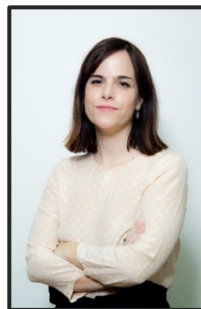


## CURRICULUM VITAE



### **Personal information**

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***Proactive researcher with excellent organisational and coordination skills. All-round research skills from not just academia, but also experience with think tanks, public affairs projects and other policy-related frameworks. Research Interests include political geography and socioeconomic dynamics in the contemporary Middle East, particularly the Levant and the Persian Gulf.***



### **Professional experience**

Employer: Fundación Alternativas (Madrid)

Category in the workplace: Middle East and Maghreb Coordinator (Observatory of Spanish Foreign Policy)

Years and time commitment: June 2018 – present (part time)

- *Formulate and implement the programme's annual work-plan. Articulate and coordinate research, carry out research and contribute to the research; substantively edit, enhance and finalise all kinds of written material for internal use or external publication.*
- *Represent Fundación Alternativas externally in national and international convenings and media.*

Employer: Deusto Business School (Madrid)

Category in the workplace: Coordinator of Deusto Asuntos Globales World Affairs & Strategic Issues

Years and time commitment: January 2020 – present (part time)

- *Organisation of private and public workshops and research programmes. Production of research documents and consulting reports.*
- *Kick-off activities: coordinate and contribute to the formulation of the initiative's strategy and work plan. Plan and coordinate research, identify and liaise with relevant stakeholders.*

Employer: The U.S. / Middle East Project (London Office)

Category in the workplace: Researcher and Programme Coordinator

Years and time commitment: 06/2016 – 06/2017 (full-time) - 07-11/2017 (consulting position)

- *Conducted extensive research and policy analysis on a wide variety of issues related to the mission of the organisation. Drafted and produced written material, including reports, newsletters and talking points for senior staff, and assisted with the proofreading of further material.*
- *Monitored events, policy decisions, debates and other issues related to the MENA region, US and EU foreign policy, identifying opportunities to shape the relevant policies.*
- *Communications and press officer: coordinated content production and development of communication tools; edited and published on-line & off-line content.*

Employer: KREAB (Madrid Office)

Category in the workplace: Public Affairs Executive Associate

Years and time commitment: 02/2015 – 06/2016 (full-time)

- *Produced political intelligence reports (EU and Spanish affairs), public policy studies and policy analysis. Main fields: energy and sharing economy.*
- *Conducted strategic planning, relationship and communications management and advice. Managed political and public relations crises.*

Employer: Palacio & Asociados (Madrid)

Category in the workplace: Adviser and researcher to Ms. Ana Palacio (former MFA of Spain)

Years and time commitment: 01/2014- 02/2015 (full-time)

- *Carried out substantive research and produced written material, drafted op-eds, press releases, speeches, papers, reports. Provided analysis and reports to the senior management on the trends affecting the areas of responsibility.*
- *Prepared Ms. Ana Palacio for international conferences and speaking engagements: drafting of talking points, background briefs, communication & presentation materials and other assistance as needed.*

Employer: European Parliament (Brussels)

Category in the workplace: Assistant to MEP Enrique Guerrero Salom

Years and time commitment: 03/2013-10/2013 (full-time)

- *Produced written documents for Committees AFCO and DEVE.*
- *Overviewed media coverage, drafted press releases and newsletters - communicated with all kinds of stakeholders.*

Employer: Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP (Brussels Office)

Category in the workplace: Contract Attorney

Years and time commitment: 10/2012-03/2013 (full-time)

Employer: European Union Delegation to the Arab Republic of Egypt (Cairo)

Category in the workplace: Political Affairs Assistant (Political Affairs, Press and Information Section)

Years and time commitment: 02/2012-07/2012 (fulltime)

- *Produced briefings and reports on domestic, foreign/regional and security policy issues. Coordinated, prepared and reported on EU Delegation's internal and external meetings.*
- *Assisted the Press Officer: gathered and analysed media coverage of all EU/Egypt/region-related issues.*

Employer: J&A Garrigues S.L.P. (Madrid Office)

Category in the workplace: Lawyer (Mercantile Department)

Years and time commitment: 09/2008-10/2009 (full-time)



## **Education**

Qualification: PhD Summa cum laude – PhD Topic: ‘A constellation of visions of decolonisation and resistance. On the explanatory factors for the resurgence of the so-called “one-state solution” amongst contemporary Palestinians’

Granting institution: Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (PhD Program in Human Sciences: Geography, Anthropology and African and Asian Studies)

Date: 10/2017 – 09/2020

Qualification awarded: Master’s Degree in Corporate Communication, Protocol and Events

Granting Institution: Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

Date: 03/2018 – 07/2020

Qualification awarded: Master’s Degree in Policy and the Study of Democracy

Granting institution: Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia

Date: 01/2015 – 06/2017

Qualification awarded: Bachelor’s Degree in Law (Specialisation: EU Law)

Granting institution: Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Date: 2003-2007

## Other merits

Teaching experience

2018 (January-May) Stay abroad: Université Saint Joseph (Beirut, Lebanon).

2010 – 2012: Preparation for competitive examinations for the Spanish Diplomatic Service.

2007 – 2008: Master’s Degree in Business Law, Garrigues Study Centre (Madrid, Spain) (completed).

2005 – 2006: Erasmus Scholarship in Nanterre University (Paris X, France).

2001 – 2003: Baccaauréat in Natural Sciences, Lycée Maurice Ravel (St Jean de Luz, France).

Diplomas: Foundations of American Law and Legal Education Program (Georgetown University). Democratic Development (Stanford University, Coursera) and Constitutional Struggles in the Muslim World (University of Copenhagen, Coursera).



## Research Merits (Participation and presentation of research results in international conferences, seminars and workshops)

### Articles:

- 'La interconexión entre política exterior y arena doméstica en Arabia Saudí a partir de 2011 a través del prisma del realismo subalterno', Revista de Estudios Políticos (January 2021).
- 'La evolución de Hezbolá como movimiento social: de "liberador" a contrarrevolucionario (1985 – 2019)', Revista de Estudios Internacionales Mediterráneos 28 (July 2020).
- 'La influencia del poscolonialismo en el estudio de Israel/Palestina: de la perspectiva anticolonial al marco decolonial, pasando por el colonialismo de asentamiento', Revista Relaciones Internacionales 42 (October 2019).
- 'Semi-consociationalism in Israel, yet another settler colonial mechanism in Israel/Palestine' (peer-review process).
- 'Haifa as a settler-colonial city and a site of resistance' (peer-review process).
- 'On the past, present and future of the so-called 'outside-in approach' to Israel-Palestine, with a particular focus on Saudi Arabia' (peer-review process).

### Book/Volume coordination (and co-authoring):

- '[Documento de trabajo: La actualidad del Consejo de Cooperación del Golfo: dinámicas domésticas, transnacionales e internacionales](#)'.
- '[Africa Report 2020. Transformations, mobilization and continuity](#)'.
- '[Documento de Trabajo: Política e islam. Debates y visiones contemporáneos en el Norte de África, Oriente Próximo y Europa](#)'.
- '[Africa Report 2019. Cross-border dynamics in a globalised context](#)'.
- '[Documento de Trabajo: Flujos Migratorios en el Mediterráneo: causas, políticas y reforma](#)'.

### Others:

- '[Support for Civil Society as Window Dressing. A Critical Assessment of how the EU engages with Civil Society](#)' (10th Euromed Survey, European Institute of the Mediterranean).
- '[On the Insufficiencies and Dark Side of the Principle of Differentiated Bilateralism](#)' (EuroMeSCO Paper October 2019).
- Chapter 'Haifa as an "urban reserve"' in the book 'Palestinian cities', edited by Institute of Palestine Studies (publication process).
- '[The Union for the Mediterranean \(UfM\) ten years after its foundation - How to overcome the frustrated ambitions](#)' (with Inès Abdel Razek, Fundación Alternativas).
- '[25 años de Oslo: lecciones aprendidas y perspectivas](#)' (Fundación Alternativas).
- '[Los Emiratos Árabes Unidos, a la vanguardia de la reconfiguración de Oriente Próximo](#)' (Instituto Español de Estudios Estratégicos)
- '[Arabia Saudí: un gigante con pies de petróleo. Dinámicas internas y retos regionales](#)' (Fundación Alternativas).
- 2011-Present: analyses and by-lines have been published by leading Spanish or international media. A majority of articles are uploaded on the blog [Discovering MENA and other thoughts](#).



## Other merits

- Languages: Spanish as mother tongue; proficient in English (TOEFL 120/125) and French (Baccalauréat); intermediate level of Palestinian Colloquial Arabic and basic level of MSA (Birzeit University, Palestine).
- Member of the editorial team of the academic journal 'Relaciones Internacionales'. Member of the 'Taller de Estudios Internacionales Mediterráneos' (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) and 'Grupo de Estudios sobre Sociedades y Musulmanas' (Universidad de Castilla La Mancha).
- Young Fellow of Aspen Institute, a programme that identifies future generations of talent. Member of FEPS YAN (Foundation for European Progressive Studies Young Academics Network).
- Co-founder of the podcast on MENA affairs 'Café Caravana'. Member of civil society organisation Con Copia a Europa, facilitating advocacy campaigns to raise global awareness across Spanish youth pertaining to all EU-related matters.
- Volunteering: La Esperanza Granada (Nicaragua, 2009-2010), UN Volunteer (2009,2010).