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**EDUCATION**

- 2011-2014: Dr.phil (PhD). Magna cum Laude. Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Germany.  
Thesis title: “*Bilateral Investment Treaties of South American Countries and their Consequences at the International Level*”  
2013- 2014: Junior Academic Visitor, Law Faculty, University of Oxford, UK. Areas of work:  
International Investment Arbitration, International Dispute Settlement.  
2012-2013: Visiting Scholar. Center for International Legal Education, School of Law.  
University of Pittsburgh, USA. Areas of work: International Law, US history on International  
Arbitration institutions, Bilateral Investment Treaties.
- 2007-2008: Magister Juris. Faculty of Law. University of Oxford, UK.  
Specialization Areas:
  1. International Dispute Settlement
  2. Contracts
  3. Corporate Finance
  4. Constitutional Theory
- 2006 and 2005: International Practice Diploma in *Mergers & Acquisitions* (2006) and *International Arbitration* (2005). College of Law of England and Wales & International Bar Association.
- 1999-2004: Honours Law Degree-LLB (1999-2004). Faculty of Law, National University of Asunción, Paraguay.  
Admission to Bar: In Paraguay: Since 2005 to date. Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay.  
In USA: In 2016: Multi-State Professional and Responsibility Examination (MPRE) of the National Conference of Bar Examiners (pre-bar requirement).
- 2003-2001: Undergraduate Exchange Courses: Law Courses, Bologna University and Parma University, Italy; International Relations course, New York University, USA.
- 2005: Certified English-Spanish Translator. Certified by the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay.

- 1998: Valedictorian (National and English program), class 1998. Colegio San Andres. Asunción-Paraguay.  
**International Baccalaureate.** IB Diploma, Geneva, Switzerland.

**PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**Employment:**

- **2018:** Lecturer and Senior Research Fellow. Law Faculty, University of Bonn, Germany.
- **2018:** Senior Research Associate, Global Economic Governance. Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford.
- **2016-2018:** Oxford-Princeton Global Leader Fellow.  
-Post-doctoral Research Fellow. Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, UK;  
-SCR Research Associate, University College, University of Oxford (2017-2018);  
-Post-doctoral Research Fellow. Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, US (2016-2017).
- **2011-2015:** Doctoral Graduate studies in Wuppertal, Pittsburgh and Oxford.
- **2003-2010:** Attorney at Law. General Practice and Corporate Department. Law Firm: Berkemeyer, Attorneys and Counselors. Asuncion, Paraguay.  
Representative practice included: Counsel in the area of Mergers & Acquisitions for companies in the banking, oil and gas, and maritime sector, preparation of Due Diligence Reports; Main Counsel of the biggest biotechnology company in South America on corporate, contractual, investment and technical matters; Counsel for the University of Oxford on infringement matters in Paraguay; Legal counselling provided relating to the Paraguayan Distribution Law; Assistance given to the World Bank on the Doing Business Project, areas of real state, commercial law, bankruptcy regulation and contracts; Participation in the first annulment case of an Arbitration Award in Paraguay; Legal counselling provided to several companies on international investment matters; Legal counselling provided to companies on areas of establishing and starting business in Paraguay; During this legal practice time appearance in directories such as Martindale, Chambers, ALFA International 2010.

**Further Academic Experience:**

- **2018:** Climate Change Leadership Programme with former US President Al Gore. Los Angeles, California. August 2018.
- **2017:** Private International Law Specialization, Directed Studies. The Hague Academy of International Law, Peace Palace. The Hague, The Netherlands, 2017.
- **2017:** Harvard Negotiation Program. Asuncion-Paraguay, August 2017.
- **2017:** Invited to the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the United Nations Commission for International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), Vienna.
- **2016:** Athlete Arbitration Training Programme of the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS), Lausanne, Switzerland.

- **2016:** Visiting researcher at the United Nations Commission for International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), Vienna, Austria, 2016.
- **2007:** Harvard Negotiation Program. Asuncion-Paraguay, 2007.
- **2007:** Visiting researcher for International Commercial Contracts. UNIDROIT, Rome-Italy, 2007.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

- (2016) “*Power in the International Investment Framework*” Palgrave Macmillan. UK.;
- (2007) “*Contratos Internacionales para el sector Privado*” Editorial El Lector. Asuncion- Paraguay.
- “*Bilateral Investment Treaties of South American Countries and their Consequences at the International Level*” Publication with Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Germany, 2015. urn:nbn:de:hbz:468-20150120-103025-4

### Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- “Adapting Watercourses Treaties to Developments in International Law: The Case of the Itaipu Treaty” (In progress-under commission)
- “Balancing the State’s Right to Regulate with Foreign Investment Protection: A Perspective considering Investment Disputes of the South American Region” Groningen Journal of International Law, Vol.6, Issue 1, 2018.
- “UNCITRAL and the Possibility of Returning to the Multilateral Regulation of Foreign Investments”, Vol.4 of the “Proceedings of the Congress of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law”, 2017.
- “Structural Power and International Regimes” (Submitted)
- “Susan Strange: Trade as a Secondary Structure”. Book Chapter in German language. In: Handelspolitik und Welthandel in der Internationalen Politischen Ökonomie (ed Holger Janusch). Springer VS, 2017.
- “South American Countries’ Bilateral Investment Treaties: A Structuralist Perspective” Journal of International Dispute Settlement, Vol. 6, pp. 97-117, 2015.

### Oxford Global Economic Governance Working Paper Preprints

- “Legal Developments in the Enforcement of International Environmental Commitments (GEG Working Paper 2018/138)
- “Investment Disputes, Sovereignty Costs and the Strategies of States” (GEG Working Paper 2017/132)

- “China and Brazil’s Infrastructure Initiatives and the Role of Regional Counterparts” (GEG Working Paper 2017/135)

All publications have been listed in the national system for assessing the quality of research in UK Higher Education Institutions, the Research Excellence Framework (REF).

**Other contributions:**

- Public Consultation for the European Union on modalities for investment protection and Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) in the Transatlantic, Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), 2014.
- World Bank Publications, Doing Business. World Bank Publishing 2007, 2009, 2010.
- International Bar Association, Anti-Money Laundering Forum (Paraguay Chapter). Last updated. 27/05/2014

**TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS (since 2017)**

- “A discussion of the most important energy treaty in the South American region. The Itaipu treaty and the challenges for its upcoming renegotiation” Institute for Public International Law, University of Bonn.
- “The International Politics of Renewable Energy: Paraguay and the Itaipu Treaty”
  - Law Faculty, Keele University. May 4, 2018.
  - Oxford Latin American Centre, University of Oxford. March 2, 2018.
- “Analysis for the Renegotiation of the Itaipu Treaty”. Talk given in Spanish for Government Officials. August 29 and September 3, Asunción-Paraguay.
- “Towards the Renegotiation of the Itaipu Treaty”. Duke University, USA. April 24, 2017.
- “Investment disputes, Sovereignty costs and the Strategies of States”
  - Fung-Niehaus Workshop on Globalization and Global Governance. Princeton University, USA. February 3, 2017.
  - Postdoctoral Workshop. Princeton University, March 2017.
- “Structural Power and International Regimes” Roundtable Discussion Structural Power: The Legacy of Susan Strange, International Studies Association (ISA) conference. With Robert Keohane, Philip Lipsy and Benjamin Cohen. San Francisco, USA. April 7, 2018.

**PRIZES, GRANTS, AND AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

- 2004: Honours Law Degree. Faculty of Law. National University of Asuncion. Paraguay.
- 2007: Research Scholarship. International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT).
- 2007-2008: Scholarship for the Magister Juris Degree, EU Scholarships for Latin America “ALBAN”, European Union.
- 2012-2014: Full PhD scholarship. Bischöfliche Studienförderung Cusanuswerk. Bonn-Germany.

Visiting scholarship, Law Faculty, University of Oxford (2013-2014)  
Visiting scholarship, School of Law, University of Pittsburgh (2012-2013)

- 2014: Registered in the Blue Book database of the European Commission.

LANGUAGES

- **Spanish.** Native Speaker.
- **English.** Fluent (IELTS Band 8; UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE: Preliminary English Test with merits. First Certificate in English. Certificate in Advanced English; TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON, UK (with merits). International Baccalaureate: English Superior Level (6).
- **German.** Good command of the language. Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (DSH 3); Deutsch plus Wirtschafts-und Sozialwissenschaften. 1.3.
- **Italian.** Intermediate.
- **Guarani.** Intermediate