Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- M.A. History (with distinction), Université Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble (1999).

Languages

- French & Portuguese – bilingual native speaker
- English & Spanish – fluent (spoken and written proficiency)
- Kichwa – basic

Academic Positions

- Professor, International Relations, Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador (2004-).
- Senior Lecturer, Political Science, Amherst College (2022-).
- Karl Loewenstein Fellow and Visiting Associate Professor, Political Science & Sexuality, Women’s and Gender Studies, Amherst College (2010/11; 2016/21).
- Member of the School of Social Sciences, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (2013/14).
- Assistant Visiting Professor, Women’s and Gender Studies, Amherst College (2008/10).

Scholarly Publications

Monographs


Edited Volumes

• LGBTQ+ Politics in an Age of Crises, guest co-editor with Markus Thiel, International Politics (Special Issue forthcoming 2023).
• Sexuality and Translation in World Politics, co-editor with Caroline Cottet (E-International Relations, 2019).
• Queering Narratives of Modernity, co-editor with Maria Amelia Viteri (Bern/Quito: Peter Lang/FLACSO, 2016).
• Sexualities in World Politics: How LGBTQ Claims Shape International Relations, co-editor with Markus Thiel (New York: Routledge, 2015).

Journal Articles

• “Environmental defenders as first guardians of the world’s biodiversity,” Policy Matters, Special Issue on Environmental Defenders, vol:3:1-6. (2021)
• “Rethinking IR from the Amazon” Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional 59(2). (2016)
• “Redefiniendo la relación entre la Unión Europea y los países de África, el Caribe y el Pacífico,” with Roberto Dominguez Rivera, Rl 92 May/August: 31-38 (2003)
Book Chapters


- “Sex, Tongue and International Relations” with Caroline Cottet in Sexuality and Translation in World Politics, co-editor with Caroline Cottet (E-International Relations). (2019)

- “Indigenous Sexualities: Resisting Conquest and Translation” with Josi Tikuna in Sexuality and Translation in World Politics, co-editor with Caroline Cottet (E-International Relations). (2019)


- “Queering Amazonia: Homo-Affective Relations among Tikuna Society” with Josi Tikuna in María Amelia Viteri and Manuela Picq, Queering Narratives of Modernity Peter Lang/FLACSO: 113-134. (2016)


**Book Reviews**

• Tammy Lewis’ “Ecuador’s Environmental Revolutions: Ecoimperialists, Ecodependents, and Ecoresisters” *Journal of Sustainability and Change* (2022)

**Public Writing**

**Media Opinion**

• Selected media venues (since 2013):
  “Bolivia is burning. Who will stop its fires?” *The New York Times* (September 24, 2019)- (Spanish translation published in *El País*/Spain and *El Comercio*/Peru, October 5, 2019)
  “Global Heucheln, Lokal Bohren” *Debatte, Taz* (December 11, 2015).
  “What is Left of Latin America’s Left?” *Plataforma Política Social* (November 9, 2014)
  “Quando a Esquerda Censura,” *Folha de São Paulo* (February 21, 2014)
• *Intercontinental Cry* (selected since 2013):
  “Evo Morales’ ecocide is a genocide” *Intercontinental Cry* (September 24, 2019)
“We Will Not Buy What is Ours” Intercontinental Cry (September 29, 2016).

• Al Jazeera English (selected among 40 2011/20):
  “An oil spill in the times of covid,” co-authored w/Eduardo Kohn Al Jazeera English (July 14, 2020).
  “Conflicts Over Water Rights in Ecuador” Al Jazeera English (July 16, 2014).
  “Tribal Jurisdiction with Gender Parity” Al Jazeera English (February 21, 2013).
  “Rescuing the Memory of Latin America” Al Jazeera English (June 7, 2013).
  “Stigmatizing Feminism in Latin America,” Al Jazeera English (August 4, 2011).

Public scholarship (selected)
• “De Kimsakocha al Yasuní: solo respetando las consultas se puede proteger del extractivismo al Ecuador,” Open Democracy (September 19, 2023)
• “Un censo diseñado para invisibilizar las poblaciones indígenas del Ecuador,” with Byron Villacís, Open Democracy (November 7, 2022)
• “Decriminalization with exclusion: Ecuador’s new rape abortion law,” Sexuality Policy Watch (February 2022).
• “Democratizar el matrimonio en Ecuador: la justicia constitucional frente a los derechos de la población LGBTI,” co-author with Catalina Mendoza Eskola, Sexuality Policy Watch (July 2018).
• “Unsafe Abortion: Another Facet of Femicide in Latin America,” Latin American Center on Sexuality and Human Rights, CLAM (October 29, 2014).
• “Ecuador’s Left Punishes Women Rights,” Sexuality Policy Watch (October 17, 2013).
• “Gay Pride in the Amazon,” Americas Quarterly, Web Exclusive (January 11, 2012).

Honors, Grants, & Awards
• Outstanding Activist Scholar Award, IPE committee at the International Studies Association (2024)
• Faculty Fellow, Kahn Institute Project “Coping with Democratic Precarity and the Prospects for Democratic Renewal,” Smith College (2021).
• Nominated in FeminList 100, a list of women from the Global South curated by The Gender Security Project (2021).
• Scholar Award, LGBTQQA Caucus of the International Studies Association (2016).
• Human Rights Defender Grant, Protectdefenders.eu (2016).
• Fellow, Five College Program for Crossroads in the Study of the Americas (2011).
• Barrett Prize for Best Dissertation on a Latin American Topic, Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Miami (2005).
• North-South Scholar, The North-South Center at the University of Miami (1999/2001).

Lectures & Conferences

Selected Invited Talks
• “Estrategia nacional povos indigenas na politica sobre drogas,” Commentator at the inauguration of policy-program, Ministry of Justice and Public Security/ Ministry of Indigenous Peoples, Brazil (June 2023)
• “Climate Justice and Extractive Economic policies in Latin America and the Caribbean,” The Watson Institute (March 2023)
• “Estado de excepción y riesgo autoritario en Ecuador,” Núcleo América del Sur, Centro Brasileiro de Relações Internacionais, Brazil (December 2021).
• “Precolonial LGBTQ+ History,” Special event for Google Pride (June 2021).
• “Mulheres Indigenas Desafiando a Ordem Global,” Keynote Speaker, Aula Inaugural 2020, PUC-RIO, Brazil.
• “Antiféminismes et Masculinismes,” Université d’Automne de l’Assemblée des Femmes, La Rochelle (October 2019).
• Global Futures Speaker Series, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque (March 2019).
• “Estado y Futuro de las Relaciones Internacionales en America Latina,” Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá (February 2019).
• “Neo-extractivism and regional development,” Latin American Forum, University of Edinburgh (February 2019).
• “Homosexualités indigènes qui défient les récits de la modernité sexuelle,” Colloquium Pensées Critiques du Genre, Centre de Recherche Sociologique et Politique de Paris (May 2017).
• “Amazon Gay Prides: Sexual Modernity in Wilderness?” Innsbruck University (June 2016).
• “Courage to Think Dialogues,” Scholars at Risk Global Congress, Montreal (June 2016).
• “Mujeres Kichwas y política internacional,” Universidad Maya de Guatemala (April 2016).
• “Queering narratives of modernity,” Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin (January 2016).
• “Sexuality and the core periphery divide” Keynote address, III European Geographies of Sexualities Conference, Rome (September 2015).
• “Os desafios dos estados plurinacionais na América Latina” Instituto de Economia, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (October 2014).
• “Cosmopolitan Amazons: Disentangling Modernity from the State,” The Watson Institute, Brown University, USA (November 2014).
• “Feminismo Clandestino / Underground Feminisms,” Center for Latin American Studies, New York University, USA (March 2011).
• “Riesgos y oportunidades del pluralismo legal para mujeres indígenas en Ecuador.” Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia (March 2011).
• “O poder e os limites das normas internacionais de direitos humanos,” Lecture, II Seminar About Human Rights in the Alto Solimões, Atalaia do Norte, Amazonas, Brazil (December 2011).

Selected Conference Presentations

• “Are Indigenous water defenders taking over electoral politics? Insights from Ecuador, Greenland, and Chile,” International Studies Association, Nashville (April 2022)
• “Resistance to extractivism in Ecuador,” International Studies Association (April 2021)
• “Developing Pathways through the International Polarization of LGBTIQ Rights” International Studies Association, San Francisco (March 2018).
• “Self-determination as Anti-Extractivism,” ADLAF, Freie Universität (November 2015).
• “Sovereignty from Within,” Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples Conference, University of California, San Diego (November 2011).
• “Is There an Indigenous Feminism in Latin America?” Latin American Studies Association, Montreal (June 2010).

Teaching Experience

• Amazonia in International Relations (2021- Amherst College).
• Climate Crisis in the Anthropocene (2014/18/20 -GAIAS USFQ).
• Indigenous World Politics (2016/20- Amherst College).
• Indigenous Women in World Politics (2018/19/20/21 – Amherst College)
• Inside-Out – Teaching in the Prison System (2017 –Amherst College)
• International Organizations (2004/05/07/08- USFQ).
• International Political Economy (2004/05/06- USFQ).
• International Relations from the Non-core (2015- USFQ).
• International Relations Theory – Advanced (2005/06- USFQ).
• Gender and Alpinism (2011 -Amherst College).
• Gender & Ethnicity in Latin America (2008/09-Amherst College).
• Global Politics of Gender (2008/09-10- Amherst College).
• Gender & the Environment (2009/10- Amherst College).
• Political Economy of Gender in Latin America (2009/10- Amherst College).
• Political Economy of Pop Culture: Gender in Hip-Hop (2010- Amherst College).
• Sexualities in International Relations (2016 to 2019- Amherst College/ 2023 USFQ).

Professional Experience

• General campaign manager for presidential candidate Yaku Pérez Guartambel, Ecuador (2023)
• Organizer, III Encuentro de Defensores del Agua, January 2023, Cuenca, Ecuador
• Co-founder of the ecofeminist political movement Somos Agua, Ecuador (2022)
• President of the Feminist Comission, Somos Agua, Ecuador
• Contributing Editor, Intercontinental Cry, a Publication of the Center for World Indigenous Studies (2015-).
• Opinion Contributor, Al Jazeera English (2011-2014).
• Academic Dean, Institute Santiago de Quito – Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Riobamba, Ecuador (2006/08).
• Director, Center For Andean Freedoms, Universidad San Francisco de Quito. (2005/06)
• Co-coordinator for Participation of Civil Society Organizations, Trade Ministerial for the Free Trade Area of the Americas, Miami (2003).

Legal Human Rights Service

• Amicus Curiae: Case Kimsakocha (May 2022); Case Pangua (March 2022); Case for new jurisdiction on prior consent (November 2021); Case for a referendum on the crime of ecocide, Constitutional Court (June 2021); Case of the Quijos oil spill, Coca, Ecuador (May 2020); Case of Popular Consultation, Azuay, Ecuador (September 2019); Case Rio Blanco, Cuenca, Ecuador (July 2018); Case Cofán Sinangoe, Succumbios, Ecuador (September 2018).
• Grant from Protectdefenders.eu (2016) to join the Indigenous Law Office, Guatemala.
• Feminist Commission - Somos Agua, Ecuador (2021-)
• Country conditions reports for migrant claims (2020-)
Academic Service

- Manuscript reviewer: Antipode; Bulletin of the History of Medicine; Cambridge Review of International Affairs; Colombia Internacional; Contexto Internacional; Development and Change; Foreign Policy; Globalizations; International Feminist Journal of Politics; Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology; Latin American Politics and Society; Law and Social Inquiry; Millenium; Recherches Féministes; Revista Brasileira de Ciencias Sociais; Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State and Society; Review of International Studies; Routledge; Third World Quarterly.
- International Editorial Board, Bristol University Press book series Gender, Sexuality and Global Politics (2020-)
- Member of the Academic Freedom Committee of the International Studies Association (2019/21).
- Member of the Latin America and Caribbean Caucus at the International Studies Association (2020/21)
- Research Associate, Bufete de los Pueblos Indígenas (Indigenous Law Office), Guatemala (2018-).
- Co-coordinator, V Queering Paradigms International Conference, Quito/Ecuador (2014).
- Research collaborator, Red de Investigadores Amazónicos (RIA), Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Sede Amazonia (2014/15).
- Research Associate, Project on the Nationalization of Natural Resources in Bolivia and Ecuador – NEBE (Netherlands, Bolivia, Ecuador) (2013/14).
- Vice-president, Ecuadorian Studies Section – XXIX Latin American Studies Association (2010/12).
- Co-chair, Five College Faculty Seminar in Afro-Luso-Brazilian Studies (2010/11).

Scholarly and Human Rights Affiliations

- International Studies Association (member since 2001).
- Latin American Studies Association (member since 2007).
- Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (member since 2010).
- Human Rights Defender at Front Line Defenders (since 2015).
- Scholars at Risk global network (since 2015).

Photography
• Gélido, Quito School of Architecture & Riobamba Museo de la República, Ecuador (2006); Women’s Sexualities: Portrayals and Perspectives, The Kinsey Institute, IN, USA. (2003).
• Photo-journalist on the Immokalee section of the Migrant Health Project, Funded by the National Institute on Drugs Abuse, University of Miami Medical School, Florida (2002).
• Freelance photojournalist: Parapente Mag (France), Aérial (France), ParaWorld (Japan), Sky News (Brazil), Cross Country (UK), Fly and Glide (Germany) (1996/01).