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## CURRENT APPOINTMENT

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August 2012 – present      **Assistant Professor, Department of Legal Studies, Central European University (CEU), Budapest/Vienna**  
Visiting Professor, School of Public Policy  
Core Faculty, Center for Media, Data and Society  
With permanent contract/tenure since August 2016  
\*On leave 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 during secondment

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

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December 2016 – August 2018      **Senior Adviser, Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Representative on Freedom of the Media (OSCE), Vienna**  
\*On secondment from **UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)**  
Thematic lead on national security policies, “hate speech” and incitement, content regulation, access to information, international human rights bodies and regional courts  
Country lead on United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland, Denmark, Poland

January 2008 – August 2012      **Senior Legal Officer, ARTICLE 19, London**

## EDUCATION

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September 2004 – July 2005      **Called to the Bar of England and Wales, Inner Temple**  
Very Competent, Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law, London

October 1998 – July 2003      **European University Institute, Florence**  
**PhD in Law**  
Dissertation Title: “Situating the EU Human Rights System in an International Human Rights Context”; Examining Board: Professors Gráinne de Búrca (supervisor), Olivier de Schutter, Bruno de Witte and Anne-Marie Slaughter

October 1995 – July 1998      **London School of Economics and Political Science**  
**LLB in Law** (with Honours), Upper Second Class

## RESEARCH

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### Research fellowships and positions

September 2003 – September 2004      EU-US Fulbright & Emile Noël Fellow, New York University School of Law  
September 2002 – March 2003      Marie Curie Fellow, Amsterdam Centre for International Law  
August 2000 – December 2000      Visiting Scholar, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison  
September 1999 – May 2000      Research Assistant to Professor Wojciech Sadurski, European University Institute

### Research grants and awards

2014 – 2019      Research grant, Academic Support Committee, CEU (11,218 EURO)  
2014 – 2016      Research grant, Center for Media, Data and Society, CEU (1,750 EURO)  
2013–2016      Research grant, Grants Committee, CEU (4,200 EURO)  
2004      Exhibition and Duke of Edinburgh scholarship, Inner Temple

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| 2003 – 2004 | Award for research at New York University School of Law, Fulbright Commission                           |
| 2002 – 2003 | Marie Curie fellowship for research at University of Amsterdam, European Commission                     |
| 2000        | Award for semester at University of Wisconsin, Madison, European University Institute                   |
| 1998 – 2002 | Doctoral research grants, UK Department for Education and European Commission                           |
| 2002        | Honourable Mention, Ius Commune Prize, Maastricht University  |
| 2001        | “Excellence in Academic Writing” Prize, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University |

## **TEACHING**

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### **Current position**

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| 2012 – 2019 | <p><b>Department of Legal Studies, CEU (LLM and MA)</b><br/>           Introduction to Human Rights (1 credit)<br/>           The UN Human Rights System (2 credits)<br/>           International Human Rights Advocacy (2 credits)<br/>           Freedom of Expression in Practice (2 credits)<br/>           Model United Nations (1 credit)<br/>           Freedom of Expression: Comparative Law Perspectives (2 credits) (2012 – 2016)<br/>           Civil Rights and Liberties in the UK (1 credit) (2012 – 2016)<br/>           Academic Legal Writing (1 credit) (2012 – 2018)</p> <p><b>School of Public Policy, CEU (MPA and MPP)</b><br/>           Media Freedom and Human Rights (2 credits)<br/>           Drug Policy and Human Rights (2 credits) (convenor, 2013 – 2014)</p> |
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### **Visiting lectureships**

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| 2007 – 2012 | School of Law, Queen Mary, University of London<br>International Human Rights Law (LLM)   |
| 2007 – 2008 | Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh<br>UK Constitutional Law (LLB)<br>International and European Human Rights Law (LLM) |
| 2004 – 2005 | Faculty of Laws, University College London<br>EU Law (LLB)  |

### **Guest teaching**

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| June 2017, July 2018         | Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute, Oxford University |
| December 2011                | Human Rights Centre, School of Law, University of Essex           |
| August 2011                  | Open Society Scholarship Programs’ Summer Program, Istanbul       |
| February 2007 – January 2010 | Law Department, London School of Economics and Political Science  |

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Works in progress**

#### **Monograph**

*Freedom of Expression Under Pressure* (under contract with Cambridge University Press)

#### **Forthcoming**

“Norms in Conflict” (with Agnès Callamard) in Agnès Callamard and Lee Bollinger, *Regardless of Frontiers: Freedom of Expression and Information in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2020)

### Articles in refereed journals

“The Significance of the Joint Declarations on Freedom of Expression” (2019) 37 *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights* 178 - 195

“Freedom of Expression Narratives After the Charlie Hebdo Attacks” (2018) 18 *Human Rights Law Review* 267 - 296

“Affirming the Right of Access to Information in Europe: the Grand Chamber decision in *Magyar Helsinki Bizottság v Hungary*” (2017) 1 *European Human Rights Law Review* 68 - 74

“The Rabat Plan of Action: A Global Blueprint for Combating ‘Hate Speech’” (2014) 1 *European Human Rights Law Review* 21 - 31

“Moving from Principles to Rights: Rio 2012 and Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice”, (2012) Vol XIII 3 *Sustainable Development Law and Policy* 8 - 14 (with David Banisar, Lalanath de Silva and Carolle Excell)

“The Challenge of ‘Defamation of Religions’ to Freedom of Expression and the International Human Rights System” (2009) 3 *European Human Rights Law Review* (Special Issue on Freedom of Expression) 353 - 375

“Case Analysis: *Vilho Eskelinen and others v Finland*: the next step in extending Article 6 ECHR to disputes concerning civil servants” (2007) 4 *European Human Rights Law Review* 441 - 449

“International Human Rights and the EU Charter” (2001) 8 *Maastricht Journal of Comparative and European Law* 351 - 370

### Book Chapters

“A Human Rights Perspective on ‘Fake News’” in *OSCE-LCM Results Compendium* (Leichtenstein Institute on Self-Determination: New Jersey, 2017) 71 - 78

“Reckoning with the Past? Rwanda’s Revised Genocide Ideology Law and International Human Rights Law on Freedom of Expression” in Paul Behrens, Nicholas Terry and Olaf Jensen (ed) *Holocaust and Genocide Denial: A Contextual Perspective* (London: Routledge, 2017) 94 - 117

“Defamation” in *Culture and Human Rights - Wroclaw Commentaries* (DeGryuter: Berlin, 2016) 141 - 142

“Protecting Female Journalists Online: An International Human Rights Perspective” in Rebecca Gardiner, *New Challenges to Freedom of Expression: Countering Online Abuse of Female Journalists* (OSCE: OSCE, Vienna, 2016)

“The International Human Rights Protection of Journalists” in Onur Andreotti (ed) *An Enabling Environment for Journalists* (Strasbourg: Council of Europe, 2015) 37 - 80

“Uprooting ‘defamation of religions’ and the emergence of a new approach to freedom of expression at the United Nations” in Tarlach McGonagle and Yvonne Donders (eds), *The United Nations and Freedom of Expression and Information: Critical Perspectives* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015) 373 - 427

“The Rabat Plan of Action: A Critical Turning Point in International Law on ‘Hate Speech’” in Peter Molnar (ed) *Free Speech and Censorship Around the Globe* (Budapest: CEU Press, 2015) 211 - 231

“The European Court of Justice and Anti-Discrimination Law: The relevance of gender equality jurisprudence for the future interpretation of the Racial Equality Directive” in J Niessen and I Chopin (eds), *European Anti-Discrimination Standards and National Law* (The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff, 2004) 131 - 154, republished in Stephanie Farrior, *Equality and Non-Discrimination in International Law* (London: Ashgate, 2015)

“Positioning the EU Human Rights System in its International Legal Context: A Critique of Slaughter’s Liberal Theory of International Law” in F Snyder, *The European Union and Governance* (Brussels: Bruylant, 2003) 349 - 373

“Human Rights and the Constitutional Dimensions of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union” in J S Micgiel (ed), *Democracy And Integration In An Enlarging Europe* (New York: Institute for the Study of Europe, Columbia University, 2002) 87 - 120

### **Book reviews**

“Book Review: Basil S Markesinis (ed), *The Clifford Chance Lectures Volume III, The Impact of The Human Rights Bill on English Law* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1998)” [1999-2000] 19 *Yearbook of European Law* 626 - 629

### **Blogs**

“Academic Freedom Under Pressure” *EJIL: Talk!* guest post, 2 December 2019

“The Assange case and the UK’s global defence of media freedom” *EJIL: Talk!* guest post, 21 April 2019

“Defending Central European University and Academic Freedom” *Inside Higher Ed* guest post, 18 April 2017

“Beyond the Mantra, Towards the Granular: The Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression’s Report on the Private Sector in the Digital Age” *EJIL: Talk!* guest post, 5 July 2016

### **Other**

“Bans on Wearing of the Full-Face Veil: What is the Impact on Human Rights?” eGov Monitor, 19 January 2011

“Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Information: A Vital Role in Combating Climate Change” *World Environment Magazine* No 6 October 2010

“Political Capital: Human Rights Comment” *Solicitors Journal* Vol 150 No 46 (01.12.2006) 1546 (with Keir Starmer QC)

*Human Rights Bulletin*, Doughty Street Chambers, first ten issues (2005-2007)

“Recent Developments in the Protections of the Fundamental Human Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men in Europe” in Lesben Informations-und Beratungsstelle eV (ed), *Violence against Lesbians* (Berlin: Querverlag, 2001) 316 - 333

“The Treaty of Amsterdam” in International Lesbian and Gay Association (ed), *After Amsterdam Guide: Sexual Orientation and the European Union* (Brussels: International Lesbian and Gay Association, 1999) 15 - 25

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES**

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### **Academic fora**

“The International Human Rights Framework on Protecting Minorities from ‘Hate Speech’ in the Digital Age” at “Minority Identity in the Digital Age”, European Centre for Minority Issues workshop, Flensburg, 12 - 13 December 2019

“The Human Rights Implications of Brexit” at “Brexit: What Now? What Next?” panel discussion, CEU, 6 November 2019

“Guarding the Guardians? The evolving role of the international human rights system in protecting journalists and the media” at International Society of Public Law 2019 Annual Conference on “Public Law in Times of Change?”, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago, 1 - 3 July 2019 and at International Journalism Week, University of Sheffield, 11 November 2019

“The effectiveness of international responses to attacks on journalists” at panel discussion on “Assaults on journalist, assaults on journalism” at Center on Media Data and Society, CEU, 11 March 2019

“International standards on protecting freedom of expression and countering violent extremism online” at VOX-POL (voxpoleu) and Berkman Klein Center workshop, Harvard Law School, 23 - 24 October 2017

“Intergovernmental institutions for the protection of freedom of expression: a case study of the OSCE” at Center on Media Data and Society Summer Program on “Media Capture: the Relationship between Power, Media Freedom and Advocacy”, CEU, 7 July 2017

“Critical reflections on the ‘Rabat Plan of Action’, five years on” and “The Gender Digital Divide” at 2017 Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute, Oxford University, 28 June 2017

“Fake news: context, effects and solutions” at panel on “Information Warfare: Fake News, Real Problems” at “Rebuilding Trust: Dialogue, Interaction, Crisis Management” organised by Liechtenstein Center for Self-Determination, Princeton University, Vienna, 11 - 13 May 2017

“Interactions of global and regional intergovernmental human rights bodies: a case-study of the Joint Declarations on freedom of expression” at Association of Human Rights Institutes Conference, Leuven, 27 - 28 April 2017

“The state of freedom of expression and its stakes” at Freedom and Control of Expression in the Digital Aftermath of the 2015 Paris Attacks, Institute of Advanced Study, Toulouse, 13 - 14 October 2016

“International human rights law approaches to preventing and countering violent extremism” at Center on Media Data and Society/VOX-Pol summer school on “Violent Online Political Extremism”, CEU, 4 July 2016

“Freedom of Expression and Religious Exemptions” at workshop on “Exploring Religious Exemptions: socio-legal and political perspectives” at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 4 December 2015

“Taking stock of internet governance and digital rights. What have we learned and what kind of culture is emerging” at Center on Media Data and Society summer school on “Internet Governance, Civil Society and Policy Advocacy”, CEU, 29 June 2015

“The Charlie Hebdo Affair and Freedom of Expression” at “L’Après Charlie - Reflecting on Freedom(s), Religion and Security”, conference organised by School of Public Policy and Center for European Union Research, CEU, 19 May 2015

“Human rights law, accountability and extremist content” at “The Role of Social Media and Internet Companies In Responding to Violent Online Extremism”, workshop of VOX-Pol Network of Excellence, Budapest, 5 - 6 March 2015

“The Paris Attacks and Global Norms on Freedom of Expression”, Tom Lantos Institute Public Lecture series “From the Courtroom to the Street: Creating a Popular Culture of Human Rights”, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, 17 February 2015

“Open Journalism: Opportunities and Challenges of Doing Journalism in the Digital Age” at “Gaining a Digital Edge: Journalists, Watchdogs and Freedom of Expression 2.0”, CEU, 21 November 2014

“Othering in an Era of Mass State Surveillance” at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Association of Human Rights Institutes conference “Human Rights Under Pressure: Exploring norms, institutions and policies”, Copenhagen 29 - 30 September 2014

“Freedom of Expression and Equality: the Role and Responsibilities of the Media in Promoting Intercultural Understanding” at Tom Lantos Institute, Eötvös Loránd University & CEJI, European Summer University on Prejudice, Genocide and Remembrance, 29 August 2014

“International Human Rights Law and the Internet” at Center on Media Data and Society summer school on “Activism, Advocacy and the Internet: Communication Policy for Social Change”, CEU, 8 July 2014

“Freedom of Expression and Mass Surveillance” at panel on “Human Rights in a Digital World” at “Foundations and Futures of International Law”, International Law Association (ILA) British Branch Spring Conference, Dickson Poon School of Law, King’s College London, 23 - 24 May 2014

“Journalists and Whistleblowers in an Era of Mass Surveillance: What’s at stake for freedom of expression and national security”, Center for Media and Communication Studies, School of Public Policy, CEU, 16 May 2014 (chair)

“How International Human Rights Bodies, the Media and Human Rights NGOs are Challenging Mass State surveillance on Freedom of Expression as well as Privacy Grounds” at “*The Third Man Theme Revisited: Foreign Policies of the Internet in a Time of Surveillance and Disclosure*”, Milton Wolf seminar, Vienna, 31 March - 1 April 2014

“The Role of Global NGOs in the Development of International Human Rights Law: a case-study of Recent UN human Rights Processes on Freedom of Expression” at Fourth Biennial Conference of the Asian Society of International Law, Delhi, 16 November 2013

“Leveson, the Royal Charter and the future of press freedom in the UK” at conference on “Media Freedom: A European Fundamental Human Right At Risk”, Center for Media and Communication Studies, School of Public Policy, CEU, 16 May 2013

“The Rabat Plan of Action” at “Words of Violence: Freedom of Expression, Conflict Dynamics and the Media”, conference at Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM), Utrecht University, 26 October 2013

“The Rabat Plan of Action” at “Would you ban hate speech? Examining content-based restrictions and speech leading to imminent danger” (panel discussion), CEU, 30 May 2013

“The Leveson Report, the Royal Charter and the Future of Press Regulation” at Media and Change Series, Centre for Media and Communication Studies, CEU, 18 April 2013

“Freedom of Expression and Hate Speech” at conferences organised by the Hrant Dink Foundation at Bilgi and Kadir Has Universities, Istanbul, 20 – 21 March 2012

“The UN’s Emerging Approach to Freedom of Expression and Equality” at Department of Legal Studies, CEU, 24 January 2012

“Taking Stock of Freedom of Expression in Asia” at 3<sup>rd</sup> Human Rights in Asia Conference, University of Essex, 2 June 2011

“Rwanda’s Genocide Ideology Law and International Human Rights” at “A Contextual View of Holocaust and Genocide Denial”, University of Leicester, 23 – 24 September 2010

“Freedom of Expression and the Right to Information in Crisis and Conflict” at conference of the Oxford University Forum for International Development on “Development in Crisis and Conflict”, 5 – 7 February 2010

#### **Selected meetings organised by intergovernmental or governmental organisations**

“The Legal Framework for Addressing ‘Hate Speech’ in Europe” keynote lecture at “Addressing ‘hate speech’ in the media: the role of regulatory authorities and the judiciary” organised by the Council of Europe, Zagreb, Croatia, 6 – 7 November 2018

“‘Fake news’: world phenomenon and regional reality” at OSCE South East Europe Media Conference, Skopje, 10 May 2018 (chair)

“Freedom of expression and countering violent extremism” at OSCE VERLT Focal Points Meeting, Vienna, 19 – 20 March 2018

“The international and regional intergovernmental mechanisms on freedom of expression” at “The state of play on a mechanism for media freedom in the Arab region and methodology for a regional press freedom report” organised by the International Federation of Journalists, Vienna, 11 December 2017

“The Role of the Media in the Dissemination of Disinformation, ‘Hate Speech’ and Extremist Speech” at OSCE conference on “The Role of the Free Media in the Comprehensive Approach to Security”, Vienna, 2 – 3 November 2017

“Cyber as a Cross-Dimensional Issue at the OSCE” at international expert workshop, German Institute for International Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin, 10 October 2017

“Freedom of Expression and Countering Violent Extremism Online” at OSCE-Facebook workshop for civil society organisations, Vienna, 11 – 13 October 2017

“Equality of opportunity and equal participation in political and public life” at OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, Warsaw, 13 September 2017 (chair of side event)

“Countering Violent Extremism and Securing Freedom of Expression Online: Possibilities and Limits”, OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, Warsaw, September 2017 (chair of side event)

“Protecting freedom of expression when countering radicalization and violent extremism on the Internet” at side-event at 2017 OSCE-wide Counter-Terrorism Conference, Vienna 23 - 24 May 2017

“On fake news in the digital age” at plenary session of 45<sup>th</sup> European Platform of Regulatory Authorities meeting, Edinburgh 18 - 20 May 2017

“Tolerance and freedom of speech: countering ‘hate speech’ and combating discrimination on the internet” (rapporteur of panel) at OSCE Chairmanship Conference on Tolerance and Diversity, Berlin, 20 October 2016

“The Safety of Female Journalists Online” at “Protection of Safety and Integrity of Journalists in the OSCE Region” at conference of Serbian OSCE Chairmanship, Belgrade, 26 - 27 March 2015

“When does speech become intolerant and discriminatory?” at “Freedom of Expression for Tolerance and Non-Discrimination” at meeting of OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Vienna, 18 December 2014

“Protecting Journalists through International Law” at Council of Europe seminar on Safety of Journalists, Kyiv, Ukraine, 15 April 2014

“International Responses to Religious Incitement and Hatred” at 25<sup>th</sup> session of UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, 13 March 2014 (chair of side-event)

“Responding to the Challenges of ‘Hate Speech’ on the Basis of International Human Rights Law: the Role and Responsibility of the Media in Promoting Intercultural Understanding” at symposium on “The Media and Human Rights”, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Korea, 12 - 13 December 2013

“Understanding and Implementing the Obligation to Prohibit Incitement” at side-event at 2013 OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting, Warsaw, 24 September 2013

“Challenges and Opportunities for New Media to Foster Pluralism” at “Promotion of Pluralism in New Media” OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting, Hofburg, Vienna, 7 - 8 July 2011

“The Evolution of the Debate on Defamation of Religions” at side-event at 16<sup>th</sup> session of UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, 11 March 2011

“Defamation of Religions, Human Rights and the UN” at UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Training Course on Human Rights, Doughty Street Chambers, 28 January 2011

“Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Religion” at the European Commission’s Directorate-General for External Relations (DG-RELEX) seminar, 4 December 2009

“The *Camden Principles on Freedom of Expression and Equality: Key Points*” at OSCE Human Dimension Meeting side-event, 7 October 2009

“The Value of the *Camden Principles on Freedom of Expression and Equality* to Combating Discrimination” at the Durban Review Conference, Geneva, 22 April 2009

“The Confrontation between Freedom of Expression and Other Rights: Norms and Practices” at Council of Europe conference on the promotion and protection by national human rights structures of freedom of expression and information, Padua, Italy, 21 - 23 October 2008

“Defamation of Religions and Freedom of Expression in Context” at side event at 9<sup>th</sup> session of UN Human Rights Council, Geneva, 17 September 2008

“The Freedom of Information Act and the role of NGOs” at seminar for the State Council Legislative Affairs Office of China, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 21 April 2008

### Selected meetings organised by civil society and media organisations

“The (In-) Effectiveness of International Law in Protecting Journalism” at panel at Deutsche Welle media law session on “Journalism in International Law – Protected or Defenceless?”, Berlin, 11 December 2019

“On Brexit” (discussion with David Gardner, *Financial Times*) at EU Dialogues, Donostia-San Sebastián, 30 September 2016

“Free Speech or Hate Speech” at “Journalism and the Challenge of Intolerance”, final conference of the Ethical Journalism Initiative project, 3 – 4 May 2012

“The Challenges of Blasphemy Laws for Freedom of Expression” at The Anjou Club, London, 6 October 2011

“Challenges to Diversity and Pluralism in Europe”, “The International Legal Framework on Freedom of Expression and Equality”, “Freedom of Expression and Harmful Speech” and “The Promotion of Intercultural Understanding” at International Federation of Journalists Training Course, 19 – 20 April 2011, Brussels

“Protection of Journalists in International Law” at IREX conference on journalists’ protection, Erbil, Iraq, 4 March 2011

“What the US and the EU can do on freedom of expression in the MENA region” at “Freedom of Expression under Fire” dialogue forum organised by Freedom Forum in Copenhagen, Denmark, 24 – 29 October 2010

“Decriminalizing Libel and Abuse of Libel Prosecution: Towards a common construction of freedom of expression” at South East Asia Media Defense Legal Network Conference, Cebu, Philippines, 28 October 2009

“The Regulation of Free Speech During the Olympics – the Implications for International Journalists” at panel discussion on Free Speech and Human Rights in China, Amnesty UK, London, 8 May 2008

“How Human Rights Treaties Draw Borders between Freedom of Speech and Discrimination” at conference on Minorities in the Media – A United Solution, London, 28 – 29 May 2008

## PRACTICE AND POLICY ENGAGEMENT

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### Private practice

October 2005 – December 2007      Human Rights Coordinator, Doughty Street Chambers, London

### Intergovernmental organisations

2020 – present                      Member, Committee on Hate Speech, Council of Europe (independent)  
 2015 – 2018                        Member, Academic Advisory Board, Community of Democracies  
 2010 – present                      Expert, Council of Europe, OSCE and UNESCO  
 2009 – 2012                        Member, UK National Commission for UNESCO

### Non-governmental organisations

2015 – present                      Member, Advisory Committee, Universal Rights Group  
 2015 – present                      Affiliated Expert, Tom Lantos Institute  
 2010 – 2012                        Member, Advisory Group, CIVICUS Civil Society Watch Programme  
 2009 – 2011                        Member, Advisory Council, Advocates for International Development (A4ID)

### Parliamentary inquiry

2019                                      Written evidence submitted to the UK House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee on the “Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Global Media Freedom”



**Consultancies**

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| 2020           | United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect (commissioned to draft guidance on the implementation of the UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech for UN field presences)   |
| 2020           | Special Rapporteur on minority issues and Tom Lantos Institute (commissioned to advise on development of concept papers for regional forums, Forum on Minority Rights, mandate-holder's forthcoming thematic report and Global Minority Rights Summer School) |
| 2019           | Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (commissioned to write speeches on the role of the judiciary on media freedom, and "states of emergency")   |
| 2018           | Council of Europe (commissioned to write paper on the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights on "hate speech")   |
| 2018           | Bytes for All, Global Partners Digital and Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (Forum Asia) (commissioned to write background paper assessing the implementation of the Rabat Plan of Action)  |
| 2014           | Council of Europe (commissioned to write background paper for the Seminar and Inter-regional Dialogue on the Protection of Journalists at the European Court of Human Rights)   |
| 2013 - present | ARTICLE 19, London (designed and implemented online training course on freedom of expression and freedom of information; drafted amicus curiae brief to Polish Constitutional Court on blasphemy law; drafted numerous legal analyses)                        |
| 2013 - 2015    | Tom Lantos Institute, Budapest (commissioned to develop series of public lectures on the effective implementation of human rights)  |
| 2007           | FCO Training Course on Human Rights, London   |
| 1999 - 2001    | International Lesbian Gay Association (ILGA-Europe), Belgium  |

**Pro Bono Work**

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| August 2007 & June 2009 | Contributions to report by Just Fair Treatment to consultations on Western Australia Human Rights Bill and federal Australia Human Rights Bill |
| January 2008            | Reports on development of an Optional Protocol to International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for ActionAid                 |
| May 2007                | Report the rights of girls for Plan International, <i>Because I am a girl Report</i>   |
| December 2003           | Report on EU's suspension of aid to Haiti for Robert F Kennedy Memorial Center   |

**Internships**

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| June - August 2004 | Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN Headquarters, New York |
| June - July 1998   | Advice on Individual Rights in Europe (AIRE Centre), London                 |

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

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| 2012 - present | <b>CEU</b><br>Representative at Association of Human Rights (2013 - present)<br>Member of Department of Legal Studies' Academic Honesty Committee and Strategic Review Committee (2014 - 2015)<br>Member of School of Public Policy search committee for faculty position in International Law (2013 - 2014) |
| 2011 - present | <b>External examiner</b><br>North-West University (external LLM thesis examiner) 2019 - 2020<br>University of East Anglia (external PhD thesis examiner) 2016<br>Kings College London (external LLM examiner) 2011   |

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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### **Editorial and reviewing roles**

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| 2015 - present | Associate Editor, <i>International Journal of Human Rights</i>   |
| 2016 - present | Advisory Board Member, <i>Tom Lantos Institute Yearbook of Human Rights</i>  |
| 2008 - present | Reviewer for Chatham House, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Ashgate Publishing, Routledge, <i>Equal Rights Review</i> , <i>European Human Rights Law Review</i> , <i>Nordic Journal of Human Rights</i> |
| 2017           | Reviewer of submissions to World Press Freedom Day 2017 Academic Conference on Safety of Journalists, Jakarta, 2 - 4 May 2017  |
| 2016           | Programme Committee Member, Association of Human Rights Institutes Conference  |

### **Professional memberships**

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| 2019 -      | International Society of Public Law   |
| 2014 - 2016 | European Society of International Law |
| 2005 - 2012 | Human Rights Lawyers Association (UK) |
| 1998        | Member, Inner Temple                  |

### **Moot court judging**

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| 2018 | Judge, Monroe E Price Media Law Moot Court Competition, University of Oxford |
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## **SKILLS**

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Hostile Environmental Awareness Training (HEAT) (November 2016)

Media experience including BBC News, BBC Newsnight, Voice of America, RTÉ Prime Time and Monocle Radio

Languages: Gujarati (fluent), Italian, French and German (basic - intermediate)