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Ph.D. Public Law/International Criminal Law



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Legal Professional Skills:

International Criminal Law | International Human Rights Law | International Humanitarian Law | Refugee Law | Children and Armed Conflict | International Crimes Against Children | Refugee Children | Children affected by the Foreign Terrorist Fighter Phenomenon | Terrorism & Terrorist Groups | Religious Persecution | Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) rights

Other Relevant Professional Skills:

Photography | Humanitarian Photography | Photography Storytelling | Adobe Photoshop Lightroom | Academic Research | Academic Writing | Higher Education | Lecturing | Academic English | Simultaneous Interpretation | E-Learning

Language Skills:

Portuguese: Native speaker
English: Full proficiency
Spanish: Working knowledge; Upper Intermediate B2.1
French: Basic knowledge

SHORT BIO

I am a professional with fourteen years of relevant work, academic, and teaching experience in the following fields: genocide studies, crimes against humanity, human trafficking & forced labor, the international criminal justice system, international terrorism, violent crimes committed against children, freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) rights, and religious persecution. I hold a Ph.D. in International Criminal Law and a Master's in International Humanitarian Law.

I have worked as a lecturer and guest professor in several law schools since 2011. I teach courses in Public International Law, International Criminal Law, International Human Rights Law, and International Refugee Law. I am also a member of the Global Association of Human Trafficking Scholars (GAHTS). GAHTS is committed to understanding the historical, political, structural, and cultural components of human trafficking and to producing research-guided advocacy papers to influence the global community.

I authored the book "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt." This book investigates the legal nature and criminal responsibility of the terrorist group Islamic State/DAESH's crimes against civilians in Iraq, especially Christians. I examined whether these crimes constituted genocide or persecution as crimes against humanity under the Rome Statute. The book draws on hundreds of cases from international criminal tribunals and offers a significant and original contribution to the study of genocide and crimes against humanity.

I have served as an intern in several capacities, such as the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations in Geneva and the War Crimes Research Office in Washington-DC. I have already volunteered in different projects assisting poor and marginalized communities. From July to September 2023, I served Syrian refugees as an English language and photography teacher at a

community center in Mafraq, Jordan. In September 2019, I served the Refugees 4 Refugees NGO in Greece, providing practical and logistical support to refugees and asylum seekers in a refugee camp on Samos Island. From February 2018 to December 2021, I served an NGO in Istanbul that assists refugees, asylum seekers, undocumented migrants, and unaccompanied children. There, I taught International Refugee Law to the NGO's volunteers and trained them on the practical aspects of refugee protection in Turkey. I also directly provided logistical support to undocumented children.

I am also a humanitarian photographer. I want people to see the suffering in the world through the eyes of my lens. I also want access to areas of international conflict so that my photographs can be used as criminal evidence. I want to use my storytelling skills to inform, provoke discussion, and inspire action.

With my extensive experience, I can contribute to relevant organizations/companies/universities in the following ways:

1. Teaching and providing sound and timely legal professional consultation in my expertise areas;
2. Helping them with war crimes investigations and documentation of scenes of war crimes or other grave human rights violations
3. Helping them interact with criminal justice system authorities to challenge impunity by strengthening the investigation, prosecution, and adjudication of cases involving crimes perpetrated by terrorist groups and cases involving violence against women and children;
4. Leading and conducting research in my expertise areas;
5. Monitoring results and assessing programs' impact; training legal practitioners; convening meetings and events; organizing and delivering workshops, conferences, and public activities; and producing legal reports, memos, and submissions;
6. Helping to identify key underlying issues related to the commercial sexual exploitation of children in assigned areas/regions Region; influencing municipal governmental policies; increasing state actors' transparency and accountability toward sexual crimes committed against children;
- 7) Partnering with frontline organizations, key stakeholders, the private sector, civil society actors, the media, and grassroots organizations in assigned areas/regions; locally manage and implement assigned programs;
- 8) Helping them identify key underlying issues related to religious discrimination and persecution worldwide; influencing governmental policies concerning freedom of religion; increasing state actors' transparency and accountability toward violations of religion, belief, and conscience; and monitoring the state of FoRB rights in assigned countries.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Degree: International Criminal Law

2016-2021

Koc University – Law School

Istanbul, Turkey

Consolidated GPA: 4,00

Relevant courses:

World Trade Organization & International Trade Law

Transnational & European Criminal Law

International Criminal Law

International Refugee Law

European Human Rights Law

Advanced Research Methods

Comparative Constitutional Law

Master's Degree: Humanitarian and Human Rights Law

2009-2009

American University Washington College of Law

Washington-DC, USA

Consolidated GPA: 3,32

Relevant courses:

International Justice for Human Rights Violations

International Human Rights Advocacy

International Humanitarian Law

International Human Rights Law

Human Rights and Development

U.S. General Private Law

U.S. Public Law

Law Degree: Bachelor of Laws

2002-2008

Universidade Federal de Vicosa (Federal University of Vicosa)

Vicosa, Brazil

EDUCATION: SHORT COURSES

Ruhr University Bochum – The Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV)

Summer School' Humanitarian Action': Humanitarian Crisis, International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, Refugees and IDPs, Humanitarian Actors & Organizations, WASH

August 2019, Bochum, Germany.

Koç University – Office of International Programs

Summer Program' International Migration and the Crisis': Cross-border movements of people, theories explaining international mobility, forced migration, migrant integration, governments' responses to the social, political, and legal challenges raised by international migration, dilemmas facing policy-makers at both national and international level.

July 2019, Istanbul, Turkey.

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health – Executive and Professional Education

Preparatory course on Radiological Emergency Planning: Terrorism, Security, and Communication: Skills and strategies to effectively prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the effects of radiological emergencies at the federal, state, local, or individual facility level; Skills and strategies for communicating about radiological emergencies, medically managing casualties of incidents involving radioactive material, and supporting other organizations during these crises; Emergency preparedness for terrorist activities; Lessons learned about how best to communicate with the media and public; Terrorist incidents involving radioactive materials; the U.S. federal framework for Homeland Security.

July 2017, Cambridge, U.S.

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health & International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) – HELP Course

Preparatory course on Humanitarian Disasters and Public Health: Management of Disasters in Humanitarian Crises; Protection of Displaced Populations; International Humanitarian Law (IHL); Refugee Law and Refugee Protection.

July 2017, Baltimore, U.S.

American University Washington College of Law & The Netherlands Institute on Human Rights

Specialization in Humanitarian & Human Rights Law.

2008 and 2009 Specialized Summer Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

May 26 - June 13, 2008 and May 25 - June 12, 2009. Washington-DC, U.S.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: CONSULTING JOBS

Independent Research Fellow and Policy Analyst Contractor

International Institute for Religious Freedom (IIRF) · Part-time

Nov 2022 – Present · 1 y

Jul 2023 - Present · 4 mos

Remote

- Monitors the state of Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) rights in assigned Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries by collecting, analyzing, reviewing, and documenting information from media sources and nongovernment organizations (including religious groups) related to incidents of religious intolerance and religious persecution.

Nov 2022 - Jun 2023 · 8 mos

Remote

- Wrote the country report "General Description of the State of Religious Freedom in Brazil." (<https://olire.org/monitor/country-reports/brazil/>).
- Monitored the state of religious freedom in assigned South American and Caribbean countries by collecting, analyzing, reviewing, and documenting information from media sources and nongovernment organizations (including religious groups) related to incidents of religious intolerance.
 - Prepared such information for entry into relevant computer systems and publication on OLIRE's violent incidents database (<https://olire.org/monitor/violent-incidents-database/>).
- Worked on the Annual Audit of the Open Doors' 2023 World Watch List (WWL), providing a gauge of academic credibility to the WWL process and constructive criticism to enable the WWL team to improve their future work. The World Watch List is the Open Doors' annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme religious persecution/intolerance (<https://www.opendoors.org/en-US/persecution/countries/>);
- Assessed whether the WWL methodology was applied correctly;
- Determined whether the scores and write-up were well substantiated and adequately reflected the situation in the country assigned;
- Produced draft assessments and an in-depth country audit report.

Independent Research Fellow and Policy Analyst Contractor

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June 2023 – October 2023 · 4 mos

Remote

United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Research Project

- Researched the role and strategies of civil society organizations (CSOs) in influencing the implementation of Freedom of Religion, Belief, and Conscience (FoRB)-related human rights recommendations listed in individual country reports developed during the first years of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)'s Universal Periodic Review (UPR) cycles;
- Wrote literature reviews on issues related to FoRB and CSOs' participation in the UPR mechanism;
- Interviewed CSOs personnel to identify key strategies and tactics that can be modeled and adopted by others;
- Conducted case studies that provided insights into lessons learned from CSOs' best practices and failures in the UPR mechanism.

Consulting skills:

- Experience in policy research and analysis related to FoRB issues;
- Practical experience in monitoring and reporting on religious persecution and violent incidents;

- Familiarity with various religious traditions and dynamics;
- Knowledge of human rights and religious freedom laws, rules, policies, and regulations from the South American and Caribbean countries and countries from the MENA Region;
- Excellent knowledge of the United Nations human rights system, its mechanisms, and its treaty body system;
- Knowledge of research and analytical methods to validate, evaluate, and interpret information obtained from a variety of sources;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English;
- Analysis and research skills to provide public policy recommendations and produce assessments;
- Excellent organizational skills, ability to work in a challenging environment with minimum supervision and meeting deadlines without compromising quality;
- Sound judgment and strong interpersonal skills;
- Good familiarity with standard software, including the complete Microsoft Office suite;
- Willingness to abide by and respect the organization/contractor's principles and values.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: RESEARCH JOBS

Doctoral Researcher

Koç University · Full-time

Oct 2016 - Ago 2021 · 4 yrs 10 mos

Istanbul, Turkey

- Researched, analyzed, and compiled large amounts of information in the field of International Criminal Law;
- Collected, recorded, and analyzed qualitative and quantitative data on project issues; read sources for relevancy to research themes; compiled bibliographies and chronologies;
- Identified and collected appropriate primary and secondary source information for scholarship on assigned research topics;
- Monitored developments in relevant global and domestic policy research areas, legislative, and regulatory policies;
- Interpreted data analysis results and drew inferences and conclusions;
- Presented research results to the research committee;
- Used research results to write reports, scientific papers, and reviews and presented findings in journals and conferences (for example, the University of Liverpool, University of Potsdam; Alabama University; UC Hastings College of the Law; University of Western Australia; American University; University of Banja Luka);
- Updated and checked existing data and footnotes; provided fact-checking, copyediting, and proof-reading of documents in preparation for publication, as needed;
- Identified sources of funding;
- Prepared research proposals and submitted funding applications;
- Collaborated with research teams on assigned projects.

Research Fellowship – Short-term internship contract work

War Crimes Research Office, American University Washington College of Law · Part-time

Sep 2009 - Dec 2009 · 4 mos

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

- Conducted extensive legal research and drafted legal opinions, studies, briefs, reports, and memoranda on diverse substantive and procedural questions of considerable complexity concerning International Criminal Law;
- Worked collaboratively with colleagues to achieve organizational goals.

Research Fellowship – Short-term internship contract work

American University Washington College of Law · Part-time

Feb 2009 - May 2009 · 4 mos

Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Dean's Fellowships

- Assisted the International Legal Studies Program - ILSP in its internal activities.

Duties consisted mainly of:

- General administrative tasks, mailings, and organizational tasks
- Compiling packets;
- Providing administrative and organizational support for events, conferences, and workshops;
- Contacting students;
- Writing business letters;
- Organizing and feeding the contact directory;
- Conducting research;
- Providing organizational support to the LL.M. International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law program.

Research skills:

- Strong listening and communication skills and interpersonal skills with a strong work ethic;
- Demonstrated experience and success with managing several different tasks and deadlines at once;
- Excellent analytical, presentation, and communication skills;
- Successful time management and organizational skills;
- Strong attention to detail;
- Willingness to learn, coachable;
- Demonstrated creativity, ability to apply innovative thinking and advanced problem-solving skills;
- Ability to build relationships;
- Proven track record in achieving goals;
- Fluency in English with demonstrated exceptional writing skills;
- Ability to work in a team and to establish and maintain effective working relationships with people of different nationalities, religions, and cultural backgrounds;
- Excellent knowledge of the United Nations human rights system, its mechanisms, and its treaty body system.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: TEACHING JOBS

Assistant Professor

Istanbul Center of International Law · Part-time

Sep 2019 - Jan 2022 · 2 yrs 5 mos

Istanbul, Turkey

Discipline: Public International Law

- Responsible for teaching as well as for selecting and compiling texts, preparing articles and other materials, compiling assignments and online discussion exercises;
- Advised students on research projects;
- Evaluated student performance;
- Maintained records of student progress and grade distributions;
- Demonstrated record of excellence in teaching and scholarly research;
- Created, posted, and articulated course syllabus, course learning outcomes, or objectives in order to ensure student understanding of course learning objectives and expectations;
- Created course curriculum, course handouts, lectures, presentations, and other course materials required to deliver course content in an understandable and interesting manner to ensure students were engaged with the course material in order to achieve the course learning outcomes;
- Delivered in a student-receptive manner the knowledge, skills, and experiences each student needed to successfully achieve course learning outcomes as outlined in the course syllabus;

- Advised students from a wide range of backgrounds about career resources, co-curricular activities, and resources necessary to support students' professional and personal interests;
- Maintained accurate and confidential electronic records of student interaction, including in-person, phone, and online visits.

Temporary Assistant Lecturer – Short-term contract work

Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais · Full-time

Feb 2016 - Sep 2016 · 8 mos

Poços de Caldas, Minas Gerais, Brazil

Disciplines: Public International Law; Human Rights Law

- Responsible for teaching as well as for selecting and compiling texts, preparing articles and other materials, compiling assignments and/or online discussion exercises;
- Advised students on research projects;
- Evaluated student performance;
- Maintained records of student progress and grade distributions.

Temporary Assistant Lecturer – Short-term contract work

FUMEC Law School & Newton Paiva Law School · Full-time

Feb 2015 - Dec 2015 · 1 y

Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil

Disciplines: Constitutional Law; Public International Law; Human Rights Law

- Responsible for teaching as well as for selecting and compiling texts, preparing articles and other materials, compiling assignments and/or online discussion exercises;
- Advised students on research projects;
- Evaluated student performance;
- Maintained records of student progress and grade distributions.

Adjunct Professor

Instituto Metodista Izabela Hendrix Law School

Aug 2012 - Mar 2014 · 1 yr 7 mo

Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil

Disciplines: Constitutional Law; Public International Law; Human Rights Law; Sociology of Law

- Responsible for teaching as well as for selecting and compiling texts, preparing articles and other materials, compiling assignments and/or online discussion exercises;
- Advised students on research projects;
- Evaluated student performance;
- Maintained records of student progress and grade distributions;
- Created, posted, and articulated course syllabus, course learning outcomes, or objectives in order to ensure student understanding of course learning objectives and expectations;
- Created course curriculum, course handouts, lectures, presentations, and other course materials required to deliver course content in an understandable and interesting manner to ensure students were engaged with the course material in order to achieve the course learning outcomes;
- Delivered in a student-receptive manner the knowledge, skills, and experiences each student needed to successfully achieve course learning outcomes as outlined in the course syllabus;
- Demonstrated record of excellence in teaching;
- Advised students from a wide range of backgrounds about career resources, co-curricular activities, and resources necessary to support students' professional and personal interests;

- Maintained accurate and confidential electronic records of student interaction, including in-person, phone, and online visits.

Assistant Lecturer

Instituto Brasileiro de Ensino, Desenvolvimento e Pesquisa (IDP) · Part-time

Aug 2012 - Aug 2015 · 3 yrs 1 mo

Brasília, Distrito Federal, Brazil

Disciplines: International Criminal Law; International Humanitarian Law

- Responsible for teaching as well as for selecting and compiling texts, preparing articles and other materials, compiling assignments and or online discussion exercises;
- Evaluated student performance;
- Created, posted, and articulated course syllabus, course learning outcomes, or objectives in order to ensure student understanding of course learning objectives and expectations;
- Created course curriculum, course handouts, lectures, presentations, and other course materials required to deliver course content in an understandable and interesting manner to ensure students were engaged with the course material in order to achieve the course learning outcomes;
- Delivered in a student-receptive manner the knowledge, skills, and experiences each student needed to successfully achieve course learning outcomes as outlined in the course syllabus;
- Maintained records of student attendance, student progress, and grade distributions.

English teacher

Real English Center & CEFET

Aug 2005 – Dec 2007; Jan 2010–Jul 2010; Sept 2014–Dec 2014

Viçosa; Belo Horizonte

- Taught English as a second language for intermediate and advanced levels;
- Selected, compiled, planned, organized, and delivered high-quality English lessons, learning materials, discussions, and presentations by bringing excitement, enthusiasm, and commitment to the sessions;
- Compiled assignments and discussion exercises;
- Monitored, assessed, and evaluated student performance & progress, providing regular feedback to students and implementing strategies to ensure that all students achieved their full potential;
- Maintained records of student attendance, student progress, and grade distributions;
- Helped reinforce understanding of concepts taught in class;
- Reviewed submitted assignments to help students identify areas for improvement;
- Evaluated and regularly reviewed students' progress and provided feedback;
- Used technology during lessons when required;
- Created an engaging, supportive, and positive learning environment;
- Contributed to the broader life of the school, including attending meetings and contributing to school events;
- Committed to supporting the personal and academic development of all students.
- Knowledge of English language teaching methods, approaches, and materials;
- Provided learners with a rewarding and stimulating English language learning experience;
- Service-oriented: Actively looking for ways to help students;
- A self-starter with a positive work attitude and a team player.

Assistant Lecturer

Sistema Integrado de Ensino de Minas Gerais · Part-time

Feb 2011 - Dec 2012 · 1 yr 11 mos

Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil

Disciplines: Constitutional Law; Law of the foreign investment

- Responsible for teaching as well as for selecting and compiling texts, preparing articles and other materials, compiling assignments and/or online discussion exercises;
- Advised students on research projects;
- Evaluated student performance;
- Maintained records of student progress and grade distributions;
- Demonstrated record of excellence in teaching;
- Advised students from a wide range of backgrounds about career resources, co-curricular activities, and resources necessary to support students' professional and personal interests;
- Maintained accurate and confidential electronic records of student interaction, including in-person, phone, and online visits.

Teaching skills:

- Consistent record of high-quality teaching undergraduate/postgraduate courses in law;
- Demonstrated record of providing proper academic advising to students;
- Personality and ability to mentor students, expand their opportunities, and enhance their personal and professional development;
- Proven creativity & expertise in learning design: knowledge of how to transform technical-legal content into engaging learning materials that deliver clear learning objectives;
- Accuracy, organization, attention to detail, and the ability to work within the set deadlines to complete the course syllabus;
- Demonstrated ability to maintain effective and respectful working relationships with the university administration.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: INTERNSHIP

Legal Intern – Short-term internship contract work

Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations in Geneva · Full-time

Aug 2010 - Oct 2010 · 3 mos

Geneva, Switzerland

Diplomacy Training Program. Capacity Building Educational Program.

- Assisted the Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva (Delbrasgen) in its internal activities and with international organizations based in Geneva;
- Assisted the Mission in several high-level meetings at the United Nations Human Rights Council;
- Prepared support material for meetings, meeting reports, and summaries;
- Monitored news published in national and international media relevant to Delbrasgen's work;
- Supported the Brazilian delegation at meetings of interest of Delbrasgen;
- Performed legal research and wrote legal reports;
- Researched and monitored issues of international humanitarian law and human rights law;
- Managed documentation and operation of database tools related to international matters pertaining to Delbrasgen;
- Translated texts: English to Portuguese; Portuguese to English.

Professional skills:

- Strong listening and communication skills and interpersonal skills with a strong work ethic;
- Demonstrated experience and success with managing several different tasks at once;
- Successful time management and organizational skills;
- Strong attention to detail;
- Willingness to learn, coachable;
- Advanced problem-solving skills;
- Ability to build relationships;
- Willingness to complete tasks as assigned;

- Natural curiosity and being unafraid to ask questions;
- Proven track record in achieving goals.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: LAW CLERK

Law Clerk

Gonçalves and Pereira Lawyers Co. · Full-time
Feb. 2007 – Feb. 2008 1y
Viçosa, Brazil
Constitutional Law, Labor Law, Brazilian Civil Law.

Duties consisted mainly of:

- Attended hearings and trials;
- Drafted legal memoranda and petitions;
- Conducted legal research;
- Interviewed clients;
- Assisted attorney team with daily organization and maintenance of case documents, including routine monitoring of case dockets, organizing and saving key case correspondence, pleadings, discovery, expert materials, opening/closing files, entering file details into software, requesting information and documents from clients, maintaining a paperless system, uploading documents received.

Law Clerk

Office of the Public Defender · Part-time
May 2003 – Jun. 2004 1y 1 mo
Viçosa, Brazil
Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Brazilian Civil Law.

Duties consisted mainly of:

- Attended hearings; drafted legal memoranda, petitions; conducted legal research; attended trials; interviewed clients.

Professional skills:

- Strong proficiency in legal research;
- Excellent legal analysis and writing skills;
- Ability to multi-task and communicate effectively orally and in writing;
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills and attention to detail.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer

Mafraq Community Center
Jul 2023 – Sept 2023 · 3 mos
Disaster and Humanitarian Relief
Mafraq, Jordan

Tasks included:

- Teaching photography courses to refugees in Mafraq, Jordan.

Volunteer

Istanbul Refugees

Jul 2018 - Dec 2021 · 3 yrs 6 mos
Disaster and Humanitarian Relief
Istanbul, Turkey

Tasks included:

- Teaching International Refugee Law to the NGO's volunteers and training them on the practical aspects of refugee protection in Turkey;
- Providing legal support to refugees, asylum seekers, undocumented persons, and unaccompanied children;
- Advising the NGO on issues pertaining to International Refugee Law;
- Organizing fund-raising campaigns to buy food, winter clothing, and provide medical treatments for refugees.

Volunteer

Refugee 4 Refugees

Sep 2019 · 1 mo
Disaster and Humanitarian Relief
Samos, Greece

Co-lead a team of volunteers in partnership with the NGO Refugees 4 Refugees at the Samos Refugee Camp in Samos-Greece.

Daily tasks included:

- Co-leading a team of 15 volunteers in Samos;
- Providing legal training to the volunteers on International Refugee Law;
- Providing logistical support and services to the residents of Samos Refugee Camp;
- Creating opportunities for creative engagement between refugees and volunteers;
- Driving from/to volunteers' house, the Refugee camp; the warehouse: transporting volunteers, food, clothing, and supplies to refugees;
- Working with volunteers on the management of donation stocks at the warehouse;
- Helping to coordinate the organization in the jungle of recreational activities for children;
- Cleaning of the volunteers' house;
- Helping to coordinate clothes distribution to refugees: sorting, planning, and distributing the donations;
- Photographing and documenting;
- Working with unexpected events that can happen daily in such an environment.

Professional skills:

- Strong listening and communication skills;
- Demonstrated experience and success with managing several different tasks at once;
- Successful time management and organizational skills;
- Willingness to learn, coachable;
- Advanced problem-solving skills;
- Ability to build relationships;
- Ability to work with unforeseen situations.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2017 – Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health full scholarship recipient: HELP Course Preparatory course on Humanitarian Disasters and Public Health. July 2016, Baltimore, US.

2016 – Koç University Law School: Full graduate scholarship recipient, Ph.D. Program in Public Law. September 2016 – Present, Istanbul, Turkey.

2009 – American University Washington College of Law: Full tuition remission, LL.M. Program in Human Rights & Humanitarian Law. January-December 2009, Washington-DC, US.

2009 – Goldman-Grossman Award recipient, in recognition for exceptional commitment to human rights and development for the national and international Latino community. March 5th, 2009, Washington-DC, US.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. Beyond a reasonable doubt: Did the Islamic State commit genocide against Christians in Iraq? International Institute for Religious Freedom (IIRF) & Verlag für Kultur und Wissenschaft. Bonn, 2023. ISBN 978-3-86269-267-5.

- This book's main goal was to determine the legal nature, typification of, and criminal responsibility for criminal acts that ISIL/DAESH perpetrated against civilians in Iraq, focusing on the violations against Christians. In this case study, I attempted to determine whether the actus reus and the perpetrators *mens rea* behind this criminal conduct fall under the definition of genocide, as prescribed by the Rome Statute, or fall under the crime of persecution, as a crime against humanity, as defined in the Rome Statute. Through a detailed analysis of hundreds of cases from international criminal tribunals, the book makes a significant and original contribution to the field of genocide and crimes against humanity studies.

Publication in Law Journals – Blind peer review process

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. United Nations Framework on Terrorism and States Compliance to Security Council Anti-Terror Resolutions. Banja Luka Criminal Law Review. 2021.

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. Please, Set Me Free! The Right to Challenge An Unlawful Detention: Scrutinizing The Practice of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. (2020) 5 Perth International Law Journal.

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. Child-Friendly Justice Behind Bars: A Comparative Analysis of the Protection Mechanisms of the Rights of Arrested Children in the Practice of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and of the European and Inter-American Courts of Human Rights, American University International Law Review: Vol. 35 : Iss. 2, Article 6.

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. Please, Hear My Cry: Judicial Interpretation of Children's Human Rights under the Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, 43 Hastings Int'l & Comp. L. Rev. 35 (2020).

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. Who cares about the rights of indigenous children? The problem of infanticide in Brazilian Indian tribes. Winter issue, Volume 22, of the Hastings Women's Law Journal –Hastings University, CA, U.S. v. 22, p. 17-54, 2011.

Book Chapter

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. Liquid bodies in the postmodern era: A Critical Legal Studies approach to the problem of human trafficking. In: Elisha J. Dung; Augustine Avwunudiogba. (Org.). Human Trafficking: Global History and Perspectives. 1sted.London: Alabama University; Lexington Books, 2021, v. 1, p. 133-158.

Short Note

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. The Demarcation case of "Raposa Serra do Sol" Indigenous Land in Brazil." International Legal Studies Program Law Journal – American University. Washington-DC, US, May 2009.

Research Assistance

Research assistant for "Defining a case against an accused before the International Criminal Court: whose responsibility is?" Susana SáCouto; Katherine Cleary. War Crimes Research Office - International Criminal Court Legal Analysis and Education Project. Washington-DC, US, November 2009.

Research Papers

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. Please, set me free! The right to challenge an unlawful detention: Scrutinizing the practice of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary detention. Paper presentation, panelist. AHRI Conference 2019. The Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI). September 7th, 2019. University of Potsdam, The Human Rights Centre.

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. A Hostile World for Children: An Assessment of Security Council Resolutions and Reports on Children and Armed Conflict. Paper presentation, panelist. 3rd Postgraduate Conference in International Law and Human Rights. June 17th, 2019, the University of Liverpool, School of Law and Social Justice, Liverpool, United Kingdom.

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. Please, Hear My Cry: Judicial Interpretation of Children's Human Rights under the Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Paper presentation, panelist. 8th International Students Symposium on Law and Global Issues: Law and Global Contemporary Challenges. April 26th, 2019, Koç University, Law School, Istanbul, Turkey.

CONFERENCES, COURSES, AND SEMINARS TAUGHT

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. Table of discussion with André Leitão, President of Compassiva NGO: The Turkish legislative framework protective of refugees: A comparison with the Brazilian framework. April 27th, 2022. (UFOB) Federal University of Western Bahia, Luís Eduardo Magalhães, Brazil.

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. Please, set me free! The right to challenge an unlawful detention: Scrutinizing the practice of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary detention. Paper presentation, panelist. AHRI Conference 2019. The Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI). September 7th, 2019. University of Potsdam, The Human Rights Centre. Potsdam, Germany.

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. A Hostile World for Children: An Assessment of Security Council Resolutions and Reports on Children and Armed Conflict. Paper presentation, panelist. 3rd Postgraduate Conference in International Law and Human Rights. June 17th, 2019, the University of Liverpool, School of Law and Social Justice, Liverpool, United Kingdom.

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. Please, Hear My Cry: Judicial Interpretation of Children's Human Rights under the Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Paper presentation, panelist. 8th International Students Symposium on Law and Global Issues: Law and Global Contemporary Challenges. April 26th, 2019, Koç University, Law School, Istanbul, Turkey.

MAZZINGHY, Áquila. Terrorism in the international agenda: new challenges, old problems. III Semana Jurídica do Curso de Direito da Pontifícia Universidade Católica – PUC Faculty of Law. August 26th, 2016, Poços de Caldas, Brazil.

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