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Born 24th November 1982 in Cartagena, Colombia.

Work Experience

- 04/2017 – Present **Officer of the Colombian Diplomatic and Consular Career**, with special permission to develop doctoral studies at the University of Bucharest in partnership with the Institute of Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin.
- 09/2016 – 03/2017 **First Secretary** of Foreign Affairs at the Augusto Ramirez Ocampo Diplomatic Academy
Responsibilities: counseling on academic cooperation and exchange programs with similar institutions or with universities from the country or from abroad.
- 04/2013 – 06/2016 **Consul** (*second and first class*) at the Consular Section of the Embassy of Colombia in Berlin, Germany.
Responsibilities: Meetings with local authorities, social assistance and legal assessment, legal cooperation, counselling on migration issues.
- 08/2011 – 04/2013 **Vice-consul** at the Consulate of Colombia in Palma de Mallorca, Spain.
Responsibilities: Meetings with local authorities, social assistance and legal assessment, legal cooperation, visiting prisoners, counselling on migration issues.
- 03/2010 – 07/2011 **Liaison officer** of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Colombian Ministry of Defence, Bogota, Colombia.
Responsibilities: Advisor on International Affairs such as the participation in UNASUR meetings and other regional organizations.
- 03/2008 – 02/2010 **Desk officer** at the Office of Insular Territory at the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Responsibilities: Counselling on the maritime border dispute between Colombia and Nicaragua at the International Court of Justice.
- 09/2005 – 07/2006 **Research assistant** (part-time) at the CREALC (Centre of Research on Latin America and the Caribbean), Aix-en-Provence, France.
Responsibilities: Organization of documentation and seminars.
- 01/2006 – 03/2006 **Intern** at the Organisation of American States (OAS), Washington D.C., U.S.A.
Responsibilities: Analysis of elections and peace processes in Latin America.
- 08/2003 – 04/2004 **Intern** (part-time) at the Centro Habitat Urbano of the Chamber of Commerce of Bogota, Colombia.
Responsibilities: Research in the fields of politics and administration, analysis of the civil participation of the population of Bogota.

Education

10/2016 – Present	Ph.D. Student - Political Sciences Doctoral School/ University of Bucharest in partnership with the Institute of Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin.
2008 – 2011	Masters in Analysis of Contemporary Political, Economic and International Problems, IAED- Externado University, Bogota, Colombia.
2007	Diplomats' training course at the Diplomatic Academy of San Carlos, Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bogota, Colombia.
09/2004 – 06/2006	Masters in Comparative Politics at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques Aix-en-Provence, France.
01/2000 – 06/2004	Diploma in Political Science, National University, Bogota, Colombia.
1999	Colombian school-leaving exam in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

Additional Training

4/2018	Peace Mediation and Crisis Diplomacy in Action, Foreign Ministry of the Federal Republic of Germany.
09-12/ 2015	10 th Seminar for Diplomats in Berlin from Latin America and the Caribbean, Foreign Ministry of the Federal Republic of Germany.
07/2009	Training course for foreign diplomats at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Paris, France.
03/2007 – 06/2007	Distant learning course in international geographic nomenclature, Foreign Service Institute Manuel Maria Peralte, Costa Rica.
05/2004 – 06/2004	Introductory course in International Humanitarian Law, carried out by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), National University, Bogota, Colombia.
05/2003 – 06/2003	Workshop “Construyendo País”, carried out by the NGO Opción Colombia, Bogota, Colombia.
09/2002	Seminar series on civil society and media in Latin America, Institute of Communication Studies, Bogota, Colombia.

Languages

Spanish	Native language
French	Fluent in reading, writing and speaking Diploma of Advanced French Language Studies (DALF)
English	Fluent in reading, good in writing and speaking
Italian	Fluent in reading, good in writing and speaking
German	Fluent in reading, good in writing and speaking