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I. Personal Information

Date and place of birth: Popayan (Colombia), September 8, 1981

Gender: Male

Nationality: Colombian

Fields of work and expertise: Human Rights, Environmental Rights, Constitutional Law, Public Policy, International Public Law, Data Science, Strategic Planning

II. Education

Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Washington, D.C., United States

Postdoctoral *Fulbright Visiting Scholar*, under the mentorship of Dr. Yascha Mounk, February 2021 – June 2021

Research: The Effects of Compulsory Voting on Latin American Democracies ([published in 2022](#))

Scholarships: Fulbright Visiting Scholar grant, merit-based scholarship of the United States Department of State

Paris II Panthéon-Assas University, Paris, France

PhD in political science, graduated with honors, October 2017

Doctoral Research: Voting without electing: the antidemocratic effect of immediate presidential reelection in Latin America, 1994-2016

Honors/Awards: Doctoral thesis preselected for the “Prix de thèse Paris II Panthéon-Assas” and awarded with the “Institut Universitaire Varenne” thesis prize in the 2018 edition, among 230 theses submitted to the contest. [Published in French](#) in the Theses Collection of the same Institute.

Scholarships: “Bourse d’excellence Eiffel”, PhD merit-based scholarship of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Columbia University in the City of New York, New York, NY

Visiting Scholar at the ILAS (*Institute of Latin American Studies*), October 2009 – January 2010

Research: Parliamentarism Versus Presidentialism: Updating a Crucial Debate in Latin America ([published in 2010](#))

National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico DF, Mexico

Visiting Scholar at the IIJ (*Institute of Legal Research*), June 2008 – September 2008

Research: Rudiments of the Parliamentary System: An Option for Colombia? ([published in 2009](#))

Paris II Panthéon-Assas University, Paris, France

Master’s degree in public policy, September 2007

Scholarships: Adjunct Professor merit-based scholarship of the Externado University of Colombia. I received funds to study in Paris under the commitment of returning to Colombia to teach at the University.

Paris II Panthéon-Asass University, Paris, France

DSU (*Diplôme Supérieur d'Université*) in constitutional law, September 2006

GPA: 17 out of 20 possible

Scholarships: Adjunct Professor merit-based scholarship of the Externado University of Colombia. I received funds to study in Paris under the commitment of returning to Colombia to teach at the University.

Externado University of Colombia, Bogota, Colombia, August 2005

Law Degree

GPA: 4.46 out of 5.0 possible

Honors/Awards: Distinguished in 2004 by the Colombian Ministry of Education as one of the ten best law students in the country according to the results of the State Exam of Legal Competences (ECAES by its acronym in Spanish)

Scholarships: Honor Scholarship (based on GPA) of the Externado University of Colombia, full tuition for the years 2001, 2003 and 2004 for outstanding academic performance.

III. Continuing Education (most recent)

National University of Colombia, Bogota, April 2023

Certificate Program in Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning

National Unified Corporation of Higher Education, Bogota, February 2023

Certificate Program in Descriptive and Inferential and Multivariate Statistics

Del Rosario University, Bogota, December 2021

Certificate Program in Coaching and Leadership to Strengthen Management Competences

Buconos Diving Center, San Andres, November 2021

Molchanovs Wave/Lap 1 Certificate, Beginner Freediving

ICONTEC, Bogota, November 2020

Course on the Colombian Technical Standard (NTC) ISO 54001: 2019

ICONTEC, Bogota, October 2020

Course on the Quality Management System (NTC) ISO 9001: 2015

ICONTEC, Bogota, October 2020

Training program for HSEQ internal auditors: NTC ISO 9001: 2015, NTC ISO 14001: 2015 and NTC ISO 45001: 2018

El Locutorio, Bogota, July 2015

Locution Workshop “The value of the voice”

Istituto Venezia- Scuola di Lingua Italiana a Venezia e Trieste, Venice (Italy), October 2010

Intensive Course of Italian Language and Culture

IV. Work Experience

National Civil Registry (Registraduría Nacional del Estado Civil), Bogota. **December 2019 to date**

Planning Director

- Created the organization’s Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence Group, where I lead a team of twenty data scientists. We designed an algorithm for the detection of electoral transhumance, and we are currently developing various statistical models for the strategic analysis of identification and electoral information.
- Created the organization’s Environmental Management Group, where I lead a team of thirty-eight environmental engineers in charge of turning the organization into an ecologically sustainable one that contributes to mitigate climate change.
- Led the project to clean and consolidate the databases of electoral results in Colombia between 1958 and 2022. These databases were made available to the public in March 2022. Thanks to this work, the organization currently has [the most extensive open electoral data in Latin America](#).
- Led [the redesign of the organization’s website](#), which is one of the most functional and well-designed in the public sector of the country.
- Represented the organization at the 5th World Assembly of A-WEB (Association of World Electoral Bodies) in Cape Town (South Africa), in October 2022. I won the vote to obtain the Vice-Chair of the association for the organization, during the period 2022-2024, and the Presidency for the period 2024-2026.
- Directed the preparation of the “Strategic Plan 2019-2023: The National Civil Registry of the 21st century”.
- Directed the preparation of the “Institutional Action Plan” for 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- Directed the development of the “Anti-Corruption and Citizen Service Plan” for 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- Directed the preparation of the 2020-2023 “Environmental Management Plan”.
- Lead the Working Group of Petitions, Complaints, Claims and Attention to the Citizen of the organization.
- Lead, in coordination with the Communications Office, the design of the organization’s communications strategy.
- Won the National Award of Public Management (2021) from the Colombian Administrative Department of the Civil Service, as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Civil Registry.

Catholic University of Colombia – Faculty of Law, Bogota. **February 2018 to date**

Associate Professor and Researcher

- Teach courses in human rights, constitutional law, international law, legal technologies, democratic theory, State theory and research methods in the Faculty of Law, the Master of Political Science, the Master in Human Rights, and the PhD in Law.
- Published the paper “[The Effect of Mass Incarceration on Criminality in Colombia](#)” in the *International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy*, Vol. 10, No. 2, 2021, p. 15-33. This publication won the Award for the Best Scientific Article Published in 2021.
- Edited the book [Human —and non-human —rights of last generation: the overcoming of anthropocentrism in constitutional law](#), Tirant Lo Blanch, 2019, which won the Award for the Best Research Book Published in 2019.
- Won the doctoral thesis prize (among 230 works that were submitted to the contest) of the Institut Universitaire Varenne in its 2018 edition.
- Published in French the book [Voter sans élire : le caractère antidémocratique de la réélection présidentielle immédiate en Amérique Latine, 1994-2018](#), Institut Universitaire Varenne Collection des Thèses, 2018.
- Co-authored the book *The people against themselves: the plebiscite for peace in Colombia and the limits of democracy*, Bogota, Ediciones Nueva Jurídica, 2018.

“Revista Semana” Magazine, Bogota. May 2010 to date

Columnist

- I have published more than 50 opinion columns and analysis articles in the most read magazine in Colombia.

Colegio de Estudios Superiores en Administración (CESA), Bogota. January 2019 to December 2021

Associate Professor

- Taught the course of persuasion and oral communication.
- Directed the production of more than 80 TED talks for Business Administration students.

Office of the Attorney General – Direction of Juridical Affairs, Bogota. July 2019 to December 2019

Expert Legal Advisor

- Wrote legal opinions for the departments of the Office of the Attorney General.
- Conducted legal review of the administrative acts of the Office of the Attorney General.
- Directed the creation of the database with the juridical writings of the Direction of Juridical Affairs.
- Coordinated the response to legal actions against the Office of the Attorney General.

Office of the Attorney General – Direction of Public Policy and Strategy, Bogota. September 2018 to July 2019

Expert Policy Advisor

- Coordinated the “articulation table” between the Office of the Attorney General and the National Police for the unification of data about criminality.
- Reformulated the criteria for counting and filtering data to produce the weekly criminal census in Colombia.
- Led the review of the formula for measuring the crime clearance rate in Colombia.
- Contributed to the develop the algorithm for the prediction of criminal risk called “Prisma” from a human rights by design approach.

- Co-authored, with officials of the National Police, research on “The analytical difficulty of the time lag in reporting and its relevance for the analysis of crime indicators in Colombia (2005-2018)” ([published in 2020](#)).
- Authored research about “The effects of mass incarceration on criminality in Colombia” ([published in 2021](#)).
- Authored research and wrote a report on “Overview of electoral crimes in Colombia and their patterns”.

“El Tiempo” Newspaper, Bogota. December 2013 to April 2019

Columnist

- Published 40 opinion columns and articles of analysis in the most read newspaper in Colombia.

El Locutorio, Bogota. June 2014 to June 2018

Coach in oral presentation, persuasion, and political communication

- Taught courses in strategic communication, oral presentation, persuasion, and non-verbal language.
- Prepared public officials, senior executives, and political candidates in oral presentation competences.

Azul Bogota Foundation, Bogota. February 2017 to December 2017

Co-founder and Legal Director

- Successfully directed the legal strategy against the illegal revocation of mandate of the Mayor of Bogota, Enrique Peñalosa.

Externado University of Colombia – Department of Constitutional Law, Bogota. January 2011 to December 2017

Associate Professor and Researcher

- Published a book, four chapters of books and 15 academic papers in the fields of political science and constitutional law.
- Taught undergraduate and graduate classes in more than 20 different courses constitutional law and political science.
- Directed six master’s theses in topics of constitutional law and political science.
- Founded and directed a research project on “Voting turnout and compulsory voting in the world”.
- Contributed to the design and creation of the master’s degree in political communication.
- Designed the specialization program in “Law and political science for journalists and communicators”.
- Gave seven lectures in different universities around the world about my academic research.

Mayor of Bogota’s Office – Communications Department, Bogota. September 2016 to December 2016

Speechwriter and Communications Advisor of Mayor Enrique Peñalosa

- Contributed to design the communications strategy of the Mayor of Bogota.
- Wrote more than 30 public interventions for the Mayor of Bogotá.

Senate of the Republic – Office of Senator John Sudarsky, Bogota. September 2011 to March 2012

Parliamentary Advisor

- Drafted the statutory bill for participation, which later became Law 1757 of 2015.
- Wrote several legal papers, expositions of motives and texts of bills and constitutional reforms.
- Prepared multiple debates of political control for Senator John Sudarsky.
- Coordinated the legal defense strategy of Senator John Sudarsky against allegations of double militancy.

Externado University of Colombia – Department of Constitutional Law, Bogota. March 2003 to September 2005

Assistant Professor and Researcher

- Worked as a monitor and taught undergraduate courses in constitutional law as an assistant professor.
- Worked as a researcher in several projects on constitutional law.

V. Publications

I omit op-eds, interviews and other journalistic works in television and radio, which are more than a hundred.

Research in progress in 2023:

1. “Non-human Human Rights: The Overcoming of Anthropocentrism in Constitutional Law”, peer-reviewed article in process of publication.
2. “The Effect of Compulsory Voting on Latin American Democracies: Beyond Turnout and Normative Debates”. Research funded by Fulbright Colombia and the Colombian Ministry of Science. Peer-reviewed article in process of publication.
3. “El costo de la revocatoria del mandato en Colombia: cómo el mal diseño institucional convierte las buenas intenciones en malos resultados”. Peer-reviewed article in process of publication in “Revista de Estudios Políticos”.
4. “Who Rules? The Sociodemographic and Genetical Background of Colombian Elected Elites in Local Governments and Assemblies”. Coauthored research with colleagues of George Mason University and the University of Richmond.
5. “Estado, democracia y derechos humanos: tres puntos para un diálogo entre la sociología jurídica, el derecho público y la ciencia política”. Chapter for the book “Tratado Latinoamericano de Sociología Jurídica”.

Books, papers and chapters

Books:

1. Editor of the book [*Derechos humanos y no humanos de última generación: la superación del antropocentrismo en el derecho constitucional*](#), Tirant Lo Blanch, 2019.

2. Author of the book [*Voter sans élire : le caractère antidémocratique de la réélection présidentielle immédiate en Amérique Latine, 1994-2018*](#), Paris, Institut Universitaire Varenne Collection des Thèses, 2018.
3. Coauthored the book *El pueblo contra sí mismo: el plebiscito por la paz en Colombia y los límites de la democracia*, Bogota, Ediciones Nueva Jurídica, 2018.
4. Author of the book [*Todo lo que la democracia no es y lo poco que si: defensa de una concepción democrática realista*](#), Bogota, Universidad Externado de Colombia, 2015. Third impression in 2017.

Book Chapters:

1. “[Inconveniencia e inconventionalidad del voto obligatorio dentro del Sistema Interamericano de Protección de Derechos Humanos](#)”, in PATRICIO MARIANELLO (Ed.) *La Participación Ciudadana en los Tres Poderes del Estado – Tercera Parte – Poder Judicial*, Buenos Aires: IJ Editores, 2021.
2. “[Derechos humanos de quinta generación: la superación del paradigma jurídico antropocéntrico](#)”, in JOSÉ FLÓREZ (Ed.). *Derechos humanos y no humanos de última generación: la superación del antropocentrismo en el Derecho constitucional*, Tirant Lo Blanch, 2019, p. 21-47.
3. “El efecto antidemocrático de la reelección presidencial inmediata en América Latina, 1994-2017”, in MAGDALENA CORREA Y PAULA ROBLEDI (Ed.). *Diseño institucional del Estado democrático en América Latina*, Bogotá, UEC, 2018, p. 19-88.
4. “Gobierno y regímenes políticos”, in MAGDALENA CORREA, NÉSTOR OSUNA Y GONZALO RAMÍREZ (Eds.). *Lecciones de Derecho constitucional*, Tomo 1, Bogotá, Universidad Externado de Colombia, 2017, p. 205-268.
5. “[Manual para convencer a indecisos](#)”, in MARTHA NUSSBAUM et al. *Paz en Colombia: perspectivas, desafíos, opciones*, Buenos Aires, CLACSO, 2016, p. 137-140.
6. “Los índices de desempeño estatal y sus problemas epistemológicos”, in DAVID GRAAF Y MIRIAM HEINS (Eds.). *Kolumbien: Vom Failing State zum Rising Star? Ein Land zwischen Wirtschaftswunder und humanitärer Krise*, Berlín, Wissenschaftlicher Verlag, 2013, p.167-192.
7. “Ni ideal ni desastre. Colombia: entre el mito de la robustez democrática y el estereotipo de nación violenta”, in FRANCISCO BARBOSA (Ed.). *Historia del derecho público en Colombia*, Tomo I, Bogotá, Universidad Externado de Colombia, 2012, p. 103-147.

Papers:

1. “[La fiebre del voto obligatorio en América Latina: lecciones para Colombia](#)”, peer-reviewed article in process of publicación in the *Revista Democracia Actual*, Number 6, of the National Civil Registry of Colombia.
2. “[Videovigilancia con reconocimiento facial, inteligencia artificial y derechos humanos: ni apocalipsis ni utopía](#)”. Coauthored research funded by the proyect GuIA 2021, supported by the Centro de Estudios en Tecnología y Sociedad (CETyS) de la Universidad de San Andrés, the Centro Latam Digital (CLD), Meta (Facebook) and the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB).
3. “[The Effect of Mass Incarceration on Criminality in Colombia](#)”, *International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy*, Vol. 10, No. 2, 2021, p. 15-33.

4. [“La dificultad analítica del rezago temporal en la denuncia y su relevancia en el análisis de los índices de criminalidad en Colombia \(2005-2018\)”](#), *Revista Criminalidad*, Vol. 62, No. 3, 2020, p. 49-63 (en coautoría).
5. [“Observaciones frente a la solicitud de *opinión consultiva* presentada por el Estado colombiano frente a la interpretación de la figura de la *reelección presidencial indefinida* en el contexto del Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos”](#), August 24, 2020.
6. [“Los factores determinantes del voto: por qué el voto obligatorio no es la solución al abstencionismo”](#), *Revista Republicana* No. 27 (2019), p. 189-210.
7. [“La libertad como único fundamento de la libertad”](#), *Serie Documentos de Trabajo* n° 71, Universidad Externado de Colombia, 2016.
8. “Democracia y redes sociales: sobre la naturaleza y alcances del Quinto Poder en Colombia”, *Revista Zero* 31, 2014, p. 12-23.
9. [“Felicidad, suicidio, riqueza y desempeño estatal”](#), *Revista Derecho del Estado* 30, 2013, p. 125-155.
10. [“De Maquiavelo al Estado posmoderno: paradigmas políticos de aproximación al fenómeno estatal”](#), *Revista Derecho del Estado* 29, 2012, p. 107-144
11. [“¿Estado o concepto fallido? Problemas que plantea la noción de falla estatal y los índices que intentan medirla”](#), *Revista Derecho del Estado* 27, 2011 p. 193-234. Article published too in the *Constitutional Law Journal of Journals*, Year 2011, Number 2.
12. [“La Colombie et le discours sur les États faillis. État ou concept failli ?”](#), *Politique Etrangère* 76(1), 2011 : 71-82.
13. [“Parlamentarismo frente a presidencialismo. Actualización de un debate crucial para América Latina”](#), *Revista Derecho del Estado* 25, 2010, p. 135-158.
14. “Sobre la naturaleza parasitaria del derecho y su interés como objeto más que como ciencia”, *Revista Holística Jurídica* 7 (2010): 97-102.
15. “Jueces constitucionales y Estado de Derecho: árbitros y vehículo de la democracia”, *Revista Zero* 24, 2010, p. 30-37.
16. “Entrevista a Juanita León: Soy periodista antes que activista”, *Revista Zero* 24, 2010, p. 76-81.
17. [“Rudimentos del régimen parlamentario: ¿una opción para Colombia?”](#), *Revista Derecho del Estado* 22, 2009, p. 245-291.
18. [“Propuestas metodológicas para la clasificación de los regímenes políticos”](#), traducción del francés del artículo de Philippe Lavaux, *Revista Derecho del Estado* 22, 2009, p. 69-81.
19. “Autoritarismo y reeleccionismo presidencial en América Latina”, *Revista Zero* 23, 2009, p. 50-61.
20. “Ese miedo a desplomarse con todas las palabras. Reflexiones en torno al aforismo”, *Revista Zero* 22, 2009, p. 126-129.

VI. Conferences, panel discussions, and interviews (selection)

The title of the interventions remains in its original language:

1. Fulbright panel discussion “La fiebre del voto obligatorio en América Latina: la primera miniserie audiovisual sobre un paper académico escrito por un Fulbrighter”, Registraduría Nacional del Estado Civil, Bogotá, March 30, 2023.

2. Conference “El voto obligatorio en América latina: lecciones para Colombia”, Escuela de Maestros de la Universidad Católica de Colombia, Bogota, November 18, 2022.
3. Conference “Why Bother with Elections”, A-WEB (Association of World Election Bodies) 5th General Assembly Meeting. Safeguarding Election management Bodies in the Age of Global Democratic Recession, Cape Town (South Africa), October 19, 2022.
4. Conference “Derechos humanos y no humanos de última generación: la superación del antropocentrismo en el derecho constitucional”, XIX Seminario Internacional de Gestión Jurídica y Derecho Público, Secretaría Jurídica Distrital, Bogota, October 6, 2022.
5. Conference “La planeación como herramienta de felicidad a prueba de oficinas”, Encuentro de actualización en temas de planeación, Registraduría Nacional del Estado Civil, Bogota, September 20, 2022.
6. Conference “La importancia de los buenos datos en el siglo XXI”, Lanzamiento de la página web del Centro de Estudios en Democracia y Asuntos Electorales, Registraduría Nacional del Estado Civil, Bogota, March 10, 2022.
7. Conference “El concepto de estrategia en la planificación estratégica organizacional”, Encuentro con la Delegación de Antioquia de la Registraduría Nacional del Estado Civil, Medellin, November 26, 2021.
8. Interview “Datos personales, inteligencia artificial y derechos humanos en pandemia”, Primer Congreso Internacional de Propiedad Intelectual y Tecnologías Disruptivas, Universidad Austral y ELAPI, Buenos Aires, September 2, 2021.
9. Interview “Redes sociales y derechos humanos”, Blu Radio, programa “Bla Bla Blu”, March 16, 2021.
10. Conference “Redes sociales y derechos humanos”, Universidad del Istmo, Panama City, March 3, 2021.
11. Conference “El poder de la analítica de datos en la transformación organizacional”, Rendición de Cuentas 2020 de la Registraduría Nacional del Estado Civil, Villavicencio, December 5, 2020.
12. Conference “Inteligencia artificial y derechos humanos”, Rendición de Cuentas 2020 de la Registraduría Nacional del Estado Civil, Villavicencio, December 3, 2020.
13. Conference “El enfoque diferencial como herramienta para mejorar el mundo”, Primer conversatorio sobre enfoque diferencial: un horizonte de oportunidades, Registraduría Nacional del Estado Civil y CEDAE, Bogota, November 26, 2020.
14. Interview “Repercusiones de la elección de Joe Biden para Latinoamérica y Colombia”, Noticias Caracol, November 9, 2020.
15. Conference “Inteligencia artificial y derechos humanos”, Webinar inteligencia artificial, derechos humanos y gobierno, Brandcop y ELAPI, October 27, 2020.
16. Interview “Quiénes son los pandemics y cuáles son sus desafíos”, Blu Radio, programa “Bla Bla Blu”, July 28, 2020.
17. Conference “Los factores determinantes del voto: por qué el voto obligatorio no es la solución al abstencionismo”, Corporación Universitaria Republicana, Bogota, July 23, 2020.
18. Conference “El aislamiento por la pandemia: el sacrificio de los derechos humanos de igualdad en favor de los de igualdad”, Conversatorio “La emergencia y los derechos humanos: ¿orden democrático?”, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Cali, July 16, 2020.
19. Conference “Las normas de calidad como herramientas de racionalización estratégica de la acción organizacional”, 7º Conversatorio Virtual “Sistemas de gestión de calidad: una herramienta frente a la pandemia”, Instituto Electoral de Ciudad México, June 24, 2020.

20. Interview “Democracia, derechos humanos y elecciones en tiempos de pandemia”, El Nuevo Diario República Dominicana, May 22, 2020.
21. Interview “Tres retos de la democracia durante la pandemia”, Instagram Live con Juan David Aristizábal, May 7, 2020.
22. Conference “¿Qué le espera al capitalismo después de la pandemia?”, Conversatorio “Pensando la democracia en tiempos de Covid-19”, Bogota, April 30, 2020.
23. Conference “Una revisión de los efectos esperados e inesperados de la pena de prisión en Colombia”, Congreso Mundial “Conflicto, poder y justicia en el Sur Global”, Universidad Católica de Colombia, Bogota, November 7, 2019.
24. Conference “El impacto del encarcelamiento masivo sobre la criminalidad en Colombia”, V Congreso Internacional de Sociología Jurídica “Divergencia y Control Social”, Universidad Católica de Colombia, Bogota, August 16, 2019.
25. Conference “Grandes errores de campaña en América Latina: una propuesta de racionalización de la comunicación política en la región”, Junta Central Electoral, Santo Domingo, November 14, 2018.
26. Interview “Las candidaturas por firmas evidencian crisis de los partidos”, El Espectador, January 19, 2018.
27. Conference “Les facteurs qui expliquent le triomphe du « Non » dans le référendum pour la paix en Colombie », in the panel “La réconciliation et la paix en Colombie”, at “Les rendez-vous de l’histoire”, Blois (France), October 6, 2017.
28. Conference “La posverdad en la campaña de la revocatoria del mandato del Alcalde Mayor de Bogotá, Enrique Peñalosa”, VI Congreso Internacional de Comunicación Política y Estrategias de Campaña “Comunicación y Crisis Política: el Reto Democrático”, ALICE (Asociación Latinoamericana de Investigadores en Campañas Electorales), Bogota, September 9, 2017.
29. Conference “El nuevo populismo y la democracia liberal”, VIII Jornadas Colombo Venezolanas de Justicia Constitucional, Bogota, May 16, 2017.
30. Conference “La inocuidad de las campañas electorales en contextos reeleccionistas en América Latina”, V Congreso Internacional de Comunicación Política y Estrategias de Campaña “¿Está la política escuchando? Un nuevo paradigma, una nueva época. ¿Nuevas prácticas?”, ALICE (Asociación Latinoamericana de Investigadores en Campañas Electorales), Buenos Aires, July 29, 2016.
31. Panel discussion “La crisis política en Brasil”, moderator at the Externado University of Colombia, Bogota, July 13, 2016.
32. Panel discussion “Reformas constitucionales a los sistemas presidenciales”, moderator at the “Congreso Iberoamericano de Derecho Constitucional”, Externado University of Colombia, Bogota, September 18, 2015.
33. Panel discussion “Control de las reformas constitucionales”, moderator at the “Congreso Iberoamericano de Derecho Constitucional”, Externado University of Colombia, Bogota, September 17, de 2015.
34. Conference “Democracia y redes sociales: sobre la naturaleza y alcances del Quinto Poder en Colombia”, VI Congreso Latinoamericano de la Asociación Mundial para la Investigación en Opinión Pública, WAPOR 2014, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile, June 19, 2014.
35. Conference “La democracia colombiana y su calidad”, XIII Jornadas de Derecho Constitucional, Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogota, August 23, 2012.

36. Conference “Los índices de desempeño estatal y sus problemas epistemológicos”, at the Seminario Internacional “Kolumbien. Vom Failing Satte zum Rising Star”, University of Cologne (Germany), November 12, 2011.

37. Conference “El carácter contramayoritario de los derechos humanos”, XII Jornadas de Derecho Constitucional, Externado University of Colombia, Bogota, August 25, 2011.

VII. Awards, Honors, and Scholarships

1. **Award for the Best Scientific Article Published in 2021**, Bogota, 2022. Recognition from the Catholic University of Colombia.

2. **National Award of Public Management (2021) from the Administrative Department of the Civil Service**, Bogota, 2021. As a member of the Board of Directors of the National Civil Registry.

3. **Fulbright Colombia and Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation of Colombia**, Washington D.C., 2021. Post doctorate Fulbright Visiting Scholar grant. Merit-based scholarship of the United States Department of State to conduct research at Johns Hopkins University SAIS, in Washington D.C.

4. **Award for the Best Research Book Published in 2019**, Bogota, 2020. Recognition from the Catholic University of Colombia.

5. **Doctoral Thesis Award of the “Institut Universitaire Varenne”**, Paris, 2018. Distinction “Accessit” (second place among 230 theses that were submitted to the contest) in the category “Democratization”, earning the right to publication in the Theses Collection of the Institute.

6. **Colfuturo Loan-Scholarship**, Bogota, 2013-2014. Loan-Scholarship granted to pursue a master’s degree in elections and campaign management at Fordham University (NYC). Scholarship desisted for personal reasons.

7. **“Bourse d’excellence Eiffel”**, Paris, 2007-2010. PhD merit-based scholarship of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

8. **Visiting Scholar at Columbia University in the City of New York**, 2009-2010. Visiting Scholar at the ILAS (Institute of Latin American Studies) to carry out research on the presidentialism vs. parliamentarism debate and its repercussions in Latin America.

9. **Externado University of Colombia**, Paris, 2005-2007. Adjunct Professor merit-based scholarship of the Externado University of Colombia. I received funds to study in France under the commitment of returning to Colombia to teach at the University.

10. **Ministry of National Education of Colombia**, Bogota, 2004. Distinguished by the Ministry of Education as one of the ten best law students in the country according to the results of the State exam of legal competences (ECAES by its acronym in Spanish).

11. **Externado University of Colombia**, Bogota, 2004. Honor Scholarship (based on GPA) of the Externado University of Colombia. Full tuition for the year 2004 for outstanding academic performance.

12. **Externado University of Colombia**, Bogota, 2003. Honor Scholarship (based on GPA) of the Externado University of Colombia. Full tuition for the year 2003 for outstanding academic performance.

13. **Externado University of Colombia**, Bogota, 2001. Honor Scholarship (based on GPA) of the Externado University of Colombia. Full tuition for the year 2001 for outstanding academic performance.

14. **Colegio Andino of Ibague**, 1987-1994. Scholarship for high academic performance to carry out primary school and high school studies.

VIII. Associations and Professional Organizations

1. Member of Asociación Colombiana de Ciencia Política (ACCPOL)
2. Member of Asociación Colombo-Francesa de Investigadores (Colifri)
3. Member of Red Latinoamericana de Derecho y Sociedad (RELADES)

IX. Languages

1. Spanish: Mother tongue
2. English: Advanced
3. French: Advanced
4. Italian: Intermediate
5. Portuguese: Beginner