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PLACE OF BIRTH: Asunción, Paraguay

CURRENT POSITIONS OR FUNCTIONS

- Chair of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (CCPR).
- Former Vice-Chair of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (CCPR).
- Former Rapporteur against Retaliation for the United Nations Human Rights Committee.
- Former focal point of the Human Rights Committee for the Inter-American Human Rights System
- Lecturer, Institute for Public Policies on Human Rights of MERCOSUR (IPPDH).
- Lecturer, University of Columbia, Paraguay of the master's degrees in Legal Sciences and Human Rights.
- Lecturer, Legislative Technical Higher Institute (ITSL) of the Honorable Chamber of Deputies of Paraguay.
- Academic Director-General Academic of the Training Center of the Public Defender of Paraguay.
- General Director of the Higher Institute of Public Defense.
- Member, Humanitarian Rights Commission, Italian Diplomatic Academy/ Accademia Italiana per la Formazione e gli Studi Internazionali (IDA).

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EDUCATION

- Master's Degree in Family Law: Postgraduate Degree in Civil Law: Nullity, Separation and Divorce; Postgraduate Degree in Child Law, Protection of Individuals and Adoption, Law School, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain.
- International Master's Degree in Law, Economics and Management: Université de Limoges, France.
- International Diploma Specialization Course on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Food Safety and Public Policies Against Famine: Henri Dunant Institute and Foundation, France and Chile / FAO.
- Diplomas Course on "Public Management and Communication" and on "Planning, Management and Public Budget": Asunción, Paraguay.
- Lawyer: School of Law and Social Sciences, National University of Asunción, Paraguay.

MAIN PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Consultant of the International Labour Organization (ILO, 2017 – 2018). Lecturer and Coordinator, Parliamentary Research Center (CIP, 2017). Law Adviser of the Honourable Chamber of Deputies (HCD, 2014 – 2016). Director-General of Human Rights of the Ministry of Justice (MJ, 2010 – 2014). Executive Secretary, Human Rights Network of the Executive Branch. Member, Interinstitutional Advisory Committee for Compliance with International Judgments and Recommendations (CICSI). Member, National Committee for Childhood and Adolescence, National Commission for Refugees (CONARE) and Commission for Eradication of Child Labour (CONAETI). Member of teams in charge of drafting national reports and Paraguayan delegations before agencies of the United Nations system and the Inter-American Human Right System. Court officer in agencies of the areas of Criminal Law, Childhood and Adolescence Law, Civil and Commercial Law (1999 – 2006).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Public policy design and implementation:** Member of the Design, Construction and Implementation Team for the "System for Monitoring of International Human Rights Recommendations to Paraguay" (SIMORE). Member, Team for the Organization Project for the Selector Organ for Commissioners for the National Mechanism for Torture Prevention (MNP). Member, Coordinating Committee and Drafting and Editing Teams, First National Plan for Human Rights for the Republic of Paraguay, as well as the System for Indicators on Human Rights: Right to Education and Right to Health.
- **Team coordination, implementation and regulation:** "Gender in Prison" Program for mothers and their children; Hearings by Videoconferencing Project for imprisoned persons; Modernization of shelter homes.
- **Development of regulations:** Hunger strike treatment; University internships in shelter homes and imprisonment centres; of access to justice for children and adolescents in imprisonment contexts.
- **Writing of bills:** "Of Protection to children and Adolescents Against Physical Punishment and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatments", modification of the Law on Human Trafficking with introduction of the concept of "criadazgo" (child and adolescent servants), "On Freedom of Expression, Protection to Journalists, Press Workers and Human Rights Activists" or the Law: "Of Promotion, Protection of Maternity and Support to Maternal Breastfeeding".

MOST RECENT PUBLICATIONS

"Labour Code of the Republic of Paraguay. Annotated and Harmonized with International Labour Regulations and Other International Instruments" (Co-author. ILO, 2018). "Tri-Partite and Inter-Institutional Guide for Intervention in Forced Labour Cases" (ILO, 2017). "Formalization of Informal Economy"; "Labour Intermediation System"; "Labour Training System"; "Favourable Environment for Reactivation of the Economy and Production" (Co-authorship. FEPRINCO and ACT/EMP – OIT, 2015). "Gender in Prison: Mothers in Imprisonment Contexts" (2013). "Public Policies with human-right approaches. Advances from Paraguay" (2012).

LATEST DISCOURSES

- "High-Level Course on Human Rights, with emphasis on Follow-Up to Recommendations Issued by the International System for Human Rights"– Module II: "Civil and Political Rights". OHCHR, Regional South America Office / Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Ministry of Justice – Asunción, Paraguay
- Forum: "Regional Trends on Anti-Terrorist Legislation" – Topic: "Approaches of Terrorism in the Universal System for Protection of Human Rights". INDH of Chile / OHCHR, Regional Office for South America – Temuco, Chile
- 3rd Edition of the International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights – Topic: "Human Rights Public Policies in the Region: Current Status and Challenges". OAS / IACHR / IPPDH – Buenos Aires, Argentina
- International Symposium: "Human Rights Protection in the Universal and Internal Justice System: Impacts and Challenges" – Topic: "Currency of Human Rights Values at 70 Years of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights". CEJ and Uruguay's Office of the Public Prosecutor / OHCHR, Regional Office for South America – Montevideo, Uruguay
- Symposium: "Right to Information – Democracy: Advances and Challenges" – Topic: "Human Rights, Right to Information and Privacy. Theoretical and Practical Aspects". School of Law and Social Sciences, National University of Asunción – Asunción, Paraguay
- "Regional Gathering on Mechanisms for Follow-Up and Implementation of Human Rights Recommendations" – Topic: "70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Relevance of its Follow-Up and Implementation". MRE of Uruguay / OHCHR, Regional Office for South America – Montevideo, Uruguay
- Seminar: "Significant Experiences in the Challenge of the Holocaust, the Recent Past and Current-Day Discriminations" – Topic: "Memory and Human Rights: Current Perspectives". International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) / IPPDH / OEI / MEC of Paraguay / Democracy and Society Institute (IDESO) – Asunción, Paraguay
- Symposium for Information Access and the Universal System for Human Rights – Topic: "Access to Information as a Human Right". School of Law and Social Sciences, National University of Asunción – Asunción, Paraguay
- Seminar: "Situation and Perspectives of Political Participation and Elections in the Southern Cone" – Topic: "International Agenda for Human Rights and Politics. International Recommendations and State Actions". Higher Court of Electoral Justice (TSJE) / IDESO – Asunción, Paraguay
- First Specialized Course for State Workers of Paraguay on the use of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights – Topic: "Access to Justice of Groups in Situation of Vulnerability". IIDH / Public Prosecutor's Office and the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay – Asunción, Paraguay
- First Seminar on "Defenders of Human Rights" – Topic: "The States and the Defence of Human Rights". Columbia University of Paraguay / CODEHUPY / Tierra Viva / Amnesty International / United Nations Human Rights Paraguay – Asunción, Paraguay
- First Training Course for Jail Officers of the Penitentiary School – Topic: "Human Rights. Introduction and Basic Concepts". Ministry of Justice – Asunción, Paraguay
- Exchange of Good Practices on Matters of Human Rights – Topic: "Reorganization of the Ministry of Justice and Labour in Paraguay: The Role of the New Vice Ministry of Justice and Human Rights". OHCHR, Regional Office for South America – Lima, Perú

WORK LANGUAGES: Spanish, English