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## **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

- PhD candidate in Human Rights, Universidad Pablo de Olavide. Seville, Spain.
- Master in Critical Theory of Law and Democracy. Universidad Internacional de Andalucía. Huelva, Spain.
- Master in Political Science. Universidad Mayor de San Simón. Cochabamba, Bolivia.
- Joint degree, Law & Political Science, Universidad Mayor de San Simón. Cochabamba, Bolivia.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Public Administration**

- 1997 – 2001      *Congressperson*, representing Cochabamba  
1979 – 1980      *Regional Comptroller*, Cochabamba

### **Private Sector – Non Governmental and Social Organizations**

- 1984 – Present      *Director*, Oficina Jurídica para la Mujer (Law Office for Women). Cochabamba, Bolivia.  
1981                  *Legal Counsel*, Alalay Credit Union. Cochabamba, Bolivia.  
1977- 1979          *Vice-president and Founding Member*, Asamblea Permanente de Derechos Humanos de Bolivia (Permanent Assembly for Human Rights in Bolivia)

## **MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- 2004 - Present      *Honorary Advisory Board Member*, Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights (CLADEM)  
2004 - Present      *Institutional Representative for International Affairs*, Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights (CLADEM)  
2002 - Present      *Board Member*, Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), Washington, DC.  
2000                  *Board Member*, Defense for Children International - DNI Bolivia.  
1994-99              *National Representative*, Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights (CLADEM)

## Awards and Distinctions

- 2001 *Distinction Award* by the Bolivian Vice-Ministry for Gender and Generational Studies, Cochabamba, Bolivia.
- 1997 *Recognition Award* for the work within the Network of Professionals Supporting the Control and Prevention Program on Sexually Transmitted Diseases; Bolivia
- 1995 *Recognition Award* for the Permanent Defense of Bolivian Women, Mayor's Office of Cochabamba.
- 1991 *Honorary Distinction* for the contribution towards a permanent relationship between Argentina and Bolivia. Argentinean Consulate, Cochabamba, Bolivia.
- 1988 *Distinguished Citizen of Cochabamba*, Cochabamba Mayor's Office
- 1977 *Distinguished Guest of Villa Imperial de Potosí*, Potosí Mayor's Office.

## PUBLICATIONS

### International Level

- 2006 "Family in Changing Times", in *Diálogo Político* Journal. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2001 "Bolivia: Ethnicity, Race and Gender", in *Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Human Rights in the Americas: New Paradigm for Activism*. Washington, DC: American University Press.
- 2000 "The Legal Situation of Women", in *Women from the World: Laws and Policies Affecting their Reproductive Life*. New York: The Center for Reproductive Rights.
- 2000 "Collecting experiences of social responses", in *A Matter of Life: Regional Balance and Challenges on Women's Rights Towards a Life Without Violence*. Lima: CLADEM
- 1996 "Against the Long History of Authoritarianism", in *Andean Legislation and Violence Against Women*. La Paz: Andean Parliament.
- 1996 "Human Rights: A Women Experience", in *Travesías: política, cultura y sociedad en Iberoamérica* Journal. Seville, Spain: Universidad Internacional de Andalucía.
- 1994 "Reforms on Sexual Violent Crimes in Bolivian Legislation", in *Vigiladas y Castigadas*. Lima: CLADEM
- 1993 "Diagnosis of the Indigenous Migrant Women in Bolivia", in *Report on "Nuestra" Event: Diagnosis and Strategies on Human Rights for Women in Latin America*.  
San José, Costa Rica
- 1986 "Bolivia: Legal Assistance for Woman in Poverty", in *Empowerment and the Law. Strategies of Third World Women*, edited by Margaret Schuler, Washington, DC: OEF International.

### National Level

- 2006 "Proposal for State Policy Making with Gender Perspective", Oficina Juridica para la Mujer.
- 2005 "Preventing and Treating Intra-Family Violence", Bolivian Vice-Ministry for Women.
- 2004 "Legal Framework on Sexual and Reproductive Rights: Supporting Principles and Jurisprudence", Oficina Juridica para la Mujer / United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- 2003 "Human Rights Principles: Legal Framework and Guidelines" in *Agenda Defensorial No. 3*. Bolivian Ombudsperson Office.
- 1996 "Women Are Not Considered in Reforms" in *Cuadernos Derechos Humanos*. Center for Legal Advice and Social Development (CASDEL)
- 1994 "Reform Bills on Crime and Family Codes", published by the Bolivian Supreme Court of Justice
- 1993 "Critical Analysis of Bolivian Legislation" in *Sexual Violence: Reality and Perspective for Action*, UNICEF
- 1989 *Women: Social and Political Participation*, co-editor, Women's Communication and Participation Center, San Gabriel Foundation.

### CONSULTING AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2005 Consultant - Gender and constitutional law, United Nations' Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- 2004 Consultant - Advocating for the approval of the legal framework on sexual and reproductive rights, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- 2004 Consultant - Developing the legal framework on sexual and reproductive rights, UNFPA
- 2004 Consultant - Evaluating the fulfillment of sexual and reproductive rights, UNFPA
- 2003 Consultant - Evaluating the work of Defense for Children International - DNI Bolivia
- 2003 Consultant - Mechanisms for the protection of sexual and reproductive rights, UNFPA
- 2003 Researched and edited the report on domestic violence in Bolivia, CLADEM.
- 2002 Advisory committee member in the elaboration the Report on Human Rights in Bolivia, convened by the Bolivian Ombudsperson.
- 2002 Consultant - Educational workshops on administrative approaches to gender relations and sexual harassment, Development Alternatives, Inc.
- 2001 Researched and wrote a report on reproductive rights of Bolivian women, The Center for Reproductive Rights, New York, US
- 1998 Coordinated a research project on violence in Bolivia, CLADEM
- 1997 Wrote a series of proposals to incorporate gender perspective in the Law for Constitutional Reforms, requested by the National Secretary on Ethnic, Gender and Generational Issues.

- 1996 Coordinated research about legislation and public policies on reproductive health in Bolivia. Oficina Juridica para la Mujer.
- 1996 Evaluating the work of Defense for Children International - DNI Bolivia, requested the Netherlands Organisation for International Development Cooperation (NOVIB)
- 1995 Coordinated research for Legal Framework of Structural Adjustment Policies: Impact on Bolivian Women, CLADEM
- 1992 Consultant - Joint proposal on social policy for women, Bolivian Social Policy Analysis Unit (UDAPSO)

#### **PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS AND EVENTS**

##### **As a Guest Speaker or Moderator / Facilitator**

- 2003 Seminar speaker, "International Mechanisms for the Protection of Women's Human Rights". CLADEM, Lima, Perú.
- 2003 Seminar speaker, "Freedom of Expression and the Right of Information in a Democratic Society". International Human Rights Institute, Quito, Ecuador.
- 2000 Guest speaker, International Symposium on Prostitution and Women Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation. Spanish Ministry of Labor, Women's Institute, Madrid, Spain.
- 1997 Guest speaker, "II Latin American Convention on Rights: Laws Facing the Third Millennium", Cochabamba, Bolivia.
- 1995 Round table speaker, "State Law, Alternative Law and Legal Rights for the People. Universidad Internacional de Andalucía, Huelva, Spain.
- 1995 Round table speaker, "Action Plans for Human Rights Groups and Women Movements". Universidad Internacional de Andalucía, Huelva, Spain.

##### **Participation on Events**

- 2006 Training course on "Democracy and leadership", The Swedish Institute for Public Administration- SIPU. Swedish
- 2004 Represented CLADEM at the "Hemispheric Civil Society Forum" during the XXXIV Organization of American States General Assembly. Foro Hemisférico de la Sociedad Civil", Quito, Ecuador.
- 2003 Represented CLADEM in "Civil Society and Democratic Governability in the Americas" during the XXXIII Organization of American States General Assembly.
- 1995 Represented CLADEM at the "Fourth World Conference Of Women N.G.O". ONU. Beijing, China.