

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional experience

1/4/2021 – present

University of Barcelona, Faculty of Law, Public International Law Department

Ramon y Cajal Fellow: from 1/2025

Maria Zambrano Fellow: 4/2021-12/2024

DIDUE Research Group on International and EU Law

1/10/2021 – present

ESADE Law School, Lecturer: Chinese Law, International Law

1/8/2013 – 1/7/2022

China-EU School of Law, Assistant Professor

1/2/2021 – present

Oxford University, Research Associate (Dispute Resolution Cluster)

1/6/2012 – 1/6/2019

Trade and Investment Promotion Section of the Embassy of Poland in Beijing (Foreign Trade Offices of the Polish Investment and Trade Agency), Consultant and Guest Lecturer

2/6/2012 – 1/3/2016

Yingke Law Firm, Beijing Office, Foreign Counsel (Of counsel 1/9/2013 – 1/3/2016), International Legal Affairs Department

Education

1/9/2025-ongoing

University of Barcelona, Faculty of History and Geography, Master in Latin American Studies (El máster en Estudios Latinoamericanos (ongoing))

1/9/2015 – 26/6/2019

University of Hamburg, Faculty of Law, PhD Degree in Law, *magna cum laude*

Phd thesis: "State Participation in the Pre-award Stage of International Commercial Arbitration in China" (thesis supervisor: Prof. Dr Hinrich Julius)

25/8/2011 – 31/05/2012

Tsinghua University, Faculty of Law, Master's degree in Chinese Law

Master thesis: "Difficulties in Enforcing International Commercial Arbitration Awards: Local Strategies in Tackling Them in China and Poland" (thesis supervisor: Prof. Wang Chenguang)

1/10/2005 – 06/06/2010

University of Lodz, Faculty of Law/TU Dresden Law Faculty, Master's degree in Law

Master thesis: "Air Carriers' Liabilities for Passengers' Luggage" (thesis supervisor: Prof. Anna Rzetelska)

Awarded grants

Cologne International Talent Forum Grant

Focus: Legal Interaction Between China and Latin America (2024/2025); Principal investigator together with Dr. Daniel Sprick

University of Cologne, Cologne International Forum – Division 9 - International Affairs, no.: I-06260-D-001-51099-4000

Ramon y Cajal Grant, the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation 2024 edition, executed at the University of Barcelona (2024-2029)

Maria Zambrano Grant, the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation 2020 edition, executed at the University of Barcelona (2022-2024)

Languages

- Polish (mother tongue)
- English (full professional proficiency)
- Chinese (professional working proficiency, HSK 5)
- German (professional working proficiency)
- Spanish (professional working proficiency)
- Catalan (beginner)

Other experience, qualifications and personal activities

- Polish attorney-at-law qualification (the National Bar Council of Attorneys-at-Law)
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) Tribunal Secretary qualification
- AQU Catalunya Lector qualification
- Visiting Lecturer: University of International Business and Economics (China); School of Law and Economy at University of Warsaw (Poland); School of Law at Dagon University (Myanmar); Faculty of Legal Studies at South Asian University (India); La Laguna University Faculty of Law (Spain); ISDE (Spain), University of Torino (Italy); University of Barcelona, Economy Faculty (Spain)
 - HKIAC Women in Arbitration Executive Committee Member
 - Member of professional associations: European China Law Studies Association; Asian Law and Society Association; American Society of International Law; Young ICCA; China Young Arbitration Group; ArbitralWomen
- English language lector at the Beijing Cultural Development Center for Rural Women (北京农家女文化发展中心) (supporting poverty alleviation)

Selected publications

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “China y litigio climático: observaciones a través del prisma de litigio de interés público ambiental” (“China and Climate Change Litigation: Observations through the Prism of Environmental Public Interest Litigation”) book chapter in “El papel de la ciudadanía y los jueces en la litigación climática” (“The Role of Citizens and Judges in Climate Litigation”), Alexander Penalver (ed.) (Ediciones UB), p. 403-421
- “Boosting Diversity in International Arbitration: Lessons from and for China?” book chapter in “Diversity in International Arbitration: Why it Matters and How to Sustain It”, Shahla Ali, Filip Balcerzak, Giorgio Fabio Colombo, Joshua Karton (eds.), Edward Elgar (2022), p. 135-149
- “Analysis of Appointments in International Arbitration: Nationality, Ethnicity/Race and Legal Training of Arbitrators”, book chapter in Identity and Diversity on the International Bench: Who is the Judge?, Freya Baetens (ed.), Oxford University Press (2020), p. 142-163

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Public Contracts and Dual Non-Compliance: A Case of Bolivian Awards to Chinese Investors” with Matthew Erie (under review)
- “COVID-19 and Dispute Resolution in China: Trends in Arbitration and Litigation”, with Huang Kai-Shen et al., Asian Journal of Comparative Law, Cambridge University Press (2023), p. 1-10
- “The Future of Foreign Arbitration in the People’s Republic of China: Current Developments and Challenges Ahead”, with Matthew Erie, 28(2) Asia Pacific Law Review (2020), p. 259-278
- “China as a Global Arbitration Player? Recent Developments of the Chinese Arbitration System and Directions for Further Changes”, 33 Tsinghua China Law Review, Issue 10.1 (2017), p. 34-48
- “What is That We Do Not Know about Arbitrating in China? – the Selected Uncertainties of the Foreign Parties at the Initial Stage of Arbitration” 《仲裁与法律》 [Arbitration & Law] no. 136 (2017), p. 80-103

INDUSTRY GUIDES

- “Guide on Arbitration and IP for EU SMEs”, Guide for the European Commission, China EU SME Centre (2019), p. 1-7
- “Key Considerations for Drafting Effective Arbitration Agreements in the Context of Poland and China”, Arbitration Bulletin (I), Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce (2016), p. 143-151
- “The Anatomy of the scam” („Anatomia oszustwa”) Poland-China Business Magazine (1/2014), p. 22-25
- “Business in China. Interviews with the Experts of Go China”, Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency - Go China (2014)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Current Developments in the Area of Recognition and Enforcement of Court Judgements in Civil and Commercial Matters between China and Other States”, Oxford University China, Law and Development, Research Brief no. 1/2022, p. 1-7

- “Expert Perspectives on the EU-China CAI”, American Society of International Law, Asia-Pacific Interest Group Newsletter, Spring Summer Issue June 2021, p. 2-5
- “International Commercial Arbitration in China – State Involvement in the Pre-Award Stage: A Comparative Analysis”; Doctoral Dissertation, Faculty of Law at the University of Hamburg, published by Carl von Ossietzky State and University Library in Hamburg, available at: <https://ediss.sub.uni-hamburg.de/volltexte/2019/9901/index.html> (2019)

Current projects

- **Sovereignty over Natural Resources and the Global Race for Strategic Minerals for the Energy Transition: Foundation for a Sustainable and Just Future?** (Soberanía del Estado sobre los recursos naturales y carrera mundial por los minerales estratégicos para la transición energética: ¿Fundamento de un futuro sostenible y justo?), Researcher
Principal Investigators: Mar Campins Eritja & Xavier Fernandez Pons
Project no. PID2023-146791NB-I00, funded by MICIU/AEI/10.13039/501100011033/FEDER/EU
- **The Legal Dimension of China's Presence in Latin America: Opportunities, Risks, and Responses**
Principal Investigator together with with Dr. Daniel Sprick (Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Chinese Studies, University of Cologne)
Cologne International Forum Grant 2024, University of Cologne, Cologne International Forum – Division 9 - International Affairs, project no.: I-06260-D-001-51099-4000
- **China, Law and Development**, Oxford University, China Centre, Dispute Resolution Cluster, Research Associate
Principal Investigator: Prof. Matthew Erie
Funding body: European Research Council (ERC), under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (grant agreement No 803763)

Selected former projects

- **The Role of Citizens and Judges in Climate Litigation**; Institut de Dret Públic (IDP) Public Law Observatory, Call 2022-2023, IDP, Researcher
Principal Investigator: Prof. Alex Peñalver

Selected conference and other speeches

2025

- “Legal Dimension of China's Presence in Latin America”, conference organizer and commentator, University of Barcelona (Barcelona, 10-12 February 2025)
- “China's Role and Experience in the Re-Legitimization of International Arbitration,” invited speaker „The Re-legitimization Of International Arbitration in a Comparative Perspective”, Faculty of Jurisprudence, Comparative Private Law, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan, 24 January 2025)

Earlier

- “China y el litigio climático: observaciones a través del prisma del litigio de interés público ambiental” (China and Climate Litigation: Observations through the Prism of Environmental Public Interest Litigation), speaker, Litigación climática. El papel de la ciudadanía y los jueces (Climate litigation. The role of citizens and judges), El Observatorio de Derecho Público IDP Barcelona (The Public Law Observatory IDP Barcelona), La Semana de los Derechos Humanos (The Human Rights Week), Faculty of Law of the University of Barcelona (Barcelona 2024)
- “AI and Dispute Resolution: Lessons from China?”, invited speaker “European Law vis-a-vis AI”, II Interuniversity Seminar University of Barcelona – University of La Laguna (II Seminario Interuniversitario Universitat de Barcelona – Universidad de La Laguna), TRANSJUS (Barcelona 2024)
- “China, Energy Transition, and the Lithium Triangle: Market Entry and the Transparency Issue”, speaker, “European China Law Studies Association Annual Conference 2024”, Graduate Law Centre of the Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong 2024)
- “Mediation in the China/Latin America context & the Role for Spain”, invited speaker, 2024 Madrid Summit on Commercial Dispute Resolution in China, CIAM – CIAR, Club Español e Iberoamericano del Arbitraje, Beijing Arbitration Commission/Beijing International Arbitration Center (Madrid 2024)
- “Empowering Research: Chinese Law for Early Career Scholars”, organizer and speaker, University of Barcelona (Barcelona 2024)
- “Climate Governance and Energy Transition in China: Law and Society between Ambitions and Reality”, organizer and host, University of Barcelona (Barcelona 2024)
- “China, the Global South and EU: Legal Considerations”, invited speaker Foreign Policy Dialogues “China, the European Union, and the Global South: China's presence in the Global South and the challenges for the European External Action”, CIDOB, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (Barcelona 2024)
- “China in Latin America: Engaging with Local Norms – Opportunities and Challenges, Consequences and Options”, speaker, 17th Annual Conference of the European China Law Studies Association (Helsinki 2023)
- “China & EU Today: Facts, Opportunities & Challenges”, speaker, University of Barcelona Open Lecture (Barcelona 2023)
- “Women, Peace, and Security in Ukraine: Another Missed Opportunity for the Inclusion of Women in the Peace Processes?”, speaker (together with Prof. Elisenda Martinez), IG on Peace and Security Pre-conference Workshop: Peace and Security for Whom? Inclusion and Exclusion in International Peace and Security Law (Utrecht 2022)
- Asian Law and Society Association (ALSA) conferences: panelist in 2017 (Taipei), 2018 (Gold Coast), 2019 (Osaka) and 2021 (Bangkok) editions, Chinese law-related topics
- “Current Developments in the Area of Dispute Resolution in China: Decoding Their Meaning for Foreign Parties”, speaker, 15th Annual Conference of the European China Law Studies Association (Warsaw 2021)
- “Transparency in International Commercial Arbitration: Recent Trends and Developments”, panelist, “Innovation in International Commercial Arbitration”, seminar organized by the Beijing Chaoyang Lawyers' Association & CIETAC (Beijing 2019)
- “New Developments on China-related Investment Disputes”, moderator of the panel “Sino-Foreign Joint Venture Disputes at a Crossroad”, seminar organized by the Beijing Arbitration Commission and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (Beijing 2019)
- “Recent Developments in the Area of Digitalization of Dispute Resolution in China: Chances and Risks”; “Again in the Agenda – Revision of the Chinese Arbitration Law: Single- or Dual-Track?”, 14th Annual Conference of the European China Law Studies Association, panelist, conference organized by Durham Law School (Durham University) and the Centre for Chinese Law and Policy (CCLP) (Durham 2019)
- “Geography and Legal Culture on the International Bench”, panelist, academic conference organized by the Centre of Excellence at the Department of Public and International Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Oslo, Pluri Courts (The Hague 2018)

- “International Arbitration: Putting Diversity into Practice”, chair, seminar organized by the Tiantong Law Firm and the China Young Arbitration Forum (Beijing 2018)
- “WTO at a Crossroad: Reshaping its Normative Framework, Chinese and European Perspective”, panelist, academic conference organized by the China-EU School of Law (Beijing 2018)
- New European Research on Contemporary China Conference: Legal Panel, co-chair, conference co-organized by the French Center for Research on Contemporary China, the Sino-French Academic Center (Tsinghua) and the EURAXESS Links China, supported by the Delegation of the European Union to China, the European Center for China Studies, Peking University, the Heinrich-Böll Foundation, the Max Weber Foundation and the Think in China (Beijing 2014)
- “Key Aspects of Investing in China”, panelist, seminar co-organized by the Polish Embassy in Beijing and the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Beijing 2012)