

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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HEAD OF RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY AND INTERNATIONAL UNITS, GREENS/EFA IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER AND MEMBER OF THE SPANISH BAR SINCE OCTOBER 2011

Professional Experience

**Greens/EFA Group
European Parliament,
Committee on Foreign Affairs,
(Brussels, Belgium)**

1 September 2022 – present

Occupation

Head of Unit – Rights and Democracy and Acting Head of Unit - International

Main activities and responsibilities

Managing the Rights and Democracy and International Units, a team of 29 policy advisors across 11 Committees. Political coordination on all issues related to Policy Advisor on Foreign Affairs – MENA, Arab Peninsula, Iran, Turkey, Latin America fundamental rights, democracy, rule of law, constitutional and legal affairs, international affairs, international trade and development cooperation.

**Greens/EFA Group
European Parliament,
Committee on Foreign Affairs,
(Brussels, Belgium)**

1 January 2021 – 30 August 2021

Occupation

Policy Advisor on Foreign Affairs – MENA, Arab Peninsula, Iran, Turkey, Latin America

Main activities and responsibilities

Advising the Greens/EFA Group on issues relating to foreign affairs, with a particular focus on the Gulf countries, MENA, Iran, Turkey and Central and South America. Coordinating the Group's position on the plenary and urgency resolutions on these sensitive matters under very tight deadlines. Ensuring proactivity and coherence in the work of EP Delegations chaired by the Greens/EFA, in particular DARP, DCAM and the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee.

**Greens/EFA Group
European Parliament,
Committee on Civil Liberties
Justice and Home Affairs,
(Brussels, Belgium)**

1 March 2016 – 1 January 2021

Occupation

Policy Advisor on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs – Migration and Asylum

Main activities and responsibilities

Advising the Greens/EFA Group on issues relating to fundamental rights, migration and asylum and coordinating the Group's position on non-legislative and legislative negotiations and trilogues. Developing and coordinating the drafting of Group position papers. Ensuring frequent liaison and coordination with colleagues in other Committees, in particular: FEMM, JURI, CULT, PETI, EMPL, AFET, DROI, BUDG, CONT. Maintaining regular contact with other EU institutions and agencies, UN agencies, IGOs and NGOs and developing strategies to optimise policy impact.

Language Skills

Italian, Mother tongue
English, Proficient User
TOEFL IBT 117/120 (May 2008)
Spanish, Proficient User
DELE Superior C2 (May 2009)
French, Intermediate User
Turkish, Intermediate User

PICUM - Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (Brussels, Belgium)	3 September 2012 – 26 February 2016
Occupation	<u>Programme Officer</u>
Main activities and responsibilities	Coordinating the work of 170 member organisations across 34 countries to ensure policy and advocacy impact on EU and UN level and leading PICUM's programmes, legal strategies and advocacy work on borders, detention and access to justice. Developing research and drafting thematic position papers, policy briefs and submissions under the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council. Representing PICUM before the Frontex Consultative Forum on Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Rights Platform of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).
Asociación Profesional de Abogados de Extranjería de Madrid (Madrid, Spain)	1 November 2011 – 1 September 2012
Occupation	<u>Lawyer (Pro Bono)</u>
Main activities and responsibilities	Providing legal advice on migration and asylum-related issues. Administrative, Family and Criminal Court applications and hearings, including appeals and bail.
Danielle Cohen Solicitors (London, UK)	1 July 2010 – 29 June 2011
Occupation	<u>Caseworker – Legal Officer</u>
Main activities and responsibilities	Applications and appeals under EU and human rights law and bail hearings.
Italian Embassy in Bogotá (Bogotá, Colombia)	15 January 2010 – 15 June 2010
Occupation	<u>Trainee - Ministry of Foreign Affairs</u>
Main activities and responsibilities	Monitoring and reporting on political and human rights situation in Colombia. Ongoing liaison with civil society and UN special procedures.
Danielle Cohen Solicitors (London, UK)	1 February 2009 – 30 August 2009
Occupation	<u>Law Trainee</u>
Main activities and responsibilities	Initial preparation of asylum and migration applications and appeals, including direct assistance to asylum seekers in preparing statements and supporting documents.
<u>Academic Experience</u>	
Escuela Diplomática de Madrid (Madrid, Spain)	1 October 2011 – 10 June 2012
Title of qualification awarded	<u>Masters' Degree in Diplomacy and International Relations (10/10)</u>
Universidad de Alcalá (Alcalá de Henares, Madrid, Spain)	1 October 2010 – 13 July 2011
Title of qualification awarded	<u>Masters' Degree in Spanish Law for International Jurists (10/10)</u>
University of Bologna (Bologna, Italy)	1 September 2004 – 13 July 2010
Title of qualification awarded	<u>Master's Degree in Law (110/110 cum laude), Laurea Magistrale in Giurisprudenza</u>
University of King's College (London, UK)	1 September 2008 – 1 August 2009

Title of qualification awarded Certificate of Legal Studies (Human Rights Law, International Law, EU Law)

Yale University
(New Haven, CT, USA)

30 June 2007 – 31 August 2007

Title of qualification awarded International Law Seminar, Certificate of Attendance

Sao Bras High School
(Mossel Bay, South Africa)

1 June 2002 – 31 August 2003

Title of qualification awarded Certificate of Attendance (High School Grant, attended for one year)