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Holder of a Ph.D. in Development Studies from ISS in The Hague, and Research Fellow at CESOT, Faculty of Economics, UBA. I have worked as a practitioner in the field of entrepreneurship, non-profit organizations and cooperatives, as a consultant as well as lecturer and academic. As a dedicated educator with a passion for innovative and effective teaching techniques, I seek to create a positive learning environment. As a master of lesson planning and delivery, I tailor my approach to the needs of my students. As a researcher, delving into complex issues allows me to offer unique perspectives. I have excellent time management and problem-solving skills to meet challenges.

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Skills

- Subject matter expertise: entrepreneurship, non-profit organizations and cooperatives
- Syllabus/curriculum design and development
- Conducting scholarly research
- Graduate student evaluation and support
- Management and administration
- Strategic thinking
- Course and educational material design
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Community outreach
- Complying with health and safety procedures in the workplace
- Certified translator En-Fr-Sp
- Academic teaching including via online platforms (i.e. Canvas, Moodle)

Work History

Fellow Researcher

Universidad De Buenos Aires - UBA, Buenos Aires, Argentina

August 2018 - Current

- CESOT Center for the studies on the sociology of Work, Faculty of Economics, which Director is Dr Mirta Vuotto.
- Authored professional scientific papers for publishing in peer-reviewed journals in the areas of local peace, community development, cooperatives, and housing commons. Drafted manuscripts and presented findings at major [9] LASA, ISA, South Africa CCSE, ILO Geneva, Latin American Researchers on Cooperatives conferences, in addition to academic seminars at Kassel University in

2018 and Costa Rica University in 2019.

- Contributed to research activities by providing specialist input based on professional expertise, as well as gathered and organized information during field work in countries such as Rwanda, Nicaragua, Germany, Uruguay and Switzerland for research purposes.
- Conducted research on affordable housing solutions and commons, with fieldwork in Geneva and Zurich in Switzerland and in Montevideo Uruguay both in 2023. Drafted manuscripts and presented findings at major [4] LASA 2024, ISA 2022, South Africa CCSE 2022, EADI 2023 conferences as well as at a German DAAD 2023 seminar.
- Academic member of the Research and Training Project Team on the CoopFoodLab Project, funded by the German Government from 2023 to 2024. The project activities include analyzing the knowledge transfer (start-up) structures of socially innovative enterprises in the field of higher education in the agricultural sector. The University of Giessen and the University of Kassel are the project's leading institutions. Final Report publication in 2025.

Language Translator

Freelance-translator

July 2005 - current

- Registered Member MCIL 32017, CIOL UK Chartered Institute of Linguists.
- Member of Proz: www.proz.com/profile/26404
- I have been a reviewer of final work to identify and rectify any errors in punctuation, grammar, and translation.
- Translated documents, books and book chapters between four pairs of languages: English, French, Italian, or Spanish. I have done proofreading, editing and improving documents of varying lengths.
- Collaborated with team to translate series of documents from English to other languages.
- Participated in training programs for up-to-date professional expertise and translation capabilities.

Visiting Scholar

CALAS Center for Advanced Latin American Studies, Costa Rica and Nicaragua

October 2019 – Jan.2020

As visiting researcher at the University of Costa Rica, CIHAC, Center for Advanced Latin American Studies (CALAS) Central America-Caribbean branch, documentary and bibliographical research was undertaken to advance the research project on peace and development during a stay in Costa Rica, also prepared a field study travel in Nicaragua, which I accomplished between November and December. At the CIHAC, initial findings were presented in one seminar for researchers, PhD and master's students.

Visiting Lecturer

Kassel University, Kassel, Germany

November 2018 -Jan. 2019

- In the Winter Semester, guest lecturer teaching postgraduate students the course FBo5.SOZ.62 Communities and Solidarity Economy WiSe 2018/19 (in German Gemeinschaften und Solidarische Ökonomie WiSe) with Prof Dr Dieter Gawora, at the Faculty of Sociology. I coordinated the syllabus and instructional plans for each class session.
- Engaging in-class discussions was an effective method of facilitating learning and encouraging participation.
- Conducted and presented a public research seminar titled "Rwanda, a post-conflict society" on 27 November 2018, a nation that has experienced significant upheaval in the aftermath of genocide, as a case study in the examination of societal reconstruction. This event was hosted by Kassel University, FB5, Faculty of Sociology.

Guest Lecturer, Cooperative Innovation

Doba Maribor College of Business, Slovenia

June 2017 - May 2018

- I facilitated class discussions with the aim of encouraging debate and feedback among students.
- Prepared and delivered lectures to Master students on cooperative enterprises and local development topics.
- Co-financed by the European Union from the European Social Fund and the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport. The project is implemented within the framework of the Operational Program for the Implementation of the European Cohesion Policy for the period 2014-2020.

Lecturer in Income Generation and Cooperatives

*Pavia University Postgraduate Institute IUSS,
Pavia, Italy*

*November 2011 -January
2018*

- I created a syllabus and instructional plans for each class session. I also created materials and exercises to illustrate the application of course concepts.
- Teaching students at the master's in international Cooperation for Development the course 'Income generating activities and cooperatives.

Visiting Scholar

*University of Texas at Austin, LBJ School,
United States*

*May 2016 –
August 2016*

- Postgraduate course "Advanced Topics in Management, Introduction to Cooperative Enterprises' PA388L. Developed own course, content development and taught students from two faculties, Public Affairs and Urban studies, including evaluating them. Created Syllabuses and instructional plans for each class session.
- The evaluation process encompassing papers, projects and homework assignments submitted by students was impartially conducted. The course delivery was done both in class and online. Students were provided with timely academic progress information and feedback through the implementation of graded quizzes, tests, homework and projects.
- Prepared documentation of research activities for reference purposes on cooperative enterprises and peace.

External Collaborator, Cooperative and Refugees

International Labour Organization, Geneva

*November 2015 - March
2016*

A single manuscript was produced, which addressed cooperative responses to the refugee crises in Asia, North America, Europe, and Africa. The manuscript also included a guide for best practices in this area. This initiative was a direct follow-up to requests from ILO projects in the field that work on refugee crisis response. Independent research and development were conducted to attain short and long-term objectives. This research included interviews with ILO and other UN officials, as well as cooperative leaders responding to refugee and hosting community needs.

Chair and Assistant Professor

*University of Winnipeg, Faculty of
Business, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada*

August 2013 -Jan 2015

Inaugural Chair in Cooperative Enterprises, Assistant Professor in Business

- In my capacity as Inaugural Chair in Cooperative Enterprises, efforts were made to collaborate with six funders and the provincial government of Manitoba, who formed a Chair Advisory Committee. For the research component see below. The Chair initiative was an intensive undertaken to spearhead the mainstreaming of the subject area across the university, entailing the curation of an academic offer in Business studies specializing in the management of nonprofits and cooperatives called "Concentration in cooperative enterprises" with a full curriculum and the design of syllabi for each newly introduced course. Existing course syllabi were meticulously revised and updated with the most recent bibliography and textbooks, as previous syllabi's bibliographies were dated 30 years prior.
- The curriculum development was completed in 2014, as three new course syllabi were researched, developed and approved: (a) Management of Cooperative Start-Ups, (b) Social Finance, and (c) Advanced Management of Cooperative Enterprises. In addition, as Chair and Assistant Professor of Cooperative Enterprises, one teaching module was developed and shared with all Department instructors. Each course was met with full approval by the Department of Business and Administration, as evidence of the endorsement of the entire Department on all courses pertaining to cooperative enterprises, including the fourth-year course essential for the future Concentration in Cooperative Enterprises within the BBA, in December 2014. One course was awaiting approval from the University Senate at the end of that year. Ten courses were further identified in other faculties that could serve for the future Concentration in Cooperative Enterprises. The course syllabi underwent extensive review by all relevant professors and garnered letters of support from the Head of the Business Department.
- During this period, active membership participation was held in both the Department Curriculum Committee and the University Senate Budget Committee. Besides, the University Library's offer for future specialization was reviewed in collaboration with the librarian, and I donated material to augment the library's offerings related to the Chair.
- Lectured the following undergraduate courses, with two courses per trimester (onsite and online at

the same time), with a average of about 75 to 80 students each time: 1) Introduction to Business, 2) Management of NGOs - nonprofits, and 3) Management of Cooperatives.

- During the period, I oversaw the learning of 215 students, with an average of one student assistant per course of about 40 students. Two research students were trained for four to six months (a Manitoba University Master student and a Winnipeg University Master student). In addition, as Chair, I helped create one training position for one university student at Assiniboine Credit Union.
- Besides, I was guest lecturer at the Department of History and at the Global Development Practicum led by University President Lloyd Axworthy.
- The development and grading methods for the exams were reviewed.
- I used the constructivist approach as a method of experiential learning, inviting representatives of 14 cooperatives and associations to teach and discuss their experiences with the students in class.
- I organized and conducted two university public seminars, one with a professor from the University of Saskatchewan, and the other with a representative of the Mondragon Cooperative Corporation.
- As Chair, I was invited to present at several prestigious academic and professional events, including the Sobeys School of Business at St. Mary's University in Canada, the Governance Week at the University of Pretoria in South Africa, the European Conference on Social Economy and Social Enterprises in Athens, Greece, the UN Expert Meeting on Cooperatives for the Post-2015 Millennium Goals in Nairobi, Kenya, and the Forum 5 of the International Summit of Cooperatives in Quebec.
- Administrative Chair responsibilities encompassed the drafting and revising of documents, including minutes, annual reports, and various other documents. Communication and response to the Chair Advisory Committee work also formed a part of the responsibilities, along with the organization of meetings. The design and construction of material for the Website pages for the Chair in Cooperative Enterprises was also part of the responsibilities, as well as informational leaflets and printing materials were also part of my responsibilities.
- Community work included attendance and contribution as an expert stakeholder to the Manitoba Provincial Plan for Cooperative Development.
- Research with community engagement and service as Chair included: visits and in-depth interviews with housing cooperatives, worker and consumer cooperatives, credit unions, and non-profit organizations in Winnipeg and Manitoba, as well as in Europe (Belgium, Italy, and France).
- The Chair's work was conducted in consultation with all partners, including DCC, the Dean, the Head of the Department, the Chair Advisory Committee members, and members of the cooperative community in Winnipeg, for which I:
 - I planned and oversaw meetings in accordance with governing documents.
 - Formulated and executed strategic initiatives to create and establish new product offerings and improve old ones.
 - A collaborative effort was undertaken with colleagues on curriculum revision, the evaluation of course syllabi, and lesson plans for the Business curriculum.
- Participated in various initiatives on the university campus with the objective of promoting a positive image.
- Put in practice my ability to acquire knowledge quickly and to adapt to contemporary technological and software applications.
- A robust rapport was cultivated with students through classroom discourse and academic counselling.
- Mentored students and communicated internship and employment opportunities.
- Revised course objectives, course materials, instructional and assessment strategies for the above mentioned courses.
- Created materials and exercises to illustrate course concepts.
- Encouraged students to think critically and develop problem solving skills.

Summing up, it was a demonstration of strong organizational and time management skills while managing multiple projects.

Academic Researcher

University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Canada

April 2014 -January 2015

- While Chair and Assistant Professor, along the activities explained above, several research projects were undertaken after the very first months as Chair:
 - 1) The “Cooperative Housing, Financing the Future” research project on cooperative housing in Winnipeg, Manitoba, included visits and interviews to housing cooperatives and interviews with

government officials, a comparison with new European policies for affordable housing, and the training of two research assistants. The research was presented at Canadian Association of Studies in Cooperation 2015 during the Federation of Social Sciences Congress 2015. This was the point of departure for the consequent research on housing cooperatives. This research project was funded by the Manitoba Research Alliance (MRA) through a grant of \$2032, part of the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) funded grant "Partnering for Change - Community-based Solutions for Aboriginal and Inner-city Poverty".

2) Research conducted together with Prof Silvestre on coffee value chains, cooperatives and fair trade in Guatemala. Presentation at SSHRC - CASC Conference 2014. Publication in 2016 in Spanish peer reviewed.

3) Research with Kaye Grant and Jamie Campbell on a local cooperative. Fedore Business Case Study. Research building a teaching case study on a worker cooperative in Winnipeg, on diversification challenges and conflict management with a focus on mediation tools. See presentations in 2015. It included 20 interviews and qualitative analysis. Funding from both the Manitoba Cooperative Development Fund in May 2015 and from the University of Saskatchewan in May 2016. Used as template for North American call for case studies by CASC in 2016. Published by **Ivey School of Business** in 2017 and used in many universities in various parts of the world today. At <https://www.iveycases.com/ProductView.aspx?id=86560>

Independent Consultant and Writer

Independent Work, Brussels, Belgium

October 2008 - October 2011

Researcher in Development and Cooperatives: I researched the 2008 global economic crisis and its impact on cooperatives across the world. Co-authored the book "Capital and the Debt Trap" (Palgrave-Macmillan 2011) with Bruno Roelants.

Policy Analyst

RECM, Mercosur

May 2003 - September 2008

- RECM constitutes the Mercosur institution that comprises the cooperative confederations and the state institutions promoting cooperatives from Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. The organisation was led by Daniel Bentancur as RECM Executive Secretary (since 2010 diplomat, Director of Neighbor Countries Affairs at the Foreign Office, Uruguay).
- Served in an advisory and occasionally representational capacity, including:
 - 1) The organization and implementation of a three-day visit of a RECM delegation of 12 people from five Latin American countries to EU institutions in Brussels and cooperative institutions in Lille on enterprise restructuring into cooperatives in October 2008.
 - 2) A dialogue with European counterparts, for which position documents were drafted, including for the III Encounter of Civil Societies of the EU and Latin America in Mexico 2004 on behalf of the RECM.
 - 3) The co-organization of a very successful full day seminar between the European Parliament and the Mercosur Joint Parliamentary Commission on cooperatives and the social economy (Montevideo, November 2005).
 - 4) Delivered in-depth analysis and public presentations in Paraguay, Argentina and Uruguay on international financial accounting standards (IFRS) related to cooperatives.
 - 5) Research contributions on comparative policy frameworks within Mercosur were published as RECM book chapters.

DAAD Visiting Lecturer

University of Kassel, Kassel, Germany

October 2007 - February 2008

As a DAAD visiting scholar, I had the opportunity to develop and teach several courses, including:

- 1) "Social Interests, Organized Economic Actors and Regional Integration Processes - Comparing the Cases of the European Union and Mercosur" (taught in English) to Master students of Global Political Economy
- 2) "Mondragon" (taught in English) to Master students of the Department of Sociology
- 3) "Economía Solidaria, movimientos y debates en América Latina" (English: entitled "Solidarity Economy, Movements and Debates in Latin America"). The course was taught to Master students of Global Labour Studies and PhD students of the Department of Sociology. The course was taught in Spanish/Portuguese and shared with Professor Clarita Muller-Plantenberg.

In terms of methodology, I collaborated with faculty and students to create meaningful learning experiences. The creation of lesson plans and curriculum was a collaborative effort in one of the courses. The syllabus, schedule, and reading list for the various courses were arranged and developed concurrently, ensuring that students had adequate time to complete assignments and assimilate information.

Lecturer

ABA University in Wenchuan, Sichuan, China

August 2006 - July 2007

Teaching a total of 120 students in three undergraduate courses, for which I developed the full content, conducted in English. Students were instructed in English with the goal to teach later in the ABA autonomous region, which is a Tibetan and Qiang area. This was an opportunity to learn about China, the Chinese language and deepen my inter-cultural and teaching skills. The ABA Teachers College became a university soon after my departure. It moved south after the Wenchuan earthquake, see <https://www.isacteach.com/university/aba-teachers-university/>
The Director in charge of foreign lecturers was Wayne Liu, Director of Department, <https://www.linkedin.com/in/wayne-liu-798a6887>

Expert Advisor

*European Economic and Social Committee - EU
EESC, Brussels*

*March 2006 - June
2006*

The study outlined the strategy of research and innovation in terms of the creation of employment opportunities and the stimulation of economic growth, and its concomitant drafting of the Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee in response to the European Commission's Communication (2005) No 488. The work was conducted on behalf of the rapporteur, Lucia Fusco, who represented Italian Legacoop in the EESC. The research was conducted bilingually in English and French, and included interviews with EU Commission officials, in conjunction with a session of questions by other EESC representatives.

Research Officer

European Cooperative Groups - ECG, Brussels

*October 2002 - October
2005*

The position facilitated effective collaboration and exchanges, with studies conducted, among various cooperative groups in Europe. The focal point of these studies pertained to peer-to-peer business organisations and legal frameworks, the integration of cooperative SMEs into value chains, business innovation, R&D, internationalization, scale and scope. The organisation and facilitation of meetings, conferences and events associated with research activities was managed. The institution's research portfolio was built in accordance with a long-term strategic plan. The role encompassed the design and delivery of training and presentations, in addition to the provision of support for the development of research programmes. It included the production of reports detailing the findings and the delivery of presentations for the purpose of communicating results.

Responsibilities and activities encompassed:

- 1) The research and drafting of position documents and lobbying, which included the organisation and conducting of a European seminar on cooperative groups (March 2005, Brussels).
- 2) Research coordination on behalf of ECG and CCACE (Coordinating Committee of European Cooperatives now called Social Economy Europe) on IAS/IFRS 3 on mergers and acquisitions.
- 3) Research coordination of ECG-Coopfond 2005 project (on network enterprise theory, cooperative group governance, and European regulation on business peer groups).
- 4) The planning and implementation of a European seminar at the European Commission with DG Enterprise on regulation for horizontal peer groups was conducted in May 2005.
- 5) Representation of the ECG was undertaken at EU Commission meetings and at European cooperative and social economy congresses.
- 6) The analysis of policy related to EU Commission policy on entrepreneurship.
- 7) The drafting of documents for Board statutory meetings was also undertaken, including translations, in English, French, Spanish and Italian.

The following European Cooperative groups participated in the activities: Mondragon Cooperative Corporation, Group Credit Mutuel, Consorzio Gino Matarelli per la Cooperazione Sociale, Consorzio Cooperativo Produzione e Lavoro, the Grup Cooperativ Valencia and the Credit Cooperatif.

Non-Profit Intern

Geneve Tiers Monde, Geneva, Switzerland

*July 2002 - April
2003*

The evaluation of development project proposals by African and Latin American NGOs at Genève Tiers Monde, conducted in French. The position also involved project follow-up, report drafting, and board meeting attendance.

Policy Consultant

*International Labour Organization - ILO,
Geneva, Switzerland*

*September 2002-
March 2003*

The International Expert Project on Non-Discrimination at the Workplace in China sought to establish an ILO training program in China. This project involved a feasibility study and a project proposal. The primary objective was to train Chinese entrepreneurs. Field visits were conducted in China, with visits to Chinese authorities, labor organizations, and enterprises in Beijing, Dalian, and Chengdu. The trip to China was followed by a report, interview analysis, and training proposal development.

Expert Consultant

*CONACCOOP - National Cooperative
Council, Costa Rica*

*January 2002 –
Jan. 2003*

Undertook, conceived and implemented special projects with analyses, research and initiatives established by contract. The responsibilities included the following:

- 1) Teaching and training national accountants on international accounting standards, IFRS International Financial Reporting Standards, including the delivery of a video-recorded class.
- 2) The provision of consultancy on the development and promotion of cooperatives in the field of social services. A further key element was the analysis of Costa Rica's current situation and future needs in health and social services for the elderly, with a view to developing a new legislative framework in cooperation with Italian social cooperatives. It included conducting interviews with key stakeholders, visiting healthcare and residential facilities, and data collection.
- 3) Research on coffee and planning of a field trip on coffee and tourism in 2002-2003 to Italy with the participation of the Costa Rican Institute for the Promotion of Cooperatives (Infocoop). The study trip involved visits to Italian cooperative enterprises and federations in the sectors of coffee, social services and tourism, as well as meetings with the Coopitalia group.

Graduate Teaching Assistant to MA Students

*International Institute of Social
Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands*

*May 1996 -July
1996*

In 1996, during my doctoral studies, I served as a graduate teaching assistant for a period of three months in the course "Development of Development Theory" within the Master of Arts programme. I worked under the supervision of Professor Jan Nederveen Pieterse. Duties included supporting classroom activities, tutoring and reviewing work.

Graduate Teaching Assistant to MA Students

*International Institute of Social
Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands*

*February 1996 -
April 1996*

In 1996, during the doctoral studies, I worked for three months as a graduate teaching assistant in the Gender and Human Development Planning course within the Master of Arts programme under the supervision of Professor Than Dam Truong. Assignments were checked, tests proctored, and grades provided in accordance with the university's standards.

Doctoral Researcher Ph.D. Degree

*International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague,
of Erasmus University*

September 1993 - March 2001 part

I was awarded a full four - year scholarship from the Dutch government, including one full year fieldwork in Brazil, Argentina and Washington, USA. During my Ph.D., I gathered and organized information for research purposes, and utilized qualitative software packages, namely Atlas Ti, to analyze data and create network visualizations. The Ph.D. Thesis focused on business actors and leaders in petrochemicals and steel, in MERCOSUR, Argentina and Brazil, and their strategies in regionalism and globalization. See <https://www.econbiz.de/Record/the-political-economy-of-regionalism-business-actors-in-mercosur-in-the-petrochemical-and-steel-industrial-sectors-s%C3%A4ltnchez-bajo-claudia/10001602818>

Research Officer, Public Official

National Parliament of Argentina, Buenos Aires

*October 1983 -June
1993*

I was a public official at the Directorate of Parliamentary Information, position obtained through public competition and examinations, in accordance with art. 192 of the Regulations of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina.

Conducted research and provided support on legislative issues to all National Deputies and Senators in two departments:

1983 to 1992: Department of International Studies, covering human rights, defense, international law, international relations, Argentine foreign policy and regional integration.

1992-93: Department of Political Studies, covering political parties, electoral law, national and judicial public administration.

University Lecturer

Universidad Del Salvador, Buenos Aires

March 1987 - September 1987

I taught a university undergraduate course to 30 students. The course was "Introduction to Political Science" at the Faculty of Political Science. The syllabus was arranged, the schedule was developed, and the reading list was determined for debate in class.

Keynote or Invited Speaker at International Events

Presentations as Keynote Speaker, invited speaker, include:

- 2025 Invited speaker on Cooperatives Build a Better World: The Experience from France at the International Symposium on Cooperatives Build a Better World organized by the Department of Cooperation, The Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu, India on January 27.
- 2024 CCSE Conference on Cooperatives and the Solidarity Economy organized by the Africa Cooperatives Institute of South Africa, Invited speaker on Cooperatives dealing with risks: Practices and Lessons, 6 November.
- 2024 Fourth International African Conference on Cooperatives for Sustainable Development, Tanzania. Conference organized by Moshi Cooperative University (MoCU) and Cooperative University of Kenya (CUK), Moshi. Keynote speaker, 31 July.
- 2023 DAAD German Alumniportal Deutschland Annual Conference 'Sustainable Cities: From Challenges to Solutions', Berlin, discussant in panel on Urban storytelling, reshaping our modern narratives, 16 November.
- 2023 DAAD German Alumniportal Deutschland Virtual Webinar on Housing cooperatives, Presentation on emerging network dynamics, 14 September.
- 2022 Invited Speaker on Social and Solidarity Economy, at the 100th International Day of Cooperatives at the 2022 Conference on Cooperatives and the Solidarity Economy, South Africa Cooperatives Institute, Webinar 5 July.
- 2021 Invited Speaker on "Peace and Equality", 33rd World Cooperative Congress of the International Cooperative Alliance – ICA, Seoul, South Korea. Special Panel on Peace. 2 December.
- 2019 Conference Speaker on the Latin American research on cooperatives and the knowledge economy titled "La economía del conocimiento y la investigación en el campo de los estudios sobre cooperativas", at the XXI Regional Conference of Cooperatives of the Americas, Costa Rica, November 15.
- 2019 Plenary speaker on 'Cooperatives and Positive Peace', at the International Conference on Cooperatives for Development, co-organized by the International Cooperative Alliance and the Ministry of Trade and Industry of the Republic of Rwanda, Kigali, Rwanda, 17 October.
- 2019 Round Table Presentation at International Seminar on Cooperative Education. Organized by I.COOP - Faculty of Cooperativism, XXIV SUECO Programme, 19 September, Cuiaba, Brazil.
- 2019 Invited Presenter at the ICA and ILO Joint conference on Cooperatives and the Future of Work, ILO Headquarters, Geneva on "An ILO Century of Cooperatives and Work," 24 June.
- 2018 Keynote speaker at X Encuentro Latinoamericano de Investigadores en Cooperativismo: At the Facultad de Ciencias Económicas, Universidad de Buenos Aires on "Desafíos de la investigación sobre cooperativas en el mundo, perspectivas desde el Comité de Investigación en Cooperativas de la Alianza Cooperativa Internacional", see the following link: <https://www.economicas.uba.ar/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/viernes-3-de-agosto.pdf>
- 2017 Keynote speaker at the XIII Encuentro Internacional de Economía Solidaria, Neiva, Huila, Colombia, on Avances y Perspectivas del cooperativismo en el contexto mundial, Centro de Convenciones Jose Eustasio Rivera, 19 May.
- 2016 Keynote speaker. XI Meeting of Latin American Researchers in Cooperativism.

On Cooperatives, common good and peace: from resilience to the dynamics of organisational capacities. Quito, 13 October.

Education

International Institute of Social Studies at The Hague, The Netherlands

Ph.D. in Development Studies

March 2001

- Completed professional development in Development Studies with a **Ph.D. Thesis on political economy of business actors and entrepreneurs in regionalism and globalization, in the petrochemical and steel sectors**. Published by Shaker.nl and Shaker Verlag (see publications).
- PhD thesis defense committee member from Argentina was Prof. Jorge Schvarzer, University of Buenos Aires, an expert in industry. See <http://www.jorgeschvarzer.com.ar/>
- Thesis published: "Business Actors in Mercosur: the political economy of regionalism" at <https://www.shaker.de/de/site/content/shop/index.asp?lang=&ID=8&ISBN=978-90-423-0152-8>

Chartered Institute of Linguists - CIOL at London, UK

Diploma in Translation in Language Interpretation and Translation

March 2006

Areas of specialization: economics and finance, social sciences and literature. Website: <https://www.ciol.org.uk/> Registered membership number (MCIL) 023846.

Mondragon University at Basque Country, Spain

Post-graduate Certificate in Cooperative Enterprises

July 2003

Annual course on the history of cooperatives and on the experience of Mondragon cooperatives, including visits to several cooperatives of the Mondragon Group.

CERES Joint Dutch Centre for Resource Studies at The Netherlands

Diploma in Research Methodology in Resources and Sustainable Development

October 1994

200 hours' research on resources and sustainable development, given by the following institutions: Utrecht University, University of Amsterdam, Free University of Amsterdam, University of Nijmegen, Wageningen University and International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague. Completed professional development in Resources and sustainable development research training.

Oslo University, Oslo, Norway

Graduate Diploma in International Development

August 1993

Norwegian Scholarship from Oslo University

The Hague Peace Academy for International Law, The Hague, The Netherlands

Graduate Diploma in International Public Law

August 1992

Summer courses at the Peace Academy in The Hague.

Institute of Social Studies at The Hague, The Netherlands

Master of Arts in Development Studies

December 1991

Master's thesis with Honors, published in 1992 as Sanchez Bajo, C.B. (1992) titled "*Argentine-Brazilian Integration in a historical perspective*", published as ISS Working Paper Series, General Series, Vol. 131, pp. 1-102, Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Available at <http://hdl.handle.net/1765/18829>

Master course studies in economics, regionalism, sociology, NGO management, development economics, international cooperation projects, civil society and social movements.

University of Brussels - ULB at Brussels, Belgium

Graduate Diploma in International Relations

August 1991

Master summer course on Relations between the European Union (at the time, the European Community) and Latin America, at the Centre d'études des relations entre les pays de la Communauté européenne et de l'Amérique latine (CERCAL).

Universidad De Salamanca at Salamanca, Spain

Graduate Diploma in Human Rights

July 1991

Graduate Summer Course on human rights in Latin America.

Interamerican Development Bank at Buenos Aires, Argentina

Post-Graduate Certificate in International Economics

October 1989

Two-Month Regional Course XXII on Latin American and Caribbean Integration and Cooperation

Universidad Del Salvador at Buenos Aires, Argentina

Licenciatura (5 Year Degree) in Political Science

September 1988

Graduate degree with Honors. Subjects: politics, philosophy, economics, research methodology, sociology, law, history and international relations. It included a bachelor's degree in the 3rd year.

Languages

English



French



Spanish



Italian



Portuguese



Dutch



German



Chinese (Mandarin)



Other Interests

Additional interests include photography and trekking.

Volunteering

Volunteered at the Braille organization for a year supporting the visually impaired members in Bahia Blanca, Argentina, as well as founding and taking part in a choral in Ferney-Voltaire and servicing a local community library in France.

Publications

. 2024 academic article peer reviewed titled *Emerging Commons, Cooperative Housing in Switzerland*, in CIDADES, Comunidades e Territórios Autumn Special Issue (2024), available at <https://doi.org/10.15847/cct.34674>, Portugal. This publication in a special issue is the collaboration with other panelists working on commons and urban development following the EADI - European Association of Development Studies Conference in 2023.

. 2024 Collaborative visual essay titled '*Visualising urban commoning: Geographies of precarity, defiance and hope*', in CIDADES, Comunidades e Territórios Autumn Special Issue (2024). <https://doi.org/10.15847/cct.39176>. Co-authored with Joana Pestana Lages, Saila-Maria Saaristo, Diana Sanchez- Betancourt, Andreas Scheba, Suraya Scheba, Lucia Abbadie, Luisa Escobar, and Matthew Wilhelm- Solomon.

. 2023 Conference paper titled '*Comparative Case Studies of Local Peace and reflexivity: Rwanda and Nicaragua*', presented at LASA - Latin American Studies Association Conference (Africa and Latin

America, dialogues and connections). Africa First LASA Continental Congress in Africa. University of Ghana, Accra- Ghana, 17 November.

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