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Current position held

- Assistant Professor, Law Faculty, Universidad de los Andes (from July 2016)

Research interests

My research focuses on the interaction between international law and internal peace, peaceful dispute settlement, legal theory, human rights, history of international law and legal education with a regional perspective. I have published on human rights, legal theory and history of international law. I teach in the areas of international law and legal theory.

Qualifications

Ph.D - Universidad de los Andes (2011-2016). Ph.D in Law. Awarded in 2016 without corrections and a recommendation to publish. Thesis title: "International Mediation: blind spot of international legal doctrine". Supervisor: Pr. Liliana Obregón-Tarazona

Masters Degree - Université Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris 1 (2003-2004). DEA in International law and international organizations. Dissertation title: "Self-defense against terrorism: a conceptual clarification". Supervisor: Pr. Pierre-Michel Eisemann

Post Graduate Degree - Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris 2 (2002-2003). DSU in Public International Law

Degree. Universidad de los Andes (1997-2002). Undergraduate in Philosophy. Dissertation title: "Wittgenstein's interpretation of psychoanalysis". Supervisor: Pr. Jaime Ramos.

Degree. Universidad de los Andes (1995-2001). Undergraduate in Law. Research project: "The pure concept of law and the regulations of Kelsen from Cayetano Betancur's point of view". Supervisor: Pr. Oscar Quintana Mejía

Publications

Books

- *The tension between the legal and the political: questioning the juridicity of international mediation,* Forthcoming: January 2018

Peered reviewed and approved for publication in Ediciones Uniandes, Bogotá, Colombia (in Spanish)

Peered Reviewed Articles

- "The teaching of International Law in Bogotá: A preliminary diagnosis, departing from the analysis of syllabuses and its relationship with the epistemologies of not-knowing", (with Enrique Prieto-Rios), *Derecho del Estado*, No 39, 2017 (July-December), pp 53-89 (in Spanish) 2017
- "The Legal Status of the Colombian Peace Agreement". *AJIL-Unbound*, Symposium on the Colombian Peace Talks And International Law), (November), pp 188-192, (in English) 2016
- "The Promotion and Protection of Human Rights through Legal Clinics and their Relationships with Social Movements: Achievements and Challenges in the Case of Conscientious Objection to Compulsory Military Service in Colombia". *SUR International Journal on Human Rights* (Brazil), Vol. 10, No 19, 2013, pp 157-173 (in English, Spanish and Portuguese) 2013
- "International mediation in the first half of the twentieth century: an international law point of view." *Revista Pensamiento Jurídico* (Universidad Nacional de Colombia), No 36, (January-April), pp. 205-2041 (in Spanish) 2013
- "Scope and limitations of legal discourse in the creation of intersex identity: analysis of three decisions by the Colombian Constitutional Court in a Foucauldian perspective", *Prisma Juridico* (Brazil), Vol. 11, No 1, pp 163-178 (in Spanish) 2012

Book Chapters

- "Janet Halley's "Reasoning about Sodomy": Influence and questions from a Foucauldian reading". In Jaramillo, 2015

Isabel C. (ed) *Derecho y poder. Aportes al canon tradicional*, Ediciones Uniandes, Bogota, Colombia, pp 105-133 (in Spanish)

- “The right to non-racial discrimination”. In *Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos: su vigencia para los Estados y para los ciudadanos*, Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de España, Editorial Anthropos, Siglo del Hombre, Ministerio de Educación español, Madrid (Spain), (with Esteban Reyes), pp 55-62 (in Spanish) 2009

Other publications

- **Policy paper:** “The peace agreements renegotiated and their status as “special agreements” in international law (Webpage on Law and Peace, Law Faculty, Universidad de los Andes, in Spanish) June, 2017
- **Editorial:** “Architecture and urbanism for peace and reconciliation”, *Revista DEARQ* (Departamento de Arquitectura, Universidad de los Andes), Bogota, Colombia. (July), No 18, pp 8-9 (with Carolina Blanco Chaparro, in Spanish). July, 2016
- **Editorial:** “An interdisciplinary initiative in the University: conflict, peacebuilding and transitions”. *Revista Sextante* (Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de los Andes), No 5, p 5 (in Spanish). 2015

Research in progress

- **Research project:** “Deepening Some Interactions Between Internal Peace and International Law”. Fondo de Apoyo a Profesores Asistentes (FAPA). Universidad de los Andes. Funds demanded. 2017-ongoing
- **Research project:** REDIAL (Repensar la Educación del Derecho Internacional en América Latina). Ongoing collaborative research group (Colombia, Chile, Brazil) 2012-ongoing
- **Peer review article:** “The legal in the political: questioning the legality of international mediation”. Presented in conference – revising (in English)

Employment summary

- **Assistant Professor.** Law Faculty, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia July 2016-present
- **Director.** MA in International Law, Law Faculty, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia January 2016-July 2017
- **Coordinator.** Interdisciplinary MA in Peacebuilding, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia July-December 2015
- **Coordinator.** Construction of an interdisciplinary MA project on peacebuilding, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia January 2014-June 2015
- **Research Assistant.** Professor Joseph Tulchin (Harvard University- David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies) January-December 2013
- **External Consultant.** International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) – Americas Desk (Paris-France) April 2013
- **External Consultant.** Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Joint program of the World Organization Against Torture (OMCT – Geneva-Switzerland) and the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH – Paris-France) December 2010-May 2011
- **Research Assistant.** Professors Gilles Postel-Vinay (École de Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales-EHESS) and Jean-Laurent Rosenthal (California Institute of Technology-CALTECH) (Paris- France) August 2008-December 2010
- **Program Officer.** International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) – Americas Desk (Paris-France) July 2006-September 2007
- **Assistant.** International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) – Americas Desk (Paris-France) September 2005-June 2006
- **Intern.** International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) – Americas Desk (Paris-France) August-September 2005

Teaching Experience

- **Public International Law** (undergraduate program of Law, Universidad de los Andes) July 2013 - Present

- **Introduction to law** (undergraduate program of Law, Universidad de los Andes) August 2011-Present
- **Constitution and Democracy** (undergraduate program other careers, Universidad de los Andes) January 2017-Present
- **Interdisciplinary Colloquium** (MA in Peacebuilding, Universidad de los Andes) January-June 2016
- **Women's rights protection in international law** (session in the course: Gender, Law and Public Policies, Curso Educación Continuada, Universidad de los Andes) October 2016 and October 2017
- **The situation of human rights and conflict in Colombia** (session in the workshop *Human rights and democratization*, École Nationale d'Administration -ENA – Paris-France) April 2006

Scholarships - Grants

- **Guest Program Invitation.** Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law March-April 2015
- **MPI Scholarship 2015.** Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law March-April 2015
- **Collaborative Research Grant.** Harvard Law School's Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP) with the research project: "Legal Education on Public International Law: Rethinking the Latin American Experience" (Research group members: Paola Andrea Acosta, Jimena Sierra, Enrique Prieto and Laura Betancur) June 2014
- **Scholarship.** Doctorado en Derecho, Universidad de Los Andes 2011-2015
- **Scholarship.** CEF (Cooperation for Studies in France), Embassy of France in Colombia 2004 & 2005

Conference/Workshop Participation & Organization

- **International workshop:** Rethinking and renewing international law from and on Latin America, with the participation of Anne Orford, Martti Koskenniemi and Anthony Anghie. Co-organizer, moderator & speaker on panel: Education and International law. Universidad de los Andes, Universidad Externado & Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia (in English and Spanish) September 26th – 28th 2017
- **International workshop:** Semaine Doctorale Intensive / Intensive Doctoral Week – Sciences Po, Paris & Université Paris Nanterre. Speaker on panel: “The performance of the International in the local: the case of the Colombian Peace Agreement.” Paris, France (in English) June 20th 2017
- **International workshop:** Semaine Doctorale Intensive / Intensive Doctoral Week – Sciences Po, Paris & Université Paris Nanterre. Speaker on panel: “Legal academia in the Periphery: The case of Colombia.” Paris, France (in English) June 21st 2017
- **Round table:** Segunda Mesa de Reflexión CICR + académicos. Speaker: presenting the REDIAL project. ICRC Colombia. Bogotá, Colombia (in Spanish) April 26th 2017
- **International workshop:** “The impacts of international Courts in the Peace Process in Colombia.” Co-organizer & moderator with Kirsten Ainley (London School of Economics). Cartagena, Colombia (in English & Spanish) April 21st 2017
- **Colloquium:** “Amnesty and Sovereignty” by Maxim Pensky (Professor, Department of Philosophy, Binghamton University, The State University of New York). Co-organizer & participant with Carlos Manrique (Director of the Philosophy Department at Universidad de los Andes). In Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá Colombia (in English) March 15th 2017
- **Round table:** “What follows after renegotiating the agreement?” (Event organized between Law Faculty and the Department of political science in the framework of the day for peace: DíaPaíz). Organizer & November 9th 2016

- discussant. Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá Colombia (in Spanish)
- **Workshop:** "Peace in the University: What can we do to improve the communal living and how this affects peace" (Event organized with PACA y "No Es Normal" in the framework of the day for peace: DíaPaíz). Co-organizer & participant. Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá Colombia (in Spanish) November 9th 2016
 - **Conservatory:** "How to rebuild peace?: Reflections from a law perspective". Organizer & discussant. Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá Colombia (in Spanish) October 13th 2016
 - **Seminar on International Law and Global Governance:** "Teaching International Law in Latin America". Discussant. Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogota (in Spanish). October 5th 2016
 - **Guest Lecturer:** "Strategic uses of international law: the "armor" of peace agreements as special agreements". Universidad ICESI –Cali (in Spanish). September 30th 2016
 - **Conference:** "Peace and International Law". Co-organizer (MA in International Law and MA in Peacebuilding) & speaker. Paper title: " International law and the peace agreement signed with an insurgent group", Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá Colombia (in Spanish) August 23rd 2016
 - **International Workshop:** Harvard Law School's Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP: The Workshop) & Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Paper title: "The legal in the political: questioning the legality of international mediation", Madrid-Spain (in English). July 17th-23rd 2016
 - **Seminar:** Desayunos del Centro de Estudios en Derecho Internacional "Francisco Suárez, S.J." -CEDI- sobre "REDIAL: Rethinking the education of international law in Latin America." Discussant, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia (in Spanish) May 27th 2016
 - **Colloquium:** Law Doctorate. Commentator on the project: "Postconflict economic challenges". Student: Stephanie Flechas, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá March 3st 2016

Colombia (in Spanish)

- **Debate:** “Is Prison necessary for reconciliation?” November 19th 2015
Introduction to the debate and moderator, Centro de Estudios de Derecho, Justicia y Sociedad, Dejusticia – Fundación Konrad Adenauer (in Spanish)
- **Symposium:** “1st Symposium Dearq journal: Architecture and urbanism for peace and reconciliation”. Co-organizer & moderator in a panel, Universidad de los Andes, Department of Architecture, Bogotá Colombia (in Spanish and English) September 14th and 15th 2015
- **International Workshop:** Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP: Regional Workshop) & Universidad de los Andes. Paper title: “Building a diagnosis on International Legal Education in Latin America: the example of Brazil, Chile and Colombia”, Bogotá (in English). August 19th-23rd 2015
- **Conference & Workshop:** Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP: The Conference): Discussant & Moderator in the panel: “Rethinking International Legal Education in Latin America”, Cambridge, USA (in English). June 1st -2nd 2015
- **International Workshop:** Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP: The Workshop) & Hamad Bin Khalifa University. Paper title: “Questioning the legality of mediation: the classification of conflict resolution techniques in the doctrine of international law”, Doha, Qatar (in English). January 2nd – 11th 2015
- **Conference:** “Global Gay”. Discussant with the author about the book: “Global Gay” by Frédéric Martel (in Spanish and French). September 30th 2014
- **Conferences and Collaborative Research Groups:** Harvard Law School’s Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP). Participant & co-organizer of the research Groups: “Legal Education on Public International Law: Rethinking the Latin American Experience”, Cambridge, USA (in English). June 1st – 3rd 2014

- **International Workshop:** Harvard Law School's Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP: The Workshop) & Hamad Bin Khalifa University. Paper title: "The Role of International Mediation as an Armed Internal Conflict Solving Mechanism in Latin America", Doha, Qatar (in English). January 3rd-11th 2014
- **Colloquium of the Law Doctorate:** Paper title: "The role of international mediation as a mechanism for resolving internal armed conflicts in Latin America", Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá Colombia (in Spanish) September 12th 2013
- **Congress:** Third National Meeting of Doctoral Students in Law. Paper title: "The role of international mediation as a mechanism for resolving internal armed conflicts in Latin America". Universidad Nacional de Colombia – Sede Bogotá (in Spanish) May 22nd 2013
- **Regional Seminar:** "Justice - Impunity - Criminalization of Social Protest." FIDH, Mar del Plata – Argentina. Co-organizer & participant (in Spanish) November 11th – 14th 2004
- **Regional Seminar:** "Militarization and Impunity in Latin America: A Look From Human Rights," FIDH, Lima – Peru. Co-organizer & moderator (in Spanish) December 5th – 6th 2005
- **Regional Seminar:** "Justice Administration or Impunity Administration?" FIDH, Guatemala City –Guatemala Co-organizer & participant (in Spanish) November 30th – December 1st, 2006
- **International Congress:** "Migrations". 36^o FIDH Congress, Lisbon, Portugal. Organizer, participant Co-organizer & participant (in Spanish, French and English) April 19th 25th, 2007

Translations

- *El derecho internacional*. Original Language: French. Author: Emmanuelle Tourme-Jouannet. Original Title: *Le droit international*, Presses Universitaires de France, 2013, 126p.
- "¿De qué sirve el Derecho Internacional? El Derecho Internacional Providencia del siglo XXI" In: *Revista De Derecho Público*, 2011, No 27. Original Language: French. Author: Emmanuelle Tourme-Jouannet. Original Title: "A quoi Sert le Droit

International? Le Droit International Providence du XXIème Siècle" (With: Angélica Manga, Luisa Fernanda Peralta, Rene Urueña).

Peer Reviewer, Jury, Editor

- **Peer Reviewer:** Revue Québécoise de Droit International, (Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, Canada). (October 2017)
- **Peer Reviewer:** Anuario Colombiano De Derecho Internacional- ACDI (Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá). Listed in Scopus, EBSCO, Citas Latinoamericanas en Ciencias Sociales y humanidades (CLASE), Dialnet, Directory of Open Acces Journals (DOAJ) y REDIB (May 2016)
- **Peer Reviewer:** *Revista Derecho del Estado* (Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogotá). Category B-Colciencias, listed in Scielo, Scopus, Redalyc, Latindex, Philosopher's Index, Fuente Académica-EBSCO, Cengage Learning, Proquest, Latam-Studies, HeinOnline, SSRN, DOAJ, REDIB, Dialnet y Open Journal System (February 2016)
- **Peer Reviewer:** Book chapters. *Cátedra UNESCO y de políticas públicas y de Infancia* (Universidad Externado de Colombia) (March 2015)
- **Peer Reviewer:** *Journal Vniversitas* (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana – Law School, Bogota, Colombia) Category A2-Colciencias, listed in SCOPUS (August 2014)
- **Jury.** Dissertation MA in International Law, "La Aplicación de los Principios Básicos y Directrices Sobre los Desalojos y el Desplazamiento, Generados Por El Desarrollo en el Caso de La Hidroeléctrica Ituango, En Antioquia, Colombia". Student: Viviana Santana, November 2016
- **Jury.** Dissertation MA in International Law, "Inmunidades de los Representantes Del Estado Y Violaciones Al Derecho Penal Internacional". Student: María José Chirinos, May 2016
- **Jury.** Dissertation MA in Law, "¿Es viable económica y jurídicamente el posconflicto en Colombia?" Student: Stephanie Flechas, June 2016
- **Guest Editor.** DEARQ Journal (Department of Architecture-Universidad de los Andes), special issue on "Architecture and Urbanism for Peace and Reconciliation" No18, 2106.

- **Judge.** Oral rounds of the *3er Inter-American Sustainable Development Law Moot Court Competition*. Organized by: Universidad de los Andes – Bogota (Colombia), Fundação Getulio Vargas – Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and Tulane University - New Orleans (USA). (6-9 March 2013)

Affiliations, Networks

- REDIAL –Rethinking Education in International Law in Latin America [Repensar la Educación en Derecho Internacional en América Latina]. Founder member. Project codirected with: Paola Andrea Acosta (Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogotá), Amaya Alvez (Universidad de Concepción, Chile), Fabia Fernandes Carvalho Veçoso (Universidade Federal de São Paulo, UNIFESP, Brasil), Enrique Prieto (Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia) y Jimena Sierra (Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia).
- Collaborative Research Program: *Global Justice? Development, Human Rights and the Law of Recognition: Critical Approaches*: Member of the project directed by: Emmanuelle Tourme-Jouannet (Sciences Po Paris, Francia), Sundhya Pahuja (University of Melbourne, Australia / SOAS, University of London, Reino Unido), Albane Geslin (Sciences Po Lyon, Francia).
- International Law Association (ILA) – Colombian branch: Member of the studies committee.
- Harvard Law School's Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP) – Alumni (2014, 2015, 2016).

Languages

- Spanish (native)
- French (fluent)
- English (fluent)
- Italian (basic knowledge)

Portuguese (basic knowledge)