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Curricula vitae[[1]](#footnote-2)\*

Milena Costas Trascasas (Spain)

Human Rights Consultant / Legal Adviser

• PhD in Law;

• 15 years of experience;

• Specialization: public international law, international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international criminal law;

• Member of the UN Human Rights Council’s Advisory Committee;

• Member of the OSCE Panel on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association;

• English, Spanish, French and Italian.

I. Member of the UN Human Rights Council’s Advisory Committee

A. From 2019 UN Independent Expert-Advisory Committee of the UN Human Rights Council

• Rapporteur of the AC report “Moving towards racial equality: study of the Advisory Committee on appropriate ways and means of assessing the situation (2021)” – A/HRC/48/72;

• Chair of the drafting group of the AC report “The impact of new technologies for climate protection on the enjoyment of human rights” (in elaboration);

• Member of the WEOG in the Working Group on Communications (2022–).

• Member of the drafting group of the AC reports on:

• Negative effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of human rights (2021) – A/HRC/48/66;

• Current levels of representation of women in human rights organs and mechanisms: ensuring gender balance (2021) – A/HRC/47/51;

• Possible impacts, opportunities and challenges of new and emerging digital technologies with regard to the promotion and protection of human rights (2021) – A/HRC/47/52;

• Research-based report on the importance of a legally binding instrument on the right to development (2020) – A/HRC/45/40.

• Research proposals:

• Assessing human rights implications of neurotechnologies: towards the recognition of neurorights (Submitted to the HRC in AC27 session report, Feb 2022);

• Practices negatively affecting the human rights of migrants (Submitted to the HRC in AC24 session report, Feb 2020).

• Relevant recent publications:

• ‘The Advisory Committee’s contribution to advancing the human rights agenda: achievements and perspectives’, in *Multilateralism, human rights and diplomacy: a global perspective*, University for Peace, 2021, pp. 329–342.

II. Professional experience

A. From 2016 course instructor and collaborator – Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

• Teaching International Protection of Human Rights, IHL and International Criminal Law in the framework of the Master on Human Rights, Democracy and Globalization;

• Designing an on-line learning programme and elaborating materials (readings, case-study, activities), supervising Master’s thesis and providing on-line teaching.

B. From 2016 – consultant– Spanish Red-Cross National Society

• Coordinating, designing and lecturing in a distance learning programme on International Protection of Human Rights (3 months); elaborating materials (case-study, group activities), supervising projects;

• Providing technical support and carrying out research; drafting papers, briefings and publications on national policy issues;

• Carrying out and coordinating research; drafting a report on Spain’s implementation of IHL obligations and other humanitarian commitments;

• Representing the Spanish National Society in the meetings of the European Legal Support Group (ELSG) meetings in other meetings and initiatives of the Movement.

C. From 2015 – consultant (human rights and humanitarian protection) – several mandates and missions

1. 2019–2021 – International Labour Organization

• Desk-research and drafting of a research strategy on the project ‘Fundamental rights at work and environmental degradation: the case of forced labour and child labour’.

2. 2020–2021 – European Business School, Paris

• Designing and teaching an advanced course on social corporate responsibility and the Sustainable Development Goals.

3. 2018–2020 Università degli Studi di Sassari

• Designing and teaching an advanced course on the impact on human rights of counter-terrorism measures, including agenda and measures to countering violent extremism (‘Fight against terrorism and human rights: EU’s policy and practice’).

4. 2015–2017 and 2019 Office of the High Commissioner for Human Right (United Nations), Geneva

• Providing technical support and advise to the UN Advisory Committee’s members;

• Carrying out research, drafting papers, briefings;

• Supporting the Secretariat in the organization of expert meetings and the sessions of the Advisory Committee.

5. From 2016 Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR/OSCE), Warsaw

• Reviewing legal assessments on draft legislation on the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association; contribution to the drafting of legal opinions;

• Field missions (Kazakhstan, Bosnia-Herzegovina).

6. 2015–2018 Centre for Human Rights, Research and Advocacy, Malaysia

• Organizing training courses on human rights and humanitarian issues for human rights promoters (40h); supporting the drafting process of a National Human Rights Plan; helping the elaboration of a shadow report for the Human Rights Council UPR; analysing the human rights situation in Malaysia and supporting the elaboration of advocacy strategy and recommendations addressed to national authorities.

7. 2015 Democracy International Reporting, Berlin

• Carrying out and coordination and drafting of an assessment on the implementation of the International UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in Pakistan. Directing the research of local consultants.

D. 2013–2015 Research Fellow and Project Coordinator – Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights – Geneva

• Carrying out research, drafting of reports including Academy Briefings and Policy papers;

• Organizing a series of regional experts meetings;

• Coordinating the implementation of research projects on IHL and human rights issues;

• Elaboration of research proposals.

E. 2008–2013 lecturer and senior researcher – Universitat Jaume I de Castellón, Spain

• Coordinating of the research and carrying out research in the framework of the European Commission’s FP7 funded project ‘Armed Conflicts, Peacekeeping, Transitional Justice: Law as Solution’ (ATLAS);

• Reporting, drafting of several documents including a code of conduct for Common Security and Defence Policy operational personnel and a compilation of best practices on the integration of the human rights and international humanitarian law component in EU crisis management missions;

• Editing two collective publications;

• Organization of a experts meetings.

F. 2005–2008 postdoctoral researcher, fellowship from the Spanish Ministry of Science and Education – Università degli Studi di Milano

• Research activities in the framework of the project ‘Counter-terrorism and the right to a fair trial’;

• Collaboration in the teaching of human rights law;

• Publication of articles on human rights law and IHL issues.

G. 2005 associate professor – Universidad Carlos III, Madrid

• In charge of teaching ‘Public International Law’ (three groups).

H. 2002–2004 legal adviser – Human Rights Office of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Madrid

• Supporting the work of the Human Rights Office;

• Drafting of reports, speeches and official documents;

• Coordination of the Spain’s periodical reports before the UN Human Rights Committees;

• Supporting the process towards the drafting of a national human rights plan;

• Participating in international conferences and meetings, including the Conference of the International Movement of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Conference of the International Movement of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent.

I. 2000–2004 trainer – National Society of the Spanish Red Cross, Madrid

• Collaboration in the activities of the Centre for Studies of International Humanitarian Law;

• Delivering specialized training on IHL to the police, the military, journalists and representatives of civil society on international humanitarian law and human rights issues.

J. 1997–2001 teaching assistant and PhD candidate,– Universidad Complutense, Madrid

• Teaching activities in the department of public international law and private international law;

• Research activities in the framework of my thesis project on the ‘Protection of the Person in Situations of Internal Violence’ (research fellowship from the University).

III. Other relevant professional experience

Electoral Observer for the European Commission

• Madagascar (2000);

• Palestine (2003);

• Nepal (2005).

IV. Education

| *2004* | **PhD in Law**, Universidad Complutense de Madrid  Topic: ‘The protection of the person in situations of internal violence’; |
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| *2000* | Member of the Madrid Bar Association; |
| *1999* | Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Spain; |
| *1999* | Bachelor of Laws, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain; |
| *1966* | Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Spain. |

V. Specialization

| *2018* | PHAP Certification in International Legal Frameworks for Humanitarian Action, Applying Humanitarian Principles in Practice and Understanding the Humanitarian Ecosystem; |
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| *2015* | Course on Mediation Skills, UNITAR; |
| *2007* | Summer Session on Human Rights at the Academy of European Law, European University Institute, Florence; |
| *1999* | ICRC Course on International Humanitarian Law, Warsaw; |
| *1999* | Summer Session on Human Rights at the Academy of European Law, European University Institute, Florence; |
| *1998* | Human Rights Course at the René Cassin International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg; |
| *1997* | Hague Academy Summer Course on Public International Law, The Hague; |
| *1996–1997* | Refugee Law Specialisation Course, University Carlos III, Madrid. |

VI. Projects

Project coordinator and senior researcher

• Assessing the human rights impact of neurotechnology: towards the recognition of neurorights (ongoing research, UN Human Rights Council’s Advisory Committee);

• Facilitating Peaceful Protests’, Geneva Academy, funded by the Swiss Government, 2013–2015;

• ‘Drones and Autonomous Weapons System under International Law’, Geneva Academy, funded by the Swiss Government, 2013–2015;

• ‘Armed Conflicts, Peacekeeping, Transitional Justice: Law as Solution’ (ATLAS), University Jaume I de Castellón, funded by the European Commission. Cooperative project with the University Sorbonne, Universitè Libre de Bruxelles, Universidad de Valencia, British Institute of Comparative Law, 2008–2012;

• ‘International Crimes, Italian Law Making Policy and Prospective Legislation’, Università degli Studi di Milano, funded by the Italian Foundation Cariplo, 2011–2013.

Senior researcher

• ‘International Organizations’ responsibility for actions committed in armed conflict or post-conflict situations’ funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Research, 2010–2013;

• ‘Terrorism and international legacy’, funded by the University Complutense of Madrid, 2008–2011;

• ‘Fight against terrorism, international humanitarian law and international criminal law’, funded by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Education, 2005–2008.

VII. Languages

• English Advanced

• French C1

• Spanish Mother tongue

• Italian C2

VIII. Publications

A. Books

• Violencia interna y protección de la persona: una laguna del Derecho internacional, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2008, 606 pp.

• Mainstreaming Human Rights in EU CSDP Missions: A Transversal Analysis, (editor) Psilicom, Valencia, 2012, 567 pp.

• The Integration of the Human Rights Component and International Humanitarian Law in Peace Missions Led by the European Union, International Colloquium (editor with Mariano Aznar Gómez), Psilicom, Valencia, 2011, 132 pp.

B. Book chapters and articles

• ‘The Advisory Committee’s contribution to advancing the human rights agenda: achievements and perspectives’, in *Multilateralism, human rights and diplomacy: a global perspective*, University for Peace, 2021, pp. 329–342.

• ‘El enfoque de derechos humanos en las políticas de drogas: su impacto en las familias vulnerables y dependientes de cultivos ilegalizados’, *Ensayos para un* *nuevo paradigma en la política de drogas*, Ocasional Papers, 2020, pp. 34–41.

• ‘EU Counterterrorism Policy and Human Rights: Are we in the right track?’, in E. Conde, M. Socopetti, Z. Yaneva (eds) *Routledge Handbook of EU Security Law and Policy*, 2019, pp. 303–322.

• ‘Protecting the right to protest in armed conflict’, in: Annyssa Bellal (ed.), *The War Report. Armed Conflict in 2014*, Oxford University Press, 2015, pp. 277–313.

• ‘Access to the Territory of a Disaster-Affected State’, in: A. De Guttry et al (eds.), *International Disaster Response Law*, Asser Press, The Netherlands, 2012, pp. 221–249.

• ‘Transversal Analysis on the Integration of the Human Rights Component and Recommendations’, in: M. Costas Trascasas, *Mainstreaming Human Rights in EU CSDP Missions: A Transversal Analysis*, Psylicom, Valencia, 2012, pp. 451–485.

• ‘EU Rule of Law Mission in Georgia’, in: M. Costas Trascasas, M., *Mainstreaming Human Rights in EU CSDP Missions: A Transversal Analysis*, Valencia, 2012, pp. 285–302.

• ‘EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia’, in: M. Costas Trascasas, *Mainstreaming Human Rights in EU CSDP Missions: A Transversal Analysis*, Psylicom, Valencia, Psylicom, 2012, pp. 405–428.

• ‘The New EU Strategy on Procedural Rights: One Step Forward or Two Backwards?’ in: M. Pedrazzi et al (eds.), *Individual Guarantees in the European Judicial Area in Criminal Matters*, Bruylant, Bruxelles 2011, pp. 189–205.

• ‘Los límites al uso de la fuerza en la represión de disturbios a la luz de la sentencia del TEDH en el caso Giuliani y Gaggio c. Italia’, in M. Aznar Gómez (ed.), *Estudios de Derecho internacional y Derecho Europeo en Homenaje al Profesor Manuel Pérez González*, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2011, pp. 341–366.

• ‘La determinación del régimen jurídico aplicable a la protección de las personas en situaciones de disturbios y tensiones internas’, in J.L. Rodríguez Villasante, and J. López, *La protección de la dignidad de la persona y el principio de humanidad en el S. XXI. Estudios de Derecho Internacional Humanitario, Derechos Humanos y Función Policial in memoriam Gonzalo Jar Consuelo*, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2011, pp. 557–581.

• ‘Comisiones y tribunales militares y los límites al derecho a un juicio justo en la lucha contra el terrorismo internacional’, in M. Pérez González (dir.), *Lucha contra el terrorismo, Derecho Internacional Humanitario y Derecho Penal Internacional*, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia 2011.

• ‘Conclusions to the Colloquium’ (with Svetlana Zasova), in: M. Aznar Gómez and M. Costas Trascasas, The Integration of the Human Rights Component and International Humanitarian Law in Peace Missions Led by the European Union, International Colloquium, Psilicom, Valencia, 2011, pp. 120–126.

• ‘Terrorisme et justice Dans les Territoires Occupés: réflexions préliminaires pour mieux comprendre la situation actuelle’, 6(24) *International Studies Journal*, 2010, pp. 63–92.

• ‘Lotta al terrorismo internazionale e deroghe alla CEDU di fronte alla Corte europea dei diritti umani’, 3(2) *Diritti umani e diritto internazionale*, 2009, pp. 426–432.

• ‘Terrorism, State of Emergency and Derogation of Judicial Guarantees’, in P. Antonio Fernández Sánchez (ed.), *International Legal Dimensions of Terrorism*, Martinus Nijhoff, 2009, pp. 469–495.

• ‘Intervento umanitario e Responsibility to Protect secondo il diritto internazionale” (with Gabriella Venturini), in Pace, Guerra, *Conflitto nella Società dei Diritti* (a cura di B. M. Bilotta, F. A. Cappelletti, A. Scerbo), Giappichelli, Torino, 2009, pp. 183–219.

• ‘Políticas, instrumentos e iniciativas de la Unión Europea para el fomento de los derechos humanos y de la democracia en terceros Estados: algunas reflexiones críticas’, in C. Pérez Bernárdez (ed.), *La Proyección Exterior de la Unión Europea: Desafíos y Realidad*, ed. Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2007, pp. 271–315.

• ‘La Ley estadounidense de comisiones militares: elementos para un análisis crítico desde la perspectiva del Derecho internacional’, *Anuario Español de Derecho Internacional*, Vol. XXIII, 2007, pp. 407–436.

• ‘La nueva Ley estadounidense de comisiones militares’, 14 *Revista Electrónica de Estudios Internacionales*, 2007.

• ‘El CICR y la regla de la confidencialidad como garantía funcional de su actuación: reflexiones al hilo de la decisión del Tribunal Internacional para la antigua Yugoslavia de 27 de julio de 1999’, 76 *Revista Española de Derecho Militar*, 2000, pp. 31–68.

C. Selected reports and other documents

• ‘Fundamental rights at work and environmental degradation: the case of forced and child labour’, ILO Research Papers, 2022 (forthcoming);

• ‘La protección del medio ambiente: la perspectiva de los derechos humanos y del derecho internacional humanitario’, Documento de Conclusiones, Cruz Roja Española, marzo 2022;

• ‘La protección de las mujeres y las niñas contra la violencia sexual en situaciones de conflicto armado’, Cruz Roja Española, marzo 2021;

• ‘Protección de la infancia: evaluación de necesidades y mejora de instrumentos. Conclusiones y recomendaciones’, Cruz Roja Española, marzo 2020;

• ‘ICCPR implementation in Pakistan: Assessment and Recommendations’, Democracy Reporting International, 2016;

• ‘Facilitating Peaceful Protest’, Geneva Academy Briefing n.5, January 2014;

• ‘Regional Experts Meeting on Security, Policing and Use of Force, Summary of discussions and main recommendations’, Buenos Aires, 8–9 May 2014, Geneva Academy, UNODC and CELS;

• ‘Experts Meeting on armed drones and robots under international law, Summary of discussions’, Divonne 3–5 December 2013, Geneva Academy and UNIDIR.

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