002.

**Selected publications**

*Monographies*

Violencia interna y protección de la persona: una laguna del Derecho internacional, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2008, 606 pp.

Mainstreaming Human Rights in EU CSDP Missions: A Transversal Analysis (ed.), Psilicom, Valencia, 2012, 567 pp.

**Articles and book chapters**

“EU Counterterrorism Policy and Human Rights: Are we in the right track?”, in E. Conde, M. Socopetti, Z. Yaneva (eds), *Routledge Handbook of EU Security Law and Policy* (Forthcoming).

“Protecting the right to protest in armed conflict”, in: Annyssa Bellal (ed.), *The War Report*. Armed Conflict in 2014, Oxford University Press, 2015, pp. 277–313.

“Access to the Territory of a Disaster-Affected State”, in: *International Disaster Response Law*, Asser Press, 2012, pp. 221–249.

“EU Rule of Law Mission in Georgia”, in: *Mainstreaming Human Rights in EU CSDP Missions: A Transversal Analysis*, Valencia, 2012, pp. 285–302.

“The New EU Strategy on Procedural Rights: One Step Forward or Two Backwards?” in: *Individual Guarantees in the European Judicial Area in Criminal Matters*, Bruylant, 2011, pp. 189–205.

“Los límites al uso de la fuerza en la represión de disturbios a la luz de la sentencia del TEDH en el caso Giuliani y Gaggio c. Italia”, in: *Estudios de Derecho internacional y Derecho Europeo en Homenaje al Profesor Manuel Pérez González*, Tirant lo Blanch, 2011, pp. 341–366.

“Comisiones y tribunales militares y los límites al derecho a un juicio justo en la lucha contra el terrorismo internacional”, in: *Lucha contra el terrorismo, Derecho Internacional Humanitario y Derecho Penal Internacional*, Tirant lo Blanch, 2011.

“Terrorisme et justice dans les Territoires Occupés: réflexions préliminaires pour mieux comprendre la situation actuelle”, 6 (24) *International Studies Journal, 2010*, pp. 63–92.

“Lotta al terrorismo internazionale e deroghe alla CEDU di fronte alla Corte europea dei diritti umani”, 3 (2) *Diritti umani e diritto internazionale*, 2009, pp. 426–432.

“Terrorism, State of Emergency and Derogation of Judicial Guarantees” in: *International Legal Dimensions of Terrorism*, Martinus Nijhoff, 2009, pp. 469–495.

“Intervento umanitario e Responsibility to Protect secondo il diritto internazionale” (with Gabriella Venturini), in: *Pace, Guerra, Conflitto nella Società dei Diritti*, Giappichelli, 2009, pp. 183–219.

“Políticas, instrumentos e iniciativas de la Unión Europea para el fomento de los derechos humanos y de la democracia en terceros Estados: algunas reflexiones críticas”, in: *La Proyección Exterior de la Unión Europea: Desafíos y Realidad*, ed. Tirant lo Blanch, 2007, pp. 271–315.

“La Ley estadounidense de comisiones militares: elementos para un análisis crítico desde la perspectiva del Derecho internacional”, *Anuario Español de Derecho Internacional*, Vol. XXIII, 2007, pp. 407–436.

“El CICR y la regla de la confidencialidad como garantía funcional de su actuación: reflexiones al hilo de la decisión del Tribunal Internacional para la antigua Yugoslavia de 27 de julio de 1999”, 76 *Revista Española de Derecho Militar*, 2000, pp. 31–68.

**Papers, reports and conclusions of experts’ meetings**

Experts Meeting on armed drones and robots under international law, Summary of discussions, Divonne, 3–5 December 2013, Geneva Academy and UNIDIR.

Regional Experts Meeting on Security, Policing and Use of Force, Summary of discussions and main recommendations, Buenos Aires, 8–9 May 2014, Geneva Academy, UNODC and CELS.