

SOLEDAD GARCÍA MUÑOZ

Curriculum vitae

1. Areas of expertise:

Throughout her professional career, she has focused on the defense, promotion and education of Human Rights, with the following highlights:

Since 2009, **Regional Representative for South America of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIHR)**. Responsible for establishing the first and only Regional Office of IIHR — with Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica— representing the Institute before MERCOSUR countries and institutions. By pushing forward a comprehensive agenda for project management, alliances, and team-building, she has contributed to positioning the Institute as a key player in the sub-region while securing resources to ensure sustainable operations (see 4 below).

National, regional and global career: Proven track record of leading research projects and education initiatives aimed at government and non-government stakeholders such as the judiciary, the armed forces, the police, human rights defenders, the organized civil society, journalists, educators, businesses among others, with a focus on human rights at international, regional and local level in Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, Spain, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela. She has undertaken advocacy roles in Europe and other regions, engaging grass-root level communities, with a sound awareness of the technical and political challenges surrounding the advancement of the human rights agenda.

External consultant: Since 1988, she has worked in democracy and human rights consulting with a focus on strengthening public, intergovernmental and civil society institutions in the countries of the region. In 2001, she served as special advisor to the Executive Director of IIHR for the design of human rights progress indicators. Other end-users of her consultancy services include the United Nations (UN), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Ibero-American Organization for Youth (IOY), the Latin American and Caribbean Committee for Women's Rights (CLADEM, in its Spanish initials), De Paul's University of Chicago Human Rights Centre and the Human Rights Unit of the Attorney General's Office of the Republic of Guatemala, among others.

IIHR Project Coordinator for CEDAW-Argentina: Her leadership skills have played a decisive role in promoting Argentina's ratification of the Optional Protocol to CEDAW, positioning women's rights in the country and empowering women to participate in the political agenda through advocacy work (national integral strategy), education initiatives (II International Congress and VII Courses/Workshops) and promotion (web and documentary resources, photography exhibitions). 2004-2009.

Member of the Expert Group on Women's Human Rights Progress Indicators for the Inter-American Women's Commission (CIM). Organized the II Expert Meeting (Montevideo, February 2014), participated in the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belem do Pará Convention (MESECVI, in its Spanish initials).

Feminist Human Rights Defender, she cooperates with numerous social organizations, particularly women's movements, with a special mention to her activist trajectory as a leader of Amnesty International (AI). Chair of the Argentine Section of AI and Vice-chair of its International Executive Committee, as well as Chair of its Diversity and Gender Mainstreaming Task Force. Active supporter of feminist initiatives, such as the GQUAL global campaign for gender parity in International representation.

National and International Litigation, she has participated in the drafting of *amicus curiae* briefs, communications and petitions before the European, Inter-American and universal Human Rights systems, on behalf of organizations and victims of human rights violations in a wide range of countries, e.g.: Indigenous Clinics of Inter-American Litigation and Women's Rights (Chiapas and Oaxaca, Mexico); the "Open Cause" Initiative (IIHR-CEJIL), which achieved gender sensitive jurisprudence in the Inter-American System; Seminar on the justiciability of ESCR at the Regional Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) with Spanish Cooperation in Uruguay (2015); Seminar on Strategic Litigation of Women's Human Rights (2015) organized together with UN Women (Uruguay), the OHCHR Regional Office and CLADEM Uruguay.

Lawyer at the *Madrid Bar Association* (1993 -1998). Cases include the "Brualla de la Torre vs. Spain" (European Court of Human Rights, 1996) and the first ruling in which an Appellate Court (the Appeals Court of Madrid) acknowledged the right of a homosexual man to subrogate into the leasing of his deceased partner by application of the Non-discrimination Principle (1996). The case resulted in a modification to Urban Lease Act of Spain.

2. Education (selection)

Advanced Studies Diploma (DEA, in its Spanish initials) Fundamental Rights Doctorate Program at the Bartolomé de las Casas Institute, Carlos III University, Madrid, Spain, 2004.

Research Certificate (MPhil equivalent) from the abovementioned doctorate's program, Carlos III University, Madrid, Spain, 2000.

Academic Diploma: XVII Interdisciplinary Course of the Human Rights Inter-American Institute, San Jose, Costa Rica, 1999.

Certificate of completion: XXVI Annual Teaching Session, International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France, 1995.

Graduate in Law: "C.E.U Luis Vives" in association with the University of Alcala de Henares, Madrid, Spain, 1992.

3. Teaching and academic experience (selection)

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

Lecturer, "International Protection of Social Rights (ESCR)" course, at the First Teaching Session

of the *International René-Cassin Foundation for Human Rights* (Strasbourg, France) with the *University of Buenos Aires*, Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 2017.

Co-founder and lecturer of the Human Rights Master's Program, "Gender, Women's Human Rights and Sexual Diversity". Special focus on Conventionality Control. Joint initiative of the Paraguayan Supreme Court, Paraguay and Columbia University (Paraguay), 2014 to the present.

Academic Co-coordinator, lecturer and IHR representative for the six consecutive editions of the Annual Interdisciplinary Brazilian Course on Human Rights, Fortaleza, Brazil, 2012-2017: I) Human Rights from the Dimension of Poverty (2012); II) Access to Justice and Public Security (2013); III) Equality and No Discrimination (2014); IV) Human Dignity (2015); V) The Principle of Humankind (2016); VI) The Environment and Human Rights (2017).

Academic Director and Lecturer of the five consecutive editions of the "International Diploma in Public security, the Police Function and Human Rights", IHR/PDI: I) Public Security (2013), II) Gender and no discrimination (2014), III) Access to Justice (2015), IV) Human Mobility from the gender perspective (2016), V) Rights of the child from the mobility and gender perspective (2017). For these editions, coordinator of a multi-country team based in Montevideo, San José de Costa Rica and Santiago de Chile.

Tenured lecturer, "Gender and Women's Human Rights" course for the Human Rights Unit of the Attorney General's Office of Guatemala, February 2017.

Academic Co-coordinator and Lecturer, "First Interdisciplinary Seminar on Human Rights for the MERCOSUR: constructing a regional identity through human rights" organized by IHR, MERCOSUR Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights (IPPDH), School of Law, University of Rosario Argentina, August 2004.

Tenured lecturer for the course and seminar on "Gender, Women's Human Rights and Sexual Diversity", Gender and Public Policies Diploma, School of Latin-American Social Sciences (FLACSO) Uruguay, 2011 to the present.

Tenured lecturer of the "Gender and Women's Human Rights" course of Human Rights Master's Degree at Human Rights Institute of the School of Legal and Social Sciences (FCJS), National University of La Plata (UNLP), 2004 to 2012.

Tenured lecturer of "Gender Equality and Human Rights", Human Rights Master's Course, Rafael Landívar University, Guatemala City, 2008 to 2011.

Lecturer of the "NGOs, social movements and Human Rights" course, Human Rights Master's Degree, University of Buenos Aires (UBA), 2010.

Lecturer of the "Diploma on Women's Human Rights: theory and practice", Human Rights Centre, University of Chile, 2004.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Founder, Co-Director and Professor, "Seminar on Gender and Law: conceptual and legal resources for the effective protection of Human Rights and Women" Human Rights Institute, Social and Law Sciences Faculty (FCJS) of the National University of La Plata (UNLP), 2006 to 2008.

Interim Assistant Professor, II Professorship of International Public Law, FCJS, UNLP, 2000 to 2004

Associate Professor, II Professorship of International Public Law, FCJS, UNLP. Teaching assistant selected by contest, 2004-2011.

4. IIHR Representative for South America

4.1 Main responsibilities

1. Political, academic and administrative representation of the organization in Uruguay and other MERCOSUR countries, institutions and associates before the different government, non-government, international and cooperation institutions.
2. Development and follow-up of IIHR's strategic and academic policies, identifying and establishing contacts with the abovementioned sectors as well as with local and regional media.
3. Operational and academic planning and execution of technical assistance activities, including education, training, research and events (workshops, seminars, courses, investigations and publications, among others) and the methodology thereof.
4. Development of regional strategies and work plans, with accountability for project execution and activities.
5. Identification, planning, cost budgeting and execution of projects, including hiring and leading specialized work teams in accordance with the strategic institutional framework.
6. Follow-up on the political, economic and social context of the countries in the region, identifying critical situations and work opportunities for IIHR.
7. Enhancement of IIHR regional relevance and reputation while securing material and human resources for sustainability of its operations.

4.2 Summary of achievements, activities and projects

IIHR Regional Office

As regional representative in South America, she lead efforts to ensure IIHR is relevant and closely cooperates with the civil society, institutions, countries and other international

organizations that operate in the geographic areas the Institute covers, specifically in the MERCOSUR space. Main achievements include:

- To successfully promote the approval by the National Congress of the Headquarters Agreement with the Republic of Uruguay (2010)
- To ensure cooperation with the MERCOSUR Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights (IPPDH), signing an agreement in 2016. Joint organization of the I MERCOSUR course on Human Rights, with the University of Rosario, Argentina, and its Law School (September 2014); to promote sustained cooperation in Human Rights Education, formulation of ESCR and Women's Human Rights indicators.
- To advocate for the adoption of formal resolutions of acknowledgement and support the work of IIHR through the Meeting of High-Level Authorities on Human Rights and Foreign Ministries of MERCOSUR and Associated States (RADDHH, in its Spanish initials).
- To articulate an agreement with PARLASUR (2009), promoting joint work regarding migration and gender equality. Attempt a declaration of adherence of the PARLASUR on the gender and diversity perspective mainstreaming to their works with adherence to the GQUAL campaign for gender equality in International organizations (2016).
- To manage cooperation agreements and activities with several public, civil and international organizations in the countries of the region, promoting the southern exchange of good practices and cooperation.
- To sustain and broaden the donor base, ensuring the generation of alliances and projects that secure sustainability of the IIHR Regional Office, as well as manage financial contributions to the Institute's Headquarters.
- To secure the continuity and growth of high impact initiatives, such as the Brazilian Interdisciplinary Course on Human Rights held for the fifth consecutive time in 2016; or the IV International Diploma on Citizen Security and Human Rights jointly held with the Chilean Investigation Police since 2013.
- To actively focus activities on innovation and the exploitation of new cooperation opportunities, examples below:
 - Education cycle on "Journalism and Human Rights" for communication professionals. Co-organized with the United Nations System in Uruguay, OHCHR, UNESCO and the Spanish Education Centre in Montevideo, 2015. Sponsored by IACHR, the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression of IACHR, and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
 - Mexico-Uruguay project on "Early childhood: Art and Education in Human Rights for citizen coexistence" implemented with the support of both Mexican and Uruguayan International Cooperation Agencies. Simultaneously and jointly developed in Montevideo and Ciudad Juarez, 2014 to the present.
 - Course for Paraguayan government officials on Conventionality Control and the Inter-American system of Human Rights protection: held together with the Public Ministry and the Paraguayan Supreme court of Justice, 2016.
 - "Article 12: Children and Adolescents Parliament of Montevideo": the program implemented by the Secretariat of Civic Education of the Department

of Social Policies of the Mayoralty of Montevideo included Human Rights training for 400 children aged between 10 and 14 coming from 10 schools all over the city and provided them with parliamentary experience in a National Congress composed by 70 young boys and 70 girls, 2016.

- The “Shala” project, together with Ombijam Space, the National Rehabilitation Institute and the Punta de Rieles Centre, for the building of a space for yoga practice, meditation and education in values in a correctional facility in Montevideo. Working on systematization and a regional plan for escalating the experience to the region. Since 2013.
- “D –day event”, specially thought for celebrating Human Rights on its anniversary on December 10th, was held with the support of model public institutions in Uruguay, international organizations and embassies. Montevideo, December 2016.

Inter-American System

- Close work and cooperation relationship with OAS office in Uruguay, the Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN, in its Spanish initials), Human Rights protection entities of the Inter-American system and civil society organizations.
- Responsible for the joint organization by OAS and IACHR of courses and regional meetings on “ESCR Progress indicators: San Salvador Protocol and its Working group”, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- Coordination of an alliance for IIHR virtual course of ombudsmen on “Human Rights of the Child” with IIN, OAS, 2010.
- Organization of the IACHR Executive Secretary meeting with the civil society in Uruguay for the strengthening of the Inter-American system, October 2012.
- Organization of the seminar on the Inter-American System during the Inter-American Human Rights Court sessions in San Jose (for Brazilian jurists and members of the Latin American Association of Labour Judges), February 2013.
- Organization of the II Expert Working Group on Indicators at the Interamerican Commission of Women (CIM) meeting, Montevideo 2014.
- IIHR Representative in the Assembly of States Parties to the American Convention (Montevideo 2014) before the OAS General Assembly (Asunción, 2014).
- Panelist, co-organizer and keynote speaker in several academic events, advisor and expert participant in work meetings with IACHR, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, San Salvador Protocol Working Group, Interamerican Commission of Women (CIM), Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN) and other OAS entities and with regional civil society organizations.

5. Other activities of interest

- Member of the Colombian Human Rights Editorial Council since 2012.
- Member of the Brazilian Human Rights Consultative Council since 2012.
- Member of the Expert Consultative Commission of the General Secretary of the Ibero-

American Organization for Youth (OIJ, in its Spanish initials) since 2010.

- Partner of the Zelmar Michelini Foundation, Uruguay since 2010.

6. Career in Amnesty International

- Chair of the Diversity and Gender Mainstreaming Task Force of the International Executive Committee of AI, made up by 9 experts from different regions. In this role, led the consulting and writing of the “Strategy of Integration of Gender Perspective” and the “Road map on Diversity”, documents that were unanimously approved by the International AI International Council Meeting (ICM) in 2011 and implemented at all levels of the movement (2009-2011).

- Member of AI’s ICM during two terms by direct election of the AI International Council Meeting in 2005 and 2007 (Mexico), respectively. In such functions, responsible for:

- The International Committee of Policies, with special leadership in sexual and reproductive rights, and abortion;
- The AI’s working group on language strategies, which laid the foundations for the reorganization of AI’s linguistic model;
- The AI’s Chairs Forum;
- The Committee for the Strengthening of Democracy;
- Amnesty International Spanish Editorial (EDAI, in its Spanish initials);
- The Preparatory Commission of the International AI Council Meeting (PREPCOM, in its Spanish initials);
- The Americas region, following up on the human rights situation and the status of AI movement in said region.
- Vice-Chair of AI’s IEC, from 2007 to 2009.

- Chair of the Argentinean Section of Amnesty International (AIAR, in its Spanish initials), from 2002 to 2005.
- Member of the Steering Committee of AI’s Chairs’ Forum, from 2005 to 2007.
- Elected representative of the Argentinean Section of Amnesty International (AIAR) before the ICM of AI 2001 (Dakar, Senegal) 2003 and 2005 (Morelos, Mexico)
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Regional Strategy for the Americas, from 2003 to 2005.
- Member of the working group on Regional Action of the Development Summit: Lima Strategy project, 2002
- Secretary General of the La Plata AI group, from 1999 to 2001.
- Founder and coordinator of the “Gender Area” of the La Plata AI group, 1999

6. Publications and research (selection)

Books and Courses

CO-COORDINATOR OF BOOKS (2 volumes) Acesso à Justiça e Segurança Cidadã, publications

developed as part of the II Brazilian Interdisciplinary Course in Human Rights. IIHR and IBDH Fortaleza, Brazil, 2013.

CO-AUTHOR AND COORDINATOR OF BOOKS, "Instructional Manual" and "Methodological Guide on Citizen Security, Human Rights and the Police Function; Edit. IIHR/PDI, San Jose, Santiago Chile, 2010

CO-AUTHOR OF BOOK, Manual for litigation of cases on indigenous people in the Inter-American system of Human Rights; Edit. International Human Rights Law Institute De Paul University, Chicago, USA, 2009

CO AUTHOR OF BOOK, Human Rights in the population and development agenda. Conceptual and legal links, standards of application; Edit. UNFPA, IIHR, 2009.

AUTHOR OF MODULE IN VIRTUAL COURSE, American module on Gender and Women's Human Rights for the Latin-American Network for Education and Research in Human Rights (LEIDH-network), coordinated by the University of York, Canada 2007.

VIRTUAL COURSE AUTHOR, The use of the Inter-American Human Rights system to protect Women's Human Rights of the IIHR. Elaborated by request of the Women's Human Rights Program of IIHR., 2003. Author of contents and methodologies, coordinator of revision in 2008 and 2013. Course tutor through the Inter-American Virtual Classroom between 2004 and 2008.

Articles and chapters in books.

"Human Rights and Gender Perspectives in the Inter-American System of Human rights: the case of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights", in Standards of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Edit. Association for Civil Rights, ADC. Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2009`.

"Human Rights of Women in Africa and Latin America: Conceptual and Normative keys", in Good Practices in Women's Human Rights. Africa and Latin America. Cuadernos Solidarios Collection. University, Gender and Development Series. Edit. Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain, 2009, pp. 9 to 46

"Fighting violence and discrimination against women with CEDAW, its Protocol and the Convention of Belém do Pará", in: Articulations on violence against women. Edit. Editorial from the National University of La Plata, Argentina, 2008 pp. 75 to 112.

"The Rapporteurships for International Human Rights Systems. Possibilities and Articulation needs between Organs and Civil Society for the effectiveness of the Mechanism" connecting the Rapporteurs of the United Nations Systems and with the Civil Society. Volume I. IIHR, San José, Costa Rica, 2004. 30 pp.

"Theoretical legal framework: The gender perspective and the international protection of Human rights" in: Women's Human Rights: Strengthening their Promotion and international protection: From Training to Action. Edit. IIHR and CEJIL. Saint José, Costa Rica, 2004 .

Articles in Magazines.

"The Legal Framework" in: Law of Indigenous Peoples, Amnesty International. Magazine Nº 92, August-September 2008. Amnesty International in Spanish publishing house (EDAI),

Madrid, Spain, p. 18.

“The universal human rights protection system”, in: IV Inter-American Course on Civil Society and Human Rights: Economic, social and cultural rights an urgent debate on democracy. IIHR, San José, Costa Rica, 2007, pp. 73 to 125

“The obligation of State Due Diligence: A Tool for Action on Women’s Rights”, in SEPARATA AIAR N° 1; Edit. By Amnesty International, Argentinean Section, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2004. 22 pages;

“The progressive ‘genderization’ of the international protection of human rights”; in Electronic Journal of International Studies (REEI), of the Spanish Association of Professors of International Law and International Relations, 2001, 33 pp.

“The enforcement of Protocol Paragraph 11 of the European Convention: a landmark in Human Rights international safeguard”; In: Yearbook of Law of the University Austral. Abeledo Perrot, Buenos Aires, 1999; Pp. 27 to 58.

Reports and Investigations

RESEARCH REPORT (approved project, in progress): “Challenges regarding experiences in Public-Private Participation in the International cooperation field towards development and integration of Human Rights perspective”. Project of the IIHR Regional Office, selected by the London School of Economics University (United Kingdom) for its development by a group of international consultants. London, Montevideo, 2016-2017

RESEARCH REPORT: “South-south cooperation for the Education in Human Rights: generating bridges between Latin America and Africa”. Tutor of the IIHR research lead by a team of consultants of the London School of Economics University (United Kingdom) London, Montevideo 2014.

RESEARCH REPORT: Main CLADEM advisor for building and leading a technical and academic support team to the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Education UN, Mr. VERNOR MUÑOZ (Costa Rica) for the elaboration of the Report on the Human Right to Comprehensive Sexual Education presented before the UN Human Rights Council, 2010.

EVALUATION REPORT: Advisor for the elaboration of *Ex Ante* Evaluation of the Project Actions for the integral protection to prevent, sanction and eradicate violence against women (Law No. 26.485) of the National Women’s Council in Argentina by request of the United Nations Program for Human Rights (UNDP), 2009.

CEDAW REPORT: Consultant of the UNDP and UN system agencies in Argentina for the elaboration of the Report on UN system agencies in Argentina for the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) as part of the examination of the periodic report of the Argentinean Republic by said Committee, 2009.

IOM/OAS REPORT: Expert in charge of the elaboration of the Migrants in Argentina report as part of “Inter-American promotion and protection of the Human Rights of migrating people program”, sponsored by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Organization of American States (OAS), 2002, 64 pp.

DOCTRINAL PRINCIPLES: member of the group of experts writing the Montreal Principles on

Women's Economic, Social and Cultural rights, elaborated by initiative of the Women's Working Group of the ESCR-network. Montreal, Canada, 2002.

WORK DOCUMENT: Elaboration of a proposal for the strengthening and development of the Inter-American system of protection of Human Rights program, through the participation of the Civil Society. OAS General Assembly 2001, by request of the Area of Civil Society Entities of the IHR. 2001, 26 pp.

PRE-DOCTORAL THESIS (Tesina, in its Spanish name): "*Ius Standi* and procedural capacity of the individual complaint in the Inter-American and European Human Rights protection systems. Comparison", led by Dr Fernando Mariño Menendez. Defended on the 25th of January 2000. Grading of the Academic Board: Outstanding, 10, by consensus; 254 pp., NIME.

7. Awards and Honours

INTERNATIONAL MEDAL "Antonio Cancado Trindade" granted by the Brazilian Human Rights Institute for contributing to the promotion of Human Rights in the Americas. Fortaleza, Brazil, 2013

AWARD "Women's Agenda" for the work on gender equality and Women's Human Rights; granted by the Women's Agenda Foundation. Buenos Aires Argentina, November 2010.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT granted by the Rights and Guarantees Committee of the National Senate, the Argentina's Women Group, and the Women and Family HIV Forum for the "contribution and active assistance in the promotion, protection and safeguard of imprisoned people in Argentina". Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 2007

APPOINTMENT "Honorary Member" of the Paraguayan chapter of Amnesty International; granted by AI Paraguay's General Assembly. Asuncion, Paraguay, July 2007.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT from Amnesty International Argentina for the "outstanding contribution to this organization throughout the years". Buenos Aires, Argentina. Annual General Assembly, 2010.

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT for the "fight in defense of Women's Human Rights" granted by the Chamber of Representatives of the Buenos Aires Province, La Plata, Argentina, November 2006.

DISTINCTION "Outstanding woman from La Plata 2006" granted by the City Hall of La Plata. La Plata Argentina, March 2006.

8. Languages

- Spanish: mother tongue
- English: advanced level
- French: advanced level
- Portuguese: intermediate level

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