



Biography

I have great interest in various areas relating to international studies. My background combines diverse global issues including international human rights law. My current research work focuses on the impact of disasters on the enjoyment of rights. I combine highly interesting academic qualifications with excellent teaching skills, having studied and worked in outstanding institutions across the globe. I highly appreciate the learning experience, together with cultivating an open mind and confronting challenges as invaluable opportunities. I have great number of contacts in different sectors, and am used to collaborate especially in academic multidisciplinary networks.

Academic Background

Oct 2004-Feb 2011

Ph.D. in International Studies: International Law specialization

Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Thesis: The extraterritorial application of selected human rights treaties

Supervisor: Professor Andrew Clapham

2002-2003

European Master of Humanitarian Assistance

Network on Humanitarian Assistance – NOHA. Programme supported by the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office - ECHO.

Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany.

Master paper: The Right to Food and its Justiciability under Brazilian Law

Supervisors: Eugênio de Aragão and Domingos Dresch da Silveira

2001-2002

LLM in German Law

Institute for International Law, Ludwig Maximilians University Munich, Germany

Master paper: NGOs' participation in the UN system and the legal framework applicable to humanitarian NGOs, with reference to the case of East Timor.

Supervisor: Judge Bruno Simma (International Court of Justice)

1995-2000

Law Degree

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul State, Porto Alegre, Brazil

Courses on national and international law, including constitutional law, public international law, criminal law and civil law.

Employment History

July 2017-present
Gothenburg
Sweden

School of Global Studies

University of Gothenburg Faculty of Social Sciences

Senior Lecturer in Human Rights

Taking active part in the department's interdisciplinary educational and research environment within the field of human rights, focusing on central issues concerning the implementation of human rights in various sectors of society, both nationally and internationally. Teaching regular courses at post-graduate level - Master's Programme in Human Rights Policy and Practice (Erasmus Mundus), and occasionally teaching free-standing and commissioned courses. Supervising and conducting examinations.

Sep 2014-June 2017
London
United Kingdom

University College London - UCL

Faculty of Laws

Research Associate in International Law

Providing secondary research assistance to the Principal Investigator of the Human Rights Beyond Borders (HUBBOR) project, a five-year European Research Council funded initiative. I have also taken part in the EU COST Action Disaster Bioethics and have authored and co-authored with other members various publications relating to disasters.

<https://www.laws.ucl.ac.uk/people/karen-da-costa/>

Sep 2012-Sep 2014
Galway
Ireland

National University of Ireland Galway

Irish Centre for Human Rights

University Fellow (Teaching & Research) in Human Rights.

Teaching, at undergraduate and graduate level, carrying out research and range of administrative duties. Coordinating the BA Connect with Human Rights Programme.

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/our-research/people/law/karendacosta/>

Nov 2012-Feb 2013
Antananarivo
Madagascar

International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Legal Consultant. Working on a Country Case Study (Madagascar) on Legislative Issues in Disaster Risk Reduction. Conducting research on national legislation on disaster risk reduction, identifying best practices and gaps or challenges, especially at the community level. Field mission to Madagascar to complete research

and interview key stakeholders at different administrative levels. Drafting, clarifying questions, implementing changes and finalizing a Case Study Report and a National Law Case Survey. <http://reliefweb.int/report/madagascar/madagascar-country-case-study-report-how-law-and-regulation-supports-disaster-risk>

Sep 2011- Sep 2012
London
United Kingdom

Roehampton University – School of Business and Social Sciences

Visiting Lecturer on Human Rights Law / Honorary Research Fellow. Preparing and delivering lectures, developing supporting material for modules. Teaching 2nd-year and master students on the main international, regional and national human rights standards and monitoring mechanisms.

Jul 2011-Sep 2011
London/UK

International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Legal Consultant. Research on the legal framework applicable to volunteers in emergencies.

Legal issues impacting volunteering in emergencies. Research and drafting a legal case study report; liaising with relevant stakeholders (law firms in Australia, Brazil, France, Qatar and Indonesia); overseeing finalization of the legal case studies and synthesis report based on the case studies and additional research and; monitoring legal information and developments in relation to the project.

<http://www.ifrc.org/PageFiles/125640/legalframework.pdf>

Feb 2011-Apr 2011
London/UK
Brasília/Brazil

International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Legal Consultant. Working on a Country Case Study (Brazil) on Legislative Issues in Disaster Risk Reduction. Desk research on national legislation on disaster risk reduction, identifying best practices and gaps or challenges, especially at the community level. Mission to Brazil to complete research and interview key stakeholders on identified issue areas. Drafting, clarifying questions, implementing changes and finalizing a Case Study Report.

http://www.ifrc.org/PageFiles/93556/1213800-IDRL_Analysis_Brazil-EN-LR.pdf

Jan 2009-Jan 2011
London
United Kingdom

Roehampton University – School of Business and Social Sciences

Visiting Lecturer. Teaching and marking 3rd-year students taking the human rights programme. Co-examining dissertations in the framework of the Erasmus Mundus programme (University of Gothenburg, Roehampton University and Tromsø University), Masters Degree in Human Rights Practice.

Aug-Dec 2008
Geneva
Switzerland

TRIAL (Track Impunity Always/Swiss association against impunity)

Legal Tools Project Coordinator of TRIAL, outsourcing partner of the International Criminal Court in the Legal Tools Project. Setting-up the project, recruiting, training, and supervising a team of academic researchers. Collecting, analysing and processing legislation, jurisprudence, reports and academic writings on the nature, structure, and activities of the criminal justice system and national cases involving core international crimes of over 45 Latin American and European countries; coordinating with Legal Tools Project Partners; administering the budget and reporting.

<http://www.trial-ch.org/en/activities/research/from-2008-to-2010-trial-contributed-to-the-icc-legal-tools-project/former-co-directors-and-coordinators.html>

Jun 2007-Jun 2008
San Pedro
Côte d'Ivoire

United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI)

Human Rights Officer at the UN peacekeeping operation in Côte d'Ivoire. Working on the promotion and protection of human rights, with especial emphasis on children and women's rights. Setting a UN human rights office in the South-western area of the country. Monitoring human rights violations, writing situation reports on relevant developments affecting the enjoyment of human rights in the area of responsibility of the regional office. Undertaking fact-finding missions with other components of the peacekeeping operation, liaising with affected population, local authorities, community leaders, international and local NGOs.

Mar 2007-Jun 2007
London
United Kingdom

Amnesty International - International Secretariat

Legal Adviser at the International Law and Organizations Program. Drafting a background paper for an expert meeting held in Geneva on international cooperation and assistance. Preparing and taking part in the meeting.

Jun 2003-Sep 2004
Porto Alegre
Brazil

Federal Prosecutorial Office/Ministério Público Federal

Regional Office for Citizen's Rights/Procuradoria Regional dos Direitos do Cidadão

Legal officer working with the Head of Human and Citizen's Rights in the Regional Office.

Assessing compliance by Federal authorities with Human Rights granted both in international treaties ratified by Brazil, Brazilian 1988 Constitution and national legislation.

1997-2000
Porto Alegre
Brazil

Federal Labour Prosecutorial Office/Ministério Público do Trabalho

Assisting labour prosecutors, receiving employees complaints, performing procedural tasks and storing data in computer.

Aug 2006-Feb 2007
London
United Kingdom

Amnesty International - International Secretariat

Inter/Volunteer at the International Law and Organizations Program.

Undertaking legal research and drafting with other NGOs the *amicus curiae* for the *Al-Skeini* case before the House of Lords (Al-Skeini and others v. Secretary of State for Defence [2007] UKHL 26).

Apr-Jul 2006
The Hague
Netherlands

International Criminal Court

Visiting Professional at the Trial Division, team of the second vice-president of the Court. Contributing to the drafting of a study on the procedures of the ICC. The study combined analysis of the Rome Statute, Rules of Procedure and Evidence and Regulations of the Court, together with the jurisprudence of the Court and of the UN *Ad hoc* Tribunals.

Oct-Dec 2005
Geneva
Switzerland

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Working within ReliefWeb Project (OCHA), the global hub for time-critical humanitarian information on Complex Emergencies and Natural Disasters.

Performing primarily on-line research on issues related to complex emergencies and natural disasters worldwide. Participation in meetings dealing with international response to current humanitarian crises.

Feb-Apr 2005
Geneva
Switzerland

NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child/ 'Rädda Barnen' - Save the Children Sweden

Reporting on children's rights issues during the 61st session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

Apr 2003
Berlin
Germany

German Red Cross – International Secretariat

Internship in the International Team - Field Personnel Sector. Support work related to the application of visas and further formalities for future expatriate delegates as well as supporting tasks related to the seminar "Basic Training Course for Delegates".

2002-2003
Essen
Germany

Competition Board Essen

Checking internet advertisements of many enterprises to ensure accordance with German laws on unfair competition.

2001-2002
Heidelberg
Germany

FoodFirst Information and Action Network – FIAN

NGO focusing on the human right to food. Research project on FIAN's activities in Brazil. Member of FIAN Delegation in the 58th UN-Human Rights Commission in Geneva/Switzerland. Previous participation in FIAN campaigns in Bavaria, including on the legal assessment of a case on the right to land of members of the Landless Workers' Movement in Brazil.

2001-2002
Munich
Germany

Ludwig Maximilians University, International Office

General administrative tasks related to storing data in the computer.

2001
Bavaria region
Germany

International Christian Youth Exchange, Regional Group

Volunteering in a team providing instructions and assisting youths from Africa, Latin America, Asia and Eastern Europe during their exchange year.

2000-2001
Wasserburg-am-Inn
Germany

One-World-Shop/ Eine-Welt-Laden Initiative

Voluntary work where several different tasks related to the fair trade shop. Participation in different working groups such as Education and Design. Organisation of numerous campaigns about Fair Trade and North-South Issues as well as contribution to the public relations department.

Honours and Awards

Apr 2017	<p>'Seal of Excellence' certificate delivered by the European Commission, in the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020 to the project proposal 'RIDE - Rights In DisastErs: promoting the legal protection of human rights in disasters while incorporating lessons from disaster, environmental and development studies'; submitted to Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions call H2020-MSCA-IF-2016 by Karen DA COSTA and KOBENHAVNS UNIVERSITET.</p> <p>The project proposal was scored as a high-quality in a highly competitive evaluation process (score of 85% or more, all stringent Horizon 2020 assessment thresholds for the 3 award criteria of excellence, impact, quality and efficiency of implementation required to receive funding from Horizon 2020. The proposal has been recommended for funding by other sources since Horizon 2020 resources available for this specific call were already allocated following a competitive ranking.</p>
Apr-May 2014	Funding awarded from the Irish Center for Human Rights to participate in the International Disaster Law Course, held from 28 April to 2 May 2014 at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo, Italy.
Jun 2014	Selected to take part in the EU COST Action-funded Disaster Bioethics Summer School, held in Dubrovnik, Inter-University Centre.
Jan 2014	Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) at the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism, Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan. Granted by the EU COST Action IS1201 on Disaster Bioethics.
2004-2006	Scholarship awarded by IUHEID - Graduate Institute of International Studies.
2001-2002	Scholarship awarded by EKD – Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland.

Lectures and Conference contributions

Fev 2021	<p>IV International Sociological Association – Forum of Sociology, (Virtual) Porto Alegre, Brazil Panel 491 – Mariana, Brumadinho and Their Brothers: Waiting for the Next Overwhelming Disaster</p> <p>Presentation: “Comparing Mariana and Brumadinho in the Light of the Law of Disasters. Can we better prepare for the next such disaster?” (with Delton Winter de Carvalho, Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos-UNISINOS)</p>
Jul 2020	<p>Programa de Pós Graduação em Direito, Grupo de Pesquisa Direito, Risco e Ecocomplexidade, UNISINOS, Brasil (Graduate Program in Law, Research Group on Law, Risk and Eco-complexity, UNISINOS, Brazil)</p> <p>Presentation: “Desastres e os Objetivos de Desenvolvimento Sustentável” (Disasters and the SDGs)</p>
Jun 2019	<p>Programa de Pós Graduação em História, e Laboratório de Imigração, Migração e História Ambiental, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Brasil (Graduate Program in History, and Laboratory of Immigration, Migration and Environmental History, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil)</p> <p>Presentation: “Direitos Humanos e Desastres” (Human Rights and Disasters)</p>
Sep 2017	<p>Human Rights Research Seminar, School of Global Studies, Gothenburg University, Sweden</p> <p>Presentation: “Corporate accountability in the Samarco chemical sludge disaster”</p>
Sep 2017	<p>Master of Disaster Management, Core Course Disaster Risk Management - From Theory to Practice, School of Global Health, University of Copenhagen, Denmark</p> <p>Invited Guest Lecture: “Human Rights and Disasters”</p>
Jul 2017	<p>Disaster Risk Reduction and International Law Symposium Walker Institute, University of Reading/UK</p> <p>Presentation: “Celebrating the Sendai Framework as the current international legal standard in DRR: but can it be enforced?” http://www.walker.ac.uk/news-events/disaster-risk-reduction-and-international-law-symposium-2017/</p>

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- Jun 2017 **UCL Institute for Risk & Disaster Reduction (IRDR) 7th Annual Conference**
Panelist on the panel 'Disaster Law, Rights and Altruism'
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/rdr/events-news-publication/annual_conference_2017
- Feb 2017 **UCL Institute for Global Health**
'Climate Change and Health' module 2017
Lecture: Human rights and climate change
<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/igh/study/masters/ghd-tab-box/trop-ed-modules/climate-change-health>
- Jan 2017 **UCL IRDR Seminar Series 2016-2017**
Lecture: Identifying avenues for corporate accountability in disasters: the case study of Samarco chemical sludge in Brazil
<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/rdr/seminars/seminar-series-2016-2017>
- Jan 2017 **United Kingdom Alliance For Disaster Research (UKADR) - Annual Conference**
Participation in the panel: Disaster Risk Creation
<http://www.ukadr.org/conference.html>
- Mar 2016 **International Conference on the Protection of Persons in Times of Disasters: International and European Legal Perspectives. Rome, Italy.**
Paper presentation: The «responsibility to protect» doctrine and disasters.
www.disasterlaw.sssup.it
- Feb 2016 **Faculty of Laws, University College London.**
Lecture on 'Corporate Accountability', for post-graduate students taking the module on International Energy Law (LAWSG086). The focus of the lecture was on human rights, especially the social and environmental impact of extractive industries, notably in the oil and gas sectors.
- Dec 2015 **UCL Laws Staff Seminar, Faculty of Laws, University College London.** Lecture to Faculty members and wider academic community on the paper "R.I.P. R2P: On the controversial 'responsibility to protect' doctrine and why it adds no real value in disasters".
- Sep 2014 **Presentation during Autumn Seminar on International Law and Disasters organized by the Humanitarian Action Study Group of the Development Studies Association.** Dublin, Ireland.
Presentation title: 'Human Rights and Disaster Risk Reduction'.
- Sep 2014 **Presentation during the 4th International Conference on Building Resilience, Building Resilience 2014.** Salford Quays/Manchester, United Kingdom.
Presentation title: 'Can the observance of human rights of individuals enhance their resilience to cope with natural disasters?'
- Apr 2014 **Presentation during the Disaster Bioethics COST Malta Conference 'Inclusion or Exclusion: Responding Ethically to Disaster Refugees',** University of Malta, Valetta Campus. Presentation title: 'Reducing the risk of natural disasters: is there a role for human rights to play?', co-authored with Pospieszna, P.
<http://disasterbioethics.eu/index.php/activities/conferences/malta-conference-2014>
- Apr 2014 **3rd EU-Brazil Civil Society Human Rights Seminar: Human Rights Education and Sport.** Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Presentation during panel on the role of human rights in the education system.
Individual paper entitled: 'Connecting the dots: Finding the link between human rights and education'. [Invited Oral Presentation]
- Feb 2014 **Workshop co-organised by the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen,** in the framework of its interdisciplinary research project "Changing Disasters", and the EU COST Disaster Bioethics - EU funded research network aiming to foster multidisciplinary collaboration on developing clear standards to be used in the context of especially natural disasters. [Conference Paper co-authored with Pospieszna, P.], Disaster Justice, Copenhagen, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen.
<http://disasterbioethics.eu/index.php/activities/workshops/34-activities/workshop/workshop-reports/66-ws-report-workshop-on-disaster-justice>

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- Jan 2014 **Lecture open for students, faculty members and outside visitors.** [Invited Lecture], Reducing the risk of natural disasters while taking into account human rights, Faculty of Political Science and Journalism, Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan, Poland.
- Oct 2013 **COST Disaster Bioethics meeting.** [Conference Participant], Veterans' voices: learning from the experience of disaster relief teams and home-front coping in Israel, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- Nov 2013 **Workshop within the EU HEART Project (Tempus Project 'Putting Human Rights at the Heart of Higher Education in the Western Balkans').** Faculty of Philosophy, University of Prishtina/Kosovo. Lecture to undergraduate students and staff members of various academic backgrounds (law, political sciences, philosophy, sociology, anthropology), on 'International Human Rights Law and the Protection of Human Rights at the International Level'. This is part of the HEART project, which aims to enhance human rights education in the Balkans.
<http://www.humanrightsteaching.org/>
- Aug 2013 **Lecture for visiting undergraduate students from the Washington Law School (Seattle, USA).** [Invited Lecture], 'The United Nations and its institutions', Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway.
- Apr 2013 **Lecture to staff, PhD candidates, LLM and undergraduate students.** [Invited Lecture], 'How far should states' obligations apply? Extraterritorial application of human rights treaties in theory and practice', Bangor University, School of Law, United Kingdom. <http://www.bangor.ac.uk/law/events/-how-far-should-states-obligations-apply-extraterritorial-application-of-human-rights-treaties-in-theory-and-practice-dr-karen-da-costa-12684>
- Apr 2013 **Lecture to post-graduate students on social sciences: general introduction to international human rights law.** [Invited Lecture], I Ciclo de Debates Sociedade em Movimento -

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2013: Os Direitos Humanos em uma Perspectiva Internacional, PUCRS - Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

- Apr 2013 **'The Election of Brazil for the UN Human Rights Council - Opportunities and Challenges'.** [Invited Lecture], A Eleição do Brasil para o Conselho de Direitos Humanos da ONU - Oportunidades e Desafios, UNISINOS - Universidade Luterana do Brasil - Campus Porto Alegre, Brazil.
- Apr 2013 **Human Rights: an international perspective. [Invited Lecture]**, Direitos Humanos: uma perspectiva internacional, Tribunal de Justiça do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil.
- Mar 2012 **Presentation:** *Recent developments regarding the discussion on the application of human rights treaties beyond national borders.* Spring Semester Seminar Series, Department of Social Sciences, Roehampton University, London, United Kingdom.
- Apr 2011 **Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS).** Lecture to postgraduate students in international politics, on the topic 'The extraterritorial application of human rights treaties.'
- Jan 2011 **Presentation:** *The Extraterritorial Application of Selected Human Rights Treaties.* Spring Semester Seminar Series, Department of Social Sciences, Roehampton University, London, United Kingdom.
- Nov 2008 **7th ASP – Assembly of States Parties of the Rome Statute for the International Criminal Court.** Joint presentations by ICC Legal Tools partners, at The Hague/The Netherlands.
- Apr 2008 **Faculty of Law, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS).** Lecture to undergraduate students attending the international law course chaired by Prof. Elias Grossmann. The lecture dealt with human rights components of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, focusing on the UN Mission in Cote d'Ivoire (ONUCI). Porto Alegre, Brazil.

	Publications
Book	Da Costa, Karen (2013) <i>The Extraterritorial Application of Selected Human Rights Treaties</i> . Leiden/Boston: Brill/Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Series. http://www.brill.com/extraterritorial-application-selected-human-rights-treaties
Book chapters	<p>Da Costa, Karen (2019 - forthcoming): 2018 Developments regarding global non-state actors and international disaster law, <i>Yearbook of International Disaster Law</i>, Brill.</p> <p>Eburn, Michael; Collins, Andrew; and Da Costa, Karen (2019), "Recognising Limits of International Law in Disaster Risk Reduction as Problem and Solution", in Samuel, K., Aronsson-Storrier, M., and Bookmiller, K. (eds.), <i>The Cambridge Handbook of Disaster Risk Reduction and International Law</i> (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), pp. 107-128. https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108564540.008</p> <p>Da Costa, Karen (2018), 'R.I.P 'R2P': On the Controversial Responsibility to Protect Doctrine and Why it Adds No Value to Disasters', in Zorzi Giustiniani, F., Sommaro, E., Casolari, F. and Bartolini, G. (eds.), <i>Routledge Handbook of Human Rights and Disaster</i> (London: Routledge), pp. 27-42. https://www.routledge.com/Routledge-Handbook-of-Human-Rights-and-Disasters/Giustiniani-Sommaro-Casolari-Bartolini/p/book/9781138069916</p> <p>Da Costa, Karen; Pospieszna, Paulina, 'Can laws and policies foster disaster risk reduction? The case study of Brazil with particular focus on housing laws, policies and programmes.' In Awotona, A. (ed), <i>Planning for Community-based Disaster Resilience Worldwide: Learning from Case Studies in Six Continents</i> (London/New York: Routledge, 2017). ISBN 978-1-4724-6815-4, pp. 171-183. https://www.routledge.com/Planning-for-Community-based-Disaster-Resilience-Worldwide-Learning-from-Awotona/p/book/9781472468154</p> <p>Da Costa, Karen, 'Recent positioning of the International Court of Justice in questions involving jus ad bellum: Observations on the decision of 19 de dezembro de 2005 no caso Atividades armadas no território do Congo - República Democrática do Congo versus Uganda' In: Del'Olmo, F. and Amorim Araújo, L. (eds), <i>Direito de Família Contemporâneo e Novos Direitos</i> (Rio de Janeiro: Ed. Forense, 2006).</p>

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Peer reviewed journals

Raju, Emmanuel, Da Costa, Karen (2018) "Governance in the Sendai: a way ahead?", *Disaster Prevention and Management: An International Journal*, Vol. 27 Issue: 3, pp.278-291, <https://doi.org/10.1108/DPM-08-2017-0190>
<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/full/10.1108/DPM-08-2017-0190>

Da Costa, Karen (2017) "Corporate accountability in the Samarco chemical sludge disaster", *Disaster Prevention and Management*, Vol. 26 Issue: 5, pp.540-552, <https://doi.org/10.1108/DPM-07-2017-0171>
<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/abs/10.1108/DPM-07-2017-0171>

Aronsson-Storrier, Marie; Da Costa, Karen (2017) "Regulating disasters? The role of international law in disaster prevention and management", *Disaster Prevention and Management*, Vol. 26 Issue: 5, pp.502-513, <https://doi.org/10.1108/DPM-09-2017-0218>

Da Costa, Karen (2015), "Preventism, Disaster Risk Reduction and the consequences on human rights", *Security and Human Rights* (2-4), Special Issue: Preventism in Security, 147-161.
<http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/10.1163/18750230-02602015>

Da Costa K, Pospieszna P., 'The relationship between human rights and disaster risk reduction revisited: Bringing the legal perspective into the discussion', 6(1) *Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies* 2015, pp. 64-86. [Open access, see link below for full content] DOI: 10.1163/18781527-00601005
<http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/10.1163/18781527-00601005;jsessionid=qxral3ooiaa9.x-brill-live-02>

Da Costa, Karen (2014), 'Can the observance of human rights of individuals enhance their resilience to cope with natural disasters?', *Procedia Economics and Finance* 18 (2014) 62 – 70, 4th International Conference on Building Resilience, Building Resilience 2014, 8-10 September 2014, Salford Quays, United Kingdom.
<https://www.buildresilience.org/2014/post/files/reports/bookofabstracts.pdf>

Da Costa, Karen; Pospieszna, Paulina (2014), Finding the Missing Thread: the Inclusion of a Human Rights- based Approach in Tackling Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction, 5th Global Risk Forum 2014, Davos, Switzerland.
http://conftool.grforum.net/idrc2014/index.php?page=browseSessions&form_session=126&presentations=hide

Da Costa, Karen (2014), Can the observance of human rights of individuals enhance their resilience to cope with natural disasters? 5th Global Risk Forum 2014, Davos, Switzerland.

Conference publications

Research paper

Da Costa, Karen, 'Água e desastres: água como elemento essencial à vida e como cenário de morte. Reflexões sobre o direito humano à água e o fenômeno migratório contemporâneo', in Valencio, Norma (Ed.), *WATERLAT-GOBACIT Network Working Papers Thematic Area Series SATAD – TA8 - Water-related Disasters – "Troubled waters: the social construction of disasters in diferente national contexts"*, Vol. 3 No 1 (2016), pp. 26-36.

Da Costa, Karen; Pospieszna, Paulina (2014), 'Finding The Missing Thread: The Inclusion of a Human Rights-Based Approach in Tackling Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction'. Input paper for UNISDR (United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) in the framework of the 2015 Global Assessment Report (GAR15) for the 'Hyogo Framework of Action 2005-2015 - Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters', pp. 1-19.
<https://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/49949>

Book Review

Da Costa, Karen (2016), *Book review of Lauts, K. C., Disaster Law*, New York: Routledge, 2015, *European Journal of Risk Regulation*, 7(3), pp. 642–644. doi: 10.1017/S1867299X00006176.

Da Costa, Karen (2013) 'Book Review Marko Milanovic, *Extraterritorial Application of Human Rights Treaties: Law, Principles, and Policy*'. *Human Rights Law Review*, 12 (4).

Da Costa, Karen (2010) 'Book Review of Gondek, M., *The Reach of Human Rights in a Globalising World: Extraterritorial Application of Human Rights Treaties*'. 1(2) *Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies* 399.

Da Costa, Karen (2010), *Book review of Gibney, M. and Skogly, S. (eds.), Universal Human Rights and Extraterritorial Obligations*. H-Human-Rights, H-Net Reviews

Da Costa, Karen (2009), *Book review of Schiff, Benjamin N., Building the International Criminal Court*. H-Human-Rights, H-Net Reviews

	Teaching
Teaching Interests	Public International Law, International Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law, International Disaster Law, International Comparative Law, Global Studies.
Modules Taught	<p>Teaching sessions in various modules at the School of Global Studies, Gothenburg University 2019: Governing health and illness in a global perspective (Master program); <i>Svar på de globala utmaningarna</i> (Responses to Global Challenges)(Bachelor program) 2018: Globalization and Human Rights (Module in the Master program) 2017: <i>Master's Programme in Human Rights Policy and Practice (Erasmus Mundus)</i> and Swedish Master's programme on the same topic.</p> <p>Faculty of Laws, University College London 2016-2017 LLB Programme: Public International Law (LAWS3014) Tutorials to final year students.</p> <p>Irish Centre for Human Rights, University of Galway, Republic of Ireland 2013-2014 HR305 3BHR1 BA Connect with Human Rights Professional Development I717 2013-2014 1HR102-1HR103 BA Connect with Human Rights - Semester 2 Introduction to International Human Rights I717 2013 New England Law-Boston/ICHR-NUIG Co-taught with Dr. Ekaterina Yahyaoui Interaction between international human rights and Islam (postgraduate module) I717 2012-2013 HR305 3BHR1 - BA Connect with Human Rights Professional Development I717 2012-2013 1HR102 - 1HR103 BA Connect with Human Rights - Semester 2 Introduction to International Human Rights</p> <p>School of Business and Social Sciences, University of Roehampton, London 2012-2013 HUR020X300S - Human Rights Law II (BA in Human Rights) 2012-2013 HUR020L500A - Human Rights: Discourses and Debates (co-taught) (MA in Human Rights) 2011-2012 HUR020X300S - Human Rights Law II (BA in Human Rights) 2011-2012 HUR020L500A - Human Rights: Discourses and Debates (co-taught) (MA in Human Rights) 2010-2011 HUR020N207A - Human Rights Law I (BA in Human Rights) 2009-2010 HUR020N207A - Human Rights Law I (BA in Human Rights) 2009-2010 HUR020X300S - Human Rights Law II (BA in Human Rights) 2008-2009 HUR020X300S - Human Rights Law II (BA in Human Rights)</p>
Student supervision	<p>School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg 2018-2019: graduate dissertation supervision in different programs: Master in Global Studies, Master in Human Rights, Erasmus Mundus in Human Rights and Public Policy. (four students in total)</p> <p>Faculty of Laws, University College London 2016-2017 LLM in International Law: Independent Research Essay (LAWSG099). Dissertation: 'Criminal Accountability for United Nations Officials and Experts on Mission: Filling the Gap' 2016-2017 LLM in International Law: Independent Research Essay (LAWSG099). Dissertation: "From humanitarian intervention to the responsibility to protect."</p> <p>Irish Centre for Human Rights, University of Galway, Republic of Ireland 2013 LLM in International Human Rights Law. Example of thesis: 'Testing the boundaries of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms: the United Kingdom and Somalia.'</p> <p>School of Business and Social Sciences, University of Roehampton, London 2012 MA Erasmus Mundus Human Rights Practice Programme. Example of thesis: 'Statelessness and International Law.' 2012 BA in Human Rights Programme. Final Dissertation (Module HUR040X355Y). Example: 'The Norm Relationship between International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law in Armed Conflicts: a Examination of the Enhanced Protection of Civilians.' 2011 BA in Human Rights Programme. Final Dissertation (Module HUR040X355Y). Example: 'Germany's residency restriction law under the Asylum Procedure Act (Asylverfahrensgesetz): Is it compatible with its International and European legal obligations?'</p>
	Attendance in trainings
May 2012 Siracusa Italy	<p>12th Specialization Course in International Criminal Law (ISISC), <i>Assessing Patterns of Transnational Organized Crime, the International Criminal Responsibility of Non-State-Actors, and the Effectiveness of the International Enforcement System</i></p>
Jan-March 2012 London United Kingdom	<p>War, Law and Human Rights (LSE), organized by the Centre for the Study of Human Rights, London School of Economics and Political Science.</p>
April 2011 Porto Alegre Brazil	<p>Regional Seminar organized by the Brazilian Ministry of Defence in the framework of the drafting of Brazil's White Paper on National Defence.</p>

Dec 2007
Pretoria
South Africa

Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria

Participation as representative of ONUCI's Human Rights Division in the Course 'Human Rights and Development', organized in the framework of the Good Governance Programme.

Jul 2007
Abidjan
Cote d'Ivoire

Training workshop on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

Participation on the module conducted by the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire in its headquarters.

Apr 2005
Collonges-la-Rouge
France

Concours Jean-Pictet, 2005 edition

Competition on International Humanitarian Law, organized mainly by the International Committee of the Red Cross. Our team represented the Graduate Institute of International Studies and obtained classification for the semi-finals.

Mar 2003
Lehmn
Germany

First Aid, Security, Safety and Survival in the Field

Training organized by the **German Red Cross** on subjects related to humanitarian field work. Topics covered included: Basics Orienteering (Compass, GPS), Initial Trauma Assessment, Basic Communications, Basic Introduction Vehicles used in the Field, Driving in Difficult Terrain, Safety and Security, Mines, Weapons, Demonstration NBC/Decontamination, Field Simulation Exercise.

Participation in research initiatives

2017-

Initiative: GE2P2 Global Foundation

Governance, ethics, evident, policy, practice

Role: Associate Fellow

Description: Collaborating across practice domains to achieving purpose in humanitarian research and action.

2012-2016

Project: Disaster Bioethics (COST Action IS1201)

Role: General Member

Description: Addressing ethical issues triggered by disasters

2011-2014

Project: Tempus Developing Service Learning at the Heart of Higher Education in the Western Balkans (HEART) (517319)

Role: Associate Partner (until September 2014)

Description: To facilitate the creation of inter-disciplinary/trans-disciplinary human rights undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and cross curricula courses at universities in the Western Balkans.

Membership in professional groups

Since Jan 2016

Member of the European Society of International Law

Regular member.

Since Jan 2001

Member of the Brazilian Bar Association.

Inscription number 49.325, OAB/RS, Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil, Seccional Rio Grande do Sul.

Other academic activities

Jun 2019

Participation in the MA Human Rights Policy and Practice Symposium 2019, University of Deusto, Spain

The MA is a joint programme funded by the European Commission and taking place at three partner universities: University of Deusto, Spain; University of Roehampton, London/UK; and University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Participation as national convener for Sweden.

Jun 2019

Conference participation: 2019 NEEDS conference - The Fourth Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies

Participation in Panel 7: Governance, law and policy

Remote presentation of the paper: *'Brazil and the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction – From words to action'*

Jun 2019

Mission to Brazil (Federal University of Santa Catarina) in preparation for a Linnaeus-Palme partnership application

May 2019

Hosting mission from Brazil (Federal University of Santa Catarina) in preparation for a Linnaeus-Palme partnership application, Gothenburg University, Sweden

Attendance in meetings organised in the framework of the EU TEMPUS HEART Project

(Developing Human Rights Education at the Heart of Higher Education):

May 2014

- Steering committee in Prishtina, Kosovo. Preparations for the final conference to take place in September 2014 in Tirana, Albania.

Sep 2013

- Serbia meeting. Representatives of universities of Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Albania and Kosovo met with EU partner universities of Gothenburg, Mannheim, Roehampton/UK (project leader) and NUIG. Meetings were held in different universities, located in Belgrade, Kragujevac/Jagodina and Novi Sad. The project document 'Best Practice Guide for Human Rights Education in Universities in the Western Balkans' was launched.

May 2013

- Meeting in Sarajevo and Zenica (Bosnia & Herzegovina). Presentations by Civil Society and university representatives on Human Rights practice and education. Sessions on the SEDA Programme – An Introduction to Learning and Teaching in Higher Education.

April 2013

Book launch at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway, Ireland, of Dr. Karen da Costa's publication: "The Extraterritorial Application of Selected Human Rights Treaties", published by Brill/Martinus Nijhoff Publishers/ Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies Series.

Research collaboration

2015

- Research collaborator at the Global Governance Institute**, School of Public Policy, Department of Political Science, University College London.

Editorial and publication revision skills

2019

Contributed as reviewer for the Disaster Prevention and Management

Respected international journal in the areas of Environmental Management / Environment and Disasters.

2019; 2015

Contributed as reviewer for the International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction.

The International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction (IJDRR) is a peer reviewed journal that publishes contributions focusing on multidisciplinary research aiming to reduce the impact of natural and technological disasters.

2018

Contributed as reviewer for the Leiden Journal of International Law

Firmly established as one of the leading journals in the field, the Leiden Journal of International Law (LJIL) provides a venue for sharp and critical voices that speak on the theory and practice of

international law.

2016

Contributed as reviewer for the Human Rights Review.

The Human Rights Review is a quarterly peer-reviewed academic journal that publishes research articles about human rights from various disciplinary perspectives using diverse methodologies.

2015

Contributed as reviewer for submission to the Journal of International Humanitarian Action – NOHA.

The Journal of International Humanitarian Action is a peer reviewed journal that provides a forum for the dissemination of research relating to all aspects of humanitarian action.

Mar 2009-Mar 2011

Managing Editor of the Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies

The JIHLS is a peer reviewed journal which aims to promote the rule of law in humanitarian emergency situations. The Journal is published by Brill/Martinus Nijhoff Publishers based in Leiden/The Netherlands.

Assignments as expert

2019

(2019) Evaluator of the doctoral thesis entitled "Planos de Saneamento de Belém: rationalities, institutional changes, intersectorialidade and social participation" of Rafael Caldeiras Magallães, from the University of Minas Gerais, Brazil – for the Student Award of the WATERLAT-GOBACIT Network (network of Latin American studies on Water related issues).

2018

Participation as external examiner in the PhD examination board at the UNISINOS – Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos, São Leopoldo, Brazil. Candidate: Francielle Benini Agne Tybush, PhD Program in Law - Concentration Area: Public Law. Dissertation: "Lives displaced by extreme events: The case Mariana – Minas Gerais as Brazilian model for the application of Disaster Law".

Additional Skills

LANGUAGES

Portuguese (native), English (fluent: speaking, reading, writing), German (advanced: speaking, reading, writing; DSH exam - Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang), French (advanced: speaking, reading, writing), Spanish (good: speaking, reading, writing), Swedish (beginner).

COMPUTING

Working on various PC and Mac software packages; Virtual Learning Environments (Moodle, Blackboard, GUL, etc.), legal electronic databases (Westlaw UK Training Tutorial), bibliographic references software (EndNote) and Audience Response Systems (TurningPoint).

Additional Skills