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### **SHORT BIO**

Founding partner at Nalanda Analytica S.A.S, a consultancy firm specialized in regulatory analysis and design. After 15 years of experience in regulatory issues in the government, academia and private sectors, particularly regarding water supply and sanitation, Julián López-Murcia is one of Colombia's leading experts in this subject.

He served as Colombia's Superintendent of Water Supply and Sanitation, where he led a team of 150 socially-minded women and men to tackle some of this country's most complex and pressing challenges regarding water security and circular economy issues.

Julián has 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. His work has been cited by the UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation (Report A/HRC/36/45), as well as by some Colombian authorities such as the Constitutional Court, a worldwide leading court regarding social rights.

He also has a successful track record of teaching in law schools in the United Kingdom, Colombia and Central America. Currently, he is serving as Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Universidad de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano (Colombia).

Julián was educated at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá (LLB). He obtained an MSc in Regulation from the London School of Economics (LSE) and then a DPhil (Ph.D.) in Politics from the University of Oxford.

## EDUCATION

- **University of Oxford**  
2012-2017, **Ph.D. in Politics**
- **London School of Economics**  
2011-2012, **MSc in Regulation**
- **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Colombia)**  
2005-2007, **LL.M.**  
2000-2004, **LL.B.**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Partner**  
Nalanda Analytica S.A.S.  
2020 - present
- **Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences**  
Universidad de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano  
2018 - present
- **Ad-hoc Justice (Conjuez)**  
*Tribunal Administrativo de Cundinamarca*  
2019 - present
- **Superintendent of Water Supply and Sanitation**  
*Superintendencia de Servicios Públicos Domiciliarios* (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**  
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana  
2008 - 2011
- **Regulatory advisor**  
*Superintendencia de Servicios Públicos Domiciliarios*  
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

**Universidad Externado de Colombia**  
Utilities Regulation

**Pontificia Universidad Javeriana**  
Utilities Regulation  
Human Rights and Development

**Universidad del Rosario**  
Utilities Regulation

**Universidad del Norte**  
Utilities Regulation

### El Salvador

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

## POLICY ADVICE AND CONSULTATIONS

- Consultant to the World Bank regarding Colombia's water governance, 2019.
- Consultant to the *Federación Nacional de Departamentos* -FND (National Federation of Departments) regarding the design of decentralisation policies, 2019.
- Consultant to Management Systems International (MSI) regarding national and subnational planning instruments in Colombia, 2018.

## REFEREEING

*Economía Institucional* (ISSN 0124-5996), *Cuadernos de Administración* (ISSN 0120-4645), *Estudios Socio-Jurídicos* (ISSN 0124-0579), *Opinión Jurídica* (ISSN1692-2530), *Vniversitas* (ISSN 0041-9060), *Anuario Colombiano de Derecho Internacional* (ISSN: 2027-1131), *International Law. Revista Colombiana de Derecho Internacional* (ISSN 1692-8156), and *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, 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 (with D. Landau).
- *La Protección de la Propiedad de la Tierra en la Jurisprudencia de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos y su Aplicación al Caso de las Comunidades Campesinas en Colombia* (The protection of land in the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and its application to Colombian rural communities), *International Law. Revista Colombiana de Derecho Internacional* (peer-reviewed journal – ISSN 1692-8156), No.14.2009, pp.71-105 (with G. Maldonado).
- *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).
- *La Problemática Actual de los Paraísos Fiscales* (Current problems around Tax Havens Issue), *International Law. Revista Colombiana de Derecho Internacional* (peer-reviewed journal – ISSN 1692- 8156), No.10.2007, pp.311-338 (with J. Schonberger).

- *Asistencia Estatal a los Desplazados y Reparaciones en el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos* (Public assistance and reparations to forcefully displaced persons in the Inter-American Human Rights System), *International Law. Revista Colombiana de Derecho Internacional* (peer-reviewed journal – ISSN 1692-8156), No.8.2006, pp. 161-194 (with J. Acosta).

## Book chapters

- *El Bloque de Constitucionalidad en su Dimensión Correcta: Obligatoriedad de las Interpretaciones Autorizadas* (The constitutional block in its correct dimension: binding character of the authorized interpretations) in “*Realidades y Tendencias del Derecho en el Siglo XXI – Filosofía e Historia del Derecho*” (ISBN: 978-958-35-0805-9), Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and Editorial Temis, 2010, p. 233 – 254.

## 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.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Regulation and Development: Regulating Local Governments in Colombia, 1994-2019, Regulation and Development in Latin America: Towards a Regional Research Agenda, *Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas –CIDE*, México DF, 25-26 November 2019.
- A Path-Dependent Theory of Recentralisation, 115th *American Political Science Association –APSA Annual Meeting*, Washington DC (USA), 29 August - 1 September 2019.
- *¿Cómo usar la Regulación de Servicios Públicos para la Adaptación al Cambio Climático?* (How to use Utilities Regulation to Adapt to Climate Change?), *II Jornadas Académicas de Derecho Ambiental*, Universidad de Cuenca (Ecuador), 5-6 November 2018.
- 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 Recentralisation in Colombia, XXXII International Congress of the *Latin American Studies Association* -LASA, Chicago (USA), 21-24 May 2014.
- *El Bloque de Constitucionalidad en su Dimensión Correcta: Obligatoriedad de las “Interpretaciones Autorizadas” de los Tratados Internacionales de Derechos Humanos* (The block of constitutionality in its correct dimension: binding character of the Authorised Interpretations of the International Human Rights Treaties), *VII Seminario Permanente de Derechos Humanos Xabier Gorostiaga, S.J.*, Universidad del Zulia et al., Maracaibo (Venezuela), 31 May and 1-3 June 2011.
- *Propiedad Privada en el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos* (Private Property in the Inter-American System of Human Rights), *Curso Internacional de Jurisprudencia de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos*, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México - UNAM, Mexico City (Mexico), 26-27 February 2009.

## MEDIA

López Murcia’s work has been covered in the media. He has done several interviews for television, radio, newspapers, and magazines, including *CM&*, *Caracol Radio*, *La FM*, *El Espectador*, *Revista Semana*, *La República*, *La Silla Vacía*, *Ámbito Jurídico*, and others.

## MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- International Water Association (IWA)
- *Academia Colombiana de Derecho Internacional* (Colombian Society of International Law)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)