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After 15 years of experience in regulatory analysis in the government, academia and private sectors, particularly regarding water supply and sanitation, I am one of Colombia's leading experts in this subject. I was born in Bogota, Colombia and trained in law at the Javeriana University. I obtained an MSc in Regulation from the London School of Economics and then a PhD in Politics from the University of Oxford. I have an intellectual background that combines law, political science and economics, and a body of research work that includes both the analysis of utilities regulation and of structure-of-government issues. I also have a successful track record of teaching in law schools in the United Kingdom, Colombia and Central America. Recently, I served as Superintendent of Water Supply and Sanitation, where I led a team of 150 socially-minded women and men to tackle some of Colombia's most complex and pressing challenges regarding water security and circular economy issues.

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## EDUCATION

- **Oxford University**  
2012-2017, Ph.D. in Politics  
Thesis: <https://ora.ox.ac.uk/objects/uuid:e5db32bb-6f7e-45da-9055-3aaf532b3466>
  - **London School of Economics**  
2011-2012, MSc in Regulation
  - **Universidad Javeriana (Colombia)**  
2005-2007, LL.M.  
2000-2004, LL.B.
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano**  
<https://www.utadeo.edu.co/en/utadeo-english-version>  
2018 - present
- **Superintendent of Water Supply and Sanitation at the *Superintendencia de Servicios Públicos Domiciliarios*, SSPD (Colombian public utilities supervisor)** [www.superservicios.gov.co](http://www.superservicios.gov.co)  
2016-2018
- **Director of the Centre for Studies in International and Global Law Francisco Suárez, S.J., Universidad Javeriana** <http://cienciasjuridicas.javeriana.edu.co/departamentos/derecho-publico/centros-estudio>  
2008-2011
- **Regulatory advisor at the *Superintendencia de Servicios Públicos Domiciliarios*, SSPD**  
2007-2010
- **Associate, Palacios Lleras (a leading Colombian law firm in the utilities and natural resources sectors)** [www.palacioslleras.com](http://www.palacioslleras.com)  
2005-2007 and 2011
- **Research assistant, Palacios Lleras**  
2003-2005

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### United Kingdom

- **The Center for Transnational Legal Studies in London -CTLS, Georgetown University et al.**  
Transnational Environmental Law
- **St Anne's College, University of Oxford**  
Politics in Latin America (tutorial)

### Colombia

- **Universidad de Los Andes**  
Politics, Public Management and Public Policy  
Legislation and Public Policy
- **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana**  
Utilities Regulation  
Human Rights and Development
- **Universidad Externado de Colombia**  
Utilities Regulation
- **Universidad del Rosario**  
Utilities Regulation
- **Universidad del Norte**  
Utilities Regulation

### El Salvador

- **Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas (El Salvador)**  
Utilities Regulation in Developing Countries

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Recentralisation and its causes: Colombia 1994-2014, 112th American Political Science Association – APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (USA), 1-4 September 2016.
- The Role of Economic Performance on the Emergence of Recentralisation: Colombia 1994-2014, XXXIV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association -LASA, New York (USA), 27-30 May 2016.
- The Causes of Recentralisation in Colombia (2007-2011), 111th American Political Science Association –APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco (USA), 3-6 September 2015.
- The New Colombian System of Royalties: Decentralisation or Recentralisation?, XXXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association -LASA, San Juan (Puerto Rico), 27-30 May 2015.
- Regulatory Agencies and Courts in the Global South, Latin American Constitutionalism: between Law and Politics, University of Glasgow, Glasgow (UK), 2 July 2014.
- The Emergence of Recentralization in Colombia, XXXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association -LASA, Chicago (USA), 21-24 May 2014.

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## REFEREEING

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- Cuadernos de Administración (ISSN 0120-4645)
- Estudios Socio-Jurídicos (ISSN 0124-0579)
- Opinión Jurídica (ISSN1692-2530)
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- Anuario Colombiano de Derecho Internacional (ISSN: 2027-1131)
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- Civilizar (ISSN 1657-8953)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- *La Garantía de los Derechos Sociales* (Social Rights Guarantees) (ISBN 978-958-716-310-0), Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and Ibáñez Press, 2009 (With Alfredo Bateman, Juliana Vengoechea and Juanita López. Foreword by Nilson Pinilla Pinilla, former President of the Colombian Constitutional Court).

### Journal articles

- Regulatory Agencies and Courts in the South: The Overlaps in the Colombian Water Regulation, *Journal of Politics in Latin America* (peer-reviewed journal – ISSN 1868-4890), 5 (2) 2013, pp. 105-132.
- Political Institutions and Judicial Role: An Approach in Context, the Case of the Colombian Constitutional Court, *Vniversitas* (ISSN 0041-9060), No.119.2009, pp. 55-92 (Con D. Landau).
- El Régimen Tarifario de los Servicios Públicos Domiciliarios y la Cláusula de Progresividad de los DESC en Colombia (Regulation of Public Utility Rates and the Obligation of Progressive Realization of Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights in Colombia), *Revista de la Maestría en Derecho Económico* (peer-reviewed journal – ISSN 1692-3103), No.5. 2009, pp.201-240.
- “Servicios Públicos Domiciliarios”: una Reinterpretación Desde el Bloque de Constitucionalidad (Household Public Utilities: A Reinterpretation from the Perspective of the “Constitutional Block”), *Vniversitas* (peer-reviewed journal – ISSN 0041-9060), No.117.2008, pp.171-196 (with J. Schonberger).
- La Obligación de Progresividad de los Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales: el Caso de los Servicios Públicos en Colombia (The Obligation of Progressive Realization of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: The Case of Colombian Public Utilities), *International Law. Revista Colombiana de Derecho Internacional* (peer-reviewed journal – ISSN 1692-8156), No.12.2008, pp.217-252 (with L. García).

### Academic blogging

- Water Supply and Sanitation in Colombia: From Decentralisation to Recentralisation, *Global Water Forum*, UNESCO – Australian National University, 16 March 2015.
- A critical case: The United Kingdom and New Public Management, *OXPOL*, Oxford University, 26 November 2015.
- Book review: *Policy Alienation and the Power of Professionals: Confronting New Policies*, *LSE Review of Books*, 8 April 2014.
- Book review: *Political Struggles and the Forging of Autonomous Government Agencies*, *LSE Review of Books*, 1 September 2013.

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## MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- International Water Association (IWA)
- *Centro de Estudios de Derecho y Economía* (Centre of Law and Economics), Universidad Javeriana
- *Centro de Estudios de Financiamiento y Desarrollo Regional* (Centre for Studies in Regional Finances and Development), Universidad Javeriana
- *Centro de Estudios de Servicios Públicos, Infraestructura y Telecomunicaciones* (Centre for Studies in Public Utilities, Infrastructure and Telecommunications), Universidad Javeriana
- Academia Colombiana de Derecho Internacional (Colombian Society of International Law)