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SUMMARY

Globally experienced executive who has successfully led organizations, inspired teams, guided institutional transformation, mobilized resources, and earned the confidence of governments, boards, foundations, and international partners.

International human rights lawyer with 30 years' experience in the UN, regional bodies, NHRIs, and NGOs; recognized by States, academia and civil society for shaping global policy, managing complex mandates, and mediating disputes.

Strategic and innovative leader with expertise in governance, policy design, organizational development, and team building; experienced in leading civil society organizations with complex, multi-layered structures.

Proven advocate with a record of high-impact interventions based on rigorous legal and political analysis and principled yet pragmatic problem-solving.

Effective resource mobilizer & communicator skilled in participatory consultations, strategic planning, and multimillion-dollar fundraising; adept at explaining complex law, situations and analysis with clarity and nuance.

SKILLS

Leadership & Governance

- Executive management
- Strategic planning
- Organizational reform)

Engagement & Diplomacy

- Stakeholder dialogue
- Mediation & conflict resolution
- High-level representation

Advocacy & Policy

- Human rights law
- Research & reporting
- Global agenda-setting

Operations & Management

- Program development
- Institutional strengthening
- Fundraising & financial oversight

EDUCATION

1997 Diploma in International Human Rights Law | International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg

1995 MA in Law | University of Costa Rica

LANGUAGES

Spanish (Mother language) • **English** (Fluent) • **French** (Fluent) • **Portuguese** (Intermediate)

EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE

CONVENOR AND PRESIDENT

Global SOGIESC Climate Alliance (January 2024 – current)

- Creates and delivers the Alliance in a role spanning movement-building, representation, research, fact-finding and advocacy through a fully funded six-year global workplan with measurable commitments.
- Builds a credible, participative global SOGIESC climate alliance supporting decentralized action in mainstream climate governance.
- Creates consistent narratives and pathways around SOGIESC considerations in climate policy at global, national, and local levels.
- Establishes a legal advocacy network to support LGBTIQ+ climate litigation and rights-based policy reform.
- Strengthens the evidence base, visibility, and agency of SOGIESC populations through consolidated research and community-generated data.
- Accelerates engagement of LGBTIQ+ communities in the climate ecosystem through targeted learning and capacity building.
- Connects LGBTIQ+ movement activities with existing and new streams of climate funding and finance.

INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

United Nations Special Procedures (Geneva and New York, 2018–2023)

- **Created and delivered the strategic foundation of the mandate** in a role spanning representation, research, fact-finding and advocacy through a fully funded six-year global workplan with measurable commitments.
- **Engaged in sustained diplomatic dialogue** with States, UN and regional bodies, and broad bilateral and collective exchanges with non-State actors.
- **Undertook 50+ country visits**, including eight official missions leading to comprehensive State recommendations, and promotional and advisory visits to Copenhagen, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Peru, Thailand, Saint Lucia, and a working visit to Iceland (Reykjavik, September 2019).
- **Authored 12 official UN reports, 20+ policy statements, eight country reports**, and discussed findings before General Assembly, Security Council Members (Arria Formula), Human Rights Council, academic fora, and national parliaments.
- **Led investigation of 200+ individual cases**, engaging States through 136 individual and collective communications.
- **Convened global consultations**, including joint UNHCR and UN Youth Envoy initiatives, with active participation of hundreds of stakeholders.
- **Maintained broad outreach** through an intensive dissemination programme including keynote speeches, press engagement, and social media.

SECRETARY-GENERAL

International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (Copenhagen, 2013–2019)

- **Led the secretariat as Chief Executive Officer** and supported the Executive Committee, the International Council, and the General Assembly.
- **Implemented flagship global initiatives** including data against impunity, anti-torture global awareness campaigns, and scientific collaboration platforms.
- **Shaped standards** for torture rehabilitation and institutional policy.
- **Invigorated a 177-member network** through advice, conflict mediation, and €2M+ in sub-grants to rehabilitation centers worldwide.
- **Secured €3–5M annually**, managed Secretariat operations and staff, ensured transparent financial management.

POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS

TRUSTEE (appointed by the UN Secretary-General)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (Geneva, 2025 – present)

- Advises the UN Secretary-General, administrator of the Fund, on policy.
- Recommends grants to provide rehabilitation and other forms of support to victims of torture globally.
- Engages in fundraising and outreach, including consultations with donors and strategic partners.

CHAIR AND MEMBER (appointed by the Special Procedures collective)

United Nations Human Rights Council Special Procedures Coordination Committee (Geneva, 2019–2023)

Served as Member (2019/2021), Chair (2021/2022), and ex-officio Member (2022/2023).

- **Represented Special Procedures** in high-level dialogues across UN organs, political groups, civil society constituencies, and bilateral meetings with States.
- **Coordinated 84 UN Special Procedures mandate holders**, leading collective action and creating consensus on key issues.
- **Provided guidance** on the Code of Conduct and systemic policy issues.
- **Mediated disputes** between States and mandate holders, fostering constructive cooperation.
- **Conducted inquiries** into alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct by mandate holders and advised them on appropriate action where necessary.
- **Investigated threats and intimidation** against mandate holders, engaging with States and other actors, where necessary requesting appropriate action by States.

MEMBER (appointed by the Assembly of State Parties to the Optional Protocol)

United Nations Sub Committee for the Prevention of Torture (Geneva, 2013–2016)

- **Chaired** the Africa Working Group.
- **Led missions to Brazil and Mozambique**, assuming responsibility for representation, political strategy, and risk management.
- **Completed successfully 12 official country visits**, including unannounced detention monitoring, high-level dialogue, public reporting, and press work.
- **Reported** on reprisals.
- **Drafted SPT policy**, including the first policy on prevention of torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of LGBTI persons.

CHAIR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (Copenhagen, 2002–2011)

- Advised the Executive Committee on the design of the agenda.
- Conducted the proceedings, facilitating solutions and mediating differences of opinion.
- Drafted and delivered integral reform to organizational Statutes and By-Laws.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Board Member | Rainbow Railroad, Toronto (2025-present)

Board Member | Koppa Economic Lab, New York (2025-present)

Distinguished Visiting Scholar | Williams Institute, UCLA, Los Angeles (2024-present)

Founding Board Member | IJRC, San Francisco (2010-2018)

Founding Board Member | Synergia Initiatives for Human Rights, Washington, DC (2017-2018)

Founding Board Member | Costa Rican Association of International Law, San Jose (1996-1999)

EXPERT AFFILIATIONS

Member | The Research for Rights Network, Geneva (2026-present)

Member | The Suraúma Pledging Tree Advisory Board, Geneva and Brasilia (2026-present)

Member | Jury of the Human Rights Award of the Right Livelihood Foundation, Stockholm (2026-present)

Expert | Gender Persecution Observatory, New York (2025-present)

Expert | Center for Reproductive Rights, New York (2025-present)

Member | All In — Global Leaders for Ending Gender Based Violence, Melbourne (2025-present)

Publisher | *The Journal on Rehabilitation and Prevention of Torture*, Copenhagen (2023-2019)

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Lecturer in Law | Harvard Law School, Cambridge (2022-present)

Distinguished Visiting Scholar | Williams Institute, UCLA, Los Angeles (2025-present)

Keynote Speaker | GIC+ Project Summer Programme, Oxford University, Oxford (2025-2026)

Eleanor Roosevelt Senior Visiting Researcher | Harvard Law School, Cambridge (2019-2025)

Editor-in-Chief | *Foro Latinoamericano* Law Review (1994-1997)

Supervision

Quesada, Diego Alberto. "Beyond identity: non-discrimination and gender expression in the inter-American human rights system." LLM dissertation, Harvard Law School, May 2024. Supervisor: Victor Madrigal-Borloz.

SENIOR CONSULTANCIES

Senior Consultant appointed by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights | Geneva (2024–2025)

LTGBTI Strategy and Analysis of the Efficiency of the UN Treaty Body Individual Petition System

SPECIAL MISSIONS

Lead Observer

Trial observation mission for Dr Şebnem Korur Financi (HRFT board member), Turkey (2016)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HEAD OF THE LGTBI UNIT

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Washington, 2011–2013)

- Drafted the Commission's Plan of Action 4.6.i and managed its initial team.
- Delivered the Commission's LGTBI research agenda.
- Identified and managed 100+ cases concerning LGTBI issues.
- Led country fact-finding on LGTBI issues.
- Coordinated dialogue between State, academe and civil society.
- Paved the way for the first LGTBI Rapporteurship.

HEAD OF REGISTRY

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Washington, 2007–2013)

- Established and managed the Registry Team, cutting petition delays.
- Led development of the Commission's Document Management System.
- Advised on institutional reform, including the first Strategic Plan.
- Represented the Commission before the OAS political bodies.

HEAD OF LITIGATION

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Washington, 2005–2007)

- Established and managed the Litigation Team.
- Directed litigation strategy and supervised quality of all Court submissions.
- Represented the Commission in Court-related matters.
- Designed protocols to strengthen docket management.

HEAD OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Danish Institute for Human Rights (Copenhagen, 1999–2004)

- Established and managed the Team and drafted its protocols and procedures.
- Developed and executed strategy for the portfolio of State partnerships.
- Advised the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (2001–2003), the Supreme Court of Mozambique (2002–2004), the Court of Appeals of Tanzania (2003–2004) on institutional reform, and civil society in Niger (2003).
- Managed the DIHR's portfolio in relation to Access to Justice, encompassing programs in Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

HEAD OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Inter-American Court of Human Rights (San Jose, 1998–1999)

- Managed the Legal Department, distributed workload, evaluated performance, problem solved.
- Supervised technical quality of all drafts to be submitted to the Court.
- Managed a portfolio of complex Cases and Advisory Opinions.

LEGAL OFFICER

Inter-American Court of Human Rights (San Jose, 1995–1997)

- Managed a portfolio of cases, concerning torture, forceful disappearance and extrajudicial executions.
- Supervised technical quality of the work produced by junior lawyers and legal assistants.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

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Peer reviewed articles

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. “The Theory of Indirect Discrimination: Application to the Lived Realities of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Other Gender Diverse (LGBT) Persons.” *Harvard Human Rights Journal* 34, no. 2 (2021): 295–304.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. “The Price That Is Paid: Violence and Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, and Poverty.” In *Research Handbook on Human Rights and Poverty*, edited by Martha F. Davis, Morten Kjaerum, and Amanda Lyons. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2021.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. “The Preventive Approach: OPCAT and the Prevention of Violence and Abuse of Persons with Mental Disabilities by Monitoring Places of Detention.” *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry* 53 (2017): 15–26.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. “Institutionalizing Medical Documentation at the National Level.” *Human Rights Brief* 9, no. 4 (2002), art. 5.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. “Damage and Redress in the Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (1979–2001).” *Human Rights in Development Online* 7, no. 1 (2001): 211–274.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. “Torture Works—in All the Wrong Ways.” *Inter Press Service*, June 23, 2017.

Thematic Reports

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in the Global Climate Change Architecture](#). Los Angeles: Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law, 2025.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Colonialism and Its Impact on the Enjoyment of Human Rights by Persons of Diverse Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities](#). UN Doc. A/78/227. New York: United Nations General Assembly, 2023.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Freedom of Thought, Conscience, and Religion or Belief, and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/53/37. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2023.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Peace and Security](#). UN Doc. A/77/235. New York: United Nations General Assembly, 2022.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Right to Health and Sustainable Development Goal 3](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/50/27. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2022.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Practices of Exclusion](#). UN Doc. A/76/152. New York: United Nations General Assembly, 2021.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [The Law of Inclusion](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/47/27. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2021.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [COVID-19 and the Human Rights of LGBT Persons](#). UN Doc. A/75/258. New York: United Nations General Assembly, 2020.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Practices of So-Called “Conversion Therapy”](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/44/53. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2020.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Social Inclusion](#). UN Doc. A/74/181. New York: United Nations General Assembly, 2019.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Data Collection and Management as a Means to Create Heightened Awareness of Violence and Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/41/45. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2019.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Legal Recognition and Depathologization](#). UN Doc. A/73/152. New York: United Nations General Assembly, 2018.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [A Vision for the Mandate of the Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/38/43. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2018.

Country Reports — Official

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Visit to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/56/49/Add.1. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2024.

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Visit to Cambodia](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/56/49/Add.2. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2024.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Visit to the United States of America](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/56/49/Add.3. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2024.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Visit to Tunisia](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/50/27/Add.1. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2022.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Visit to Ukraine](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/44/53/Add.1. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2020.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Visit to Mozambique](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/41/45/Add.2. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2019.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [Visit to Georgia](#). UN Doc. A/HRC/41/45/Add.1. Geneva: United Nations Human Rights Council, 2019.

Parliamentary Advice and Hearings

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [“Comments to the Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Great Britain and Northern Ireland.”](#) Geneva: United Nations, 2023.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. “Comments on Scottish Legislation.” UN Communication OL GBR 15/2022. Geneva: United Nations, 2022.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [“Legislation in Ghana.”](#) UN Communication OL GHA 3/2021. Geneva: United Nations, 2021.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [“Draft By-Laws in Kazakhstan.”](#) UN Communication OL KAZ 5/2018. Geneva: United Nations, 2018.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [“Administrative Decisions in the Republic of Korea.”](#) UN Communication OL KOR 1/2018. Geneva: United Nations, 2018.
- Hearings: Parliament of Ghana; House of Commons, United Kingdom; Ministry of Interior, Uruguay; Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica; Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.
- Legislative advice to: Scottish Parliament; Seoul Metropolitan Council; European Parliament; Governments of Indonesia and Uganda.

Policy Statements (Authored, and Led)

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, et al. [“UN Experts Urge States to Uphold the Ideal of Sport as Fully Inclusive of LGBT and Intersex People.”](#) Geneva: United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, October 2023.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, and UN Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of All Human Rights by Older Persons. [“LGBT Older Persons at Heightened Risk of Violence and Discrimination.”](#) Geneva: United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2023.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, and UN Special Rapporteur in the Field of Cultural Rights. [“Participation in Cultural Life.”](#) Geneva: United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, October 25, 2023.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, and UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. [“Persons with Disabilities.”](#) Geneva: United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, October 24, 2023.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [“Statement to United Nations Security Council Members.”](#) Arria-formula meeting, United Nations, March 20, 2023.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, and UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders. “Human Rights Defenders.” United Nations, 2022.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, et al. [“COVID-19 and the Human Rights of LGBT Persons: Ensuring No One Is Left Behind.”](#) Geneva: United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2020.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, and UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing. [“Right to Housing.”](#) Geneva: United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2019.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, and UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education. [“Access to Education.”](#) Geneva: United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2019.

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, and Rapporteur on the Rights of LGBTI Persons, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. “[Access to Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Caribbean Region](#).” 2019.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, and UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health. “[Access to Health](#).” Geneva: United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2019.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. “[LGBTI Refugees](#).” Geneva: United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2019.

Forewords

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. Foreword to [Banning ‘Conversion Therapy’: Legal and Policy Perspectives](#), by Ilias Trispiotis and Craig Purshouse. London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2023.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. Foreword to *Banning Transgender Conversion Practices: A Legal and Policy Analysis*, edited by Florence Ashley. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. Foreword to [Towards the Effective Protection of LGBTI Persons Deprived of Liberty](#), by Association for the Prevention of Torture. Geneva: APT, 2018.

Op Eds

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. “The Australian Media’s Portrayal of Trans People Is a Betrayal of Their Human Rights.” [The Guardian](#), November 11, 2019.

Guidelines

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [ASPIRE Guidelines](#). Geneva: United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2020.
- International Panel of Experts in International Human Rights Law and on SOGIESC. [Yogyakarta Principles Plus 10](#). Collective work, 2016.

Strategic Plans and Programs (Authored, and Led)

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [UN Mandate Plan 2021–2023](#). Geneva: United Nations, 2021.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. [IRCT Strategic Plan 2015–2020](#). Copenhagen: International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, 2015.

Campaigns and Convenings

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, and UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders. “[Diversity in Adversity](#).” Video campaign, United Nations.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor, and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. [Global Roundtable](#). Geneva: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Press Conferences and Interviews

- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. “[Press Conference at UN Headquarters](#).” United Nations, September 3, 2022.
- Reuters. “[UN Expert Decries Hungary’s New Anti-LGBT Law](#).” 2021.
- Madrigal-Borloz, Victor. “[Press Conference at UN Headquarters](#).” United Nations, October 25, 2021.

Regional and country Visits — Promotional, Advisory and Working Visits

- Caribbean Joint Consultation, Bridgetown (2019)
- Iceland (2019)
- Denmark (2021), Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala (2022)
- Peru (2022), Thailand (2022), Saint Lucia (2022)

Keynotes

- IDENTITY Conference, 24 May 2018.
- Pan Africa ILGA 4th Regional Conference, Gaborone, 31 May – 4 June 2018.
- Hivos high-level meeting, San José, Costa Rica, 29 June 2018.
- ILGA-Europe Annual Conference, Brussels, 27 October 2018.
- National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs Annual Research Symposium, Washington DC, 4 March 2019.

- ILGA-World Conference — decriminalization of same-sex relations, Wellington, New Zealand, 17–22 March 2019.
- “On social inclusion,” Harvard University Law School, 2019
- ILGA Asia Regional Conference, Seoul, 21 August 2019.
- Ludwig Boltzmann Institute, Vienna, 24 September 2019.
- National Meeting of the Afro-LGBTI Network, Cartagena, 20 November 2019.
- ILGA-LAC Conference, Bogota, 21 November 2019.
- OutRight Action International Conference, New York, 7 December 2019.
- ARC International / Jindal Global University International Dialogue, New Delhi, 10 December 2019.
- National Law School of India University, Bangalore, 13 December 2019.
- UN House, Brasilia, 20 January 2020.
- International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights, Rio de Janeiro, 24 January 2020.
- Global Equality Fund, Johannesburg, 2 March 2020.
- “Listen deeply. Speak kindly. Weave industriously,” Sydney, 2023 (Written version | Video)
- Kennedy Lecture at Trent University, Ontario, 7 February 2024
- Occidental College, Los Angeles, 25 March 2024
- Conference on Protection and Solutions for LGBTIQ+ People in Forced Displacement (organized jointly with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees), Geneva, Switzerland; 20 June 2023.
- Asian Development Bank IDAHOBIT Forum, 16 May 2025.
- Oxford Summer Programme, Oxford, June 2025 and June 2026.
- Dignity Network Annual Meeting, Ottawa, June 2026.

Academic presentations, panels, discussions

- Lecture, Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Bogota, 13 April 2012 — on IACHR petition, case and precautionary measure system for LGBTI issues.
- Panel moderator, LGBT political participation in Latin America, Bogota, 19 November 2012 — panelists: Jean Wyllys (Brazilian Federal Congress), María Rachid (Buenos Aires), Alejandra González (Chile); presided by Commissioner Rodrigo Escobar Gil.
- Panelist, LGBTQ Rights Around the World Symposium, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC, 15 November 2013 — organized by OutLaw.
- IACHR Course for Civil Society on the IAHRS and LGBTI issues, IACHR Headquarters, 21 October – 1 November 2013.
- 10th International Scientific Symposium — opening remarks, Mexico City, December 2016 (370+ participants, 36 sessions, 101 presentations from 63 countries).
- 5th General Assembly — presided, Mexico City, December 2016 (114 member delegates; adopted the Mexico Consensus).
- Academic discussion, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund, Sweden, 14 February 2018.
- Academic discussion, Yale University, New Haven — Gender analytics and feminist social justice approaches and the SOGI Mandate, 29–30 March 2018.
- Trilateral dialogue between the IACHR, African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights, and the UN human rights system, Washington DC, 26–28 March 2018.
- Roundtable, Commonwealth Secretariat, London, 18 January 2019.
- Presentation, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 5 February 2019.
- Expert meeting on freedom of religion or belief and gender equality, Tunis, 11 June 2019 (at invitation of SR on FoRB).
- Panel, ILGA / COC Nederland — SOGI data collection, Geneva, 27 June 2019.
- Working visit, Iceland (Reykjavik), 2–4 September 2019 — keynote at Nordic House on social inclusion; working session with Directors of Human Rights of Nordic and Baltic countries.
- Expert meeting on cultural rights defenders, New York, 22 October 2019 (at invitation of SR on Cultural Rights).

- Panel, Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, 13 January 2020.
- Panel, International Institute on Race, Equality and Human Rights, Salvador, Brazil, 22 January 2020.
- Panel, OAS, Washington DC, 10 February 2020.
- Panel, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 12 February 2020.
- Three virtual Town Hall meetings on COVID-19 impact on LGBT persons, 30 April – 1 May 2020.
- First-ever side event organized by the LGBTI Stakeholder Group within the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, 2020.
- Hearings: Congress of the Republic of Colombia (COVID-19 impact); Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; European Economic and Social Committee (LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020–2025).
- Launch of Diversity in Adversity campaign with SR on Human Rights Defenders — 300+ simultaneous live viewers.
- Online consultation for the Right to Health report, 14 April 2022.
- Caribbean LGBTI Data Roundtables, Barbados.
- ILGA Asia Conference, Vietnam.
- Expert meeting on freedom of religion or belief and SOGI, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 9–10 March 2023.
- Public consultation on freedom of religion or belief and SOGI, Geneva, 21 March 2023.
- Briefing to UN Security Council members, Arria Formula meeting on human rights of LGBTI persons in armed conflict, March 2023. Presentation at Side event to the 53rd session of the UN Human Rights Council. “The Ugandan Anti-Homosexuality Act: an unprecedented tool of repression,” Geneva, Switzerland (19 June 2023).
- Side event to the 53rd session of the UN Human Rights Council, on the first seven years of work of the mandate of the Independent Expert on Protection from Violence and Discrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, Geneva, Switzerland; 21 June 2023.
- Presentation and workshop with authorities, academics and civil society of the Juchitán community, Oaxaca, México; 18 July 2023.
- Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Victory Fund, City of Mexico, Mexico; 20 July 2023.
- Participation in the Dialogue of the International Commission of Jurists, Bangkok, Thailand; 26 July 2023.
- Presentation at the Pan-Africa ILGA Annual Conference, Port-Louis, Mauritius; 3 August 2023.
- Speech at Vienna +30; Conference on the 30 years of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Plan of Action, Vienna, Austria; 27 September 2023.
- Presentation at Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA; 4 October 2023.
- Presentation to students of the University of the Western Cape (virtual); 5 October 2023.
- Presentation at the US Institute for Peace, Washington DC, USA; 1 November 2023.
- Presentation at Harvard School of Divinity, Massachusetts, USA; 16 November 2023.
- OAS LGBTI+ Core Group Roundtable on Conversion Therapy, Washington; 19 April 2024.
- Workshop on Human Rights Defenders, Turkish Association for Human Rights, Istanbul, 19 May 2024.
- Presentation at the Conference “The Violence of Gender Essentialism: How Law Determines the Health of Gender-Diverse People,” Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA. 24 April 2024.
- University of South California Sexual Rights for Change Academy, San Diego, 13 June 2024.
- OHCHR Workshop on Gender and Intersectionality, Geneva, 10 October 2024.
- US Institute for Peace conference on accountability strategies for women, girls, LGBTQI+ persons and other victims of sexual and other gender-based crimes and victims’ participation in transitional justice mechanisms, 27 October 2024.
- UN Seminar on the Responsibility to Protect, Geneva, 6 February 2025.
- University of South California Sexual Rights for Change Academy, San Diego, 13 June 2025.

EXAMPLES OF SCHOLARLY RECEPTION

Social and political analysis of my work

- **2023** [A catalyst for equality](#) | Assessment by Ignacio Saiz
- **2022** [One UN Independent Expert's fight to eliminate 'conversion therapy'](#) | UN, Geneva
- **2022** [The impact of the work of the UN IE SOGI](#) | Side event of the UN Human Rights Council
- **2019** [Meet the UN Expert defending LGTBI rights](#) | UN Foundation, New York

Academic Reviews and Analyses of my Reports

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