

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional experience

1/4/2021 – present

University of Barcelona, Ramon y Cajal Fellow from 1 January 2025, Public International Law and International Relations Department

1/10/2021 – present

ESADE Law School, Lecturer: Chinese Law, International Law

1/8/2013 – 1/7/2022

China-EU School of Law, China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), Assistant Professor

1/2/2021 – 1/9/2025

Oxford University, China Law and Development, 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

1/9/2024 – ongoing

University of Barcelona, Master's Degree in Latin American Studies

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)

Projects and grants

- **Ramon y Cajal Fellowship**, the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, University of Barcelona
- **Cologne International Talent Forum Grant: Legal Interaction Between China and Latin America (2024/2025); Principal Investigator** together 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
- **Maria Zambrano Fellowship**, the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, University of Barcelona (2022-2024)
- **Sovereignty over Natural Resources and the Global Race for Strategic Minerals for the Energy Transition (SOBTEN)**, (01/09/2024-01/09/2027). Ref. PID2023-146791NB-I00. Ministerio de Ciencia, Innovación y Universidades, Principal Investigators: Mar Campins-Eritja and Xavier Fernández-Pons; **researcher**
- **China, Law and Development project (CLD)**, funding from the European Research Council (ERC) under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (grant agreement No 803763), Principal Investigator: Matthew S. Erie (University of Oxford); **research associate**

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)
- Vice-Chair of the Board of the European China Law Studies Association (ECLS)
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) Tribunal Secretary qualification
- Expert evaluator for the State Research Agency, Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities (MICIU) of Spain.
- Research Committee member, University of Barcelona, Law Faculty
- AQU Catalunya Lecturer 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 Turin (Italy), Università Roma Tre (Italy)

- 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
- A member of the editorial board of the China-EU Law Journal (peer reviewed); reviewer for the Conflict Resolution Quarterly (Wiley)
- Jessup Coach, University of Barcelona Law School (2025/2026); Vis Moot and FDI Moot, China-EU School of Law (2013-2021)
- Lecturer at the Universidad de la Experiencia, University of Barcelona (2025)
- 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

Work in progress:

- “China in Latin America and Law: The Global South in Transition”, collective volume editors: Monika Monika and Daniel Sprick (to be published within the series Globalization: Law and Policy, series editor by Larry Cata Backer),
- “Compliance in the Process of Awarding Public Contracts: The Case of Chinese Investors in Bolivia”, Prusinowska Monika & Erie Matthew (under review)
- “Current Investment Disputes in the LAC Mining – The Experience of Chinese Investors with Resource Nationalization and ESG-Related Issues”, Monika Prusinowska
- “Legal Challenges in the Lithium Triangle: Lessons from Chinese Investment”, Monika Prusinowska

Published:

- “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” (English title: “The role of citizens and judges in climate litigation”), ed. by Alexander Penalver (2024)
- “COVID-19 and Dispute Resolution in China: Trends in Arbitration and Litigation”, Huang Kai-Shen, Shen Enhui, Prusinowska Monika et al., Asian Journal of Comparative Law, Cambridge University Press (2023), p. 1-10
- “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
- “Expert Perspectives on the EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment”, American Society of International Law, Asia-Pacific Interest Group Newsletter, June 2021, p. 2-5
- “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? (ed. Freya Baetens), Oxford University Press (2020), p. 142-163
- “The Future of Foreign Arbitration in the People’s Republic of China: Current Developments and Challenges Ahead”, co-authored with Matthew Erie, 28(2) Asia Pacific Law Review (2020), p. 259-278
- “Use of Arbitration in the Context of China IP-related Disputes”, Guide for the European Commission, China EU SME Centre (2019), p. 1-7

- "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)
- "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
- "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
- "Business in China. Interviews with the Experts of Go China", Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency - Go China (2014)

Selected conference presentations, speeches and other activities

- "Chile en la cadena de valor global del litio: centralidad china y límites institucionales al escalamiento", Organizer and host, Seminar at the University of Barcelona featuring Prof. Juan Enrique Serrano Moreno (5 February 2026, Barcelona, Spain)
- "Arbitration in China and with Chinese Parties", Invited speaker, Vlog Interview, The Court of Arbitration at the Polish Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw – See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5kx8fCwly5> (December 2025, Warsaw, Poland)
- "China and Energy Transition", Invited speaker, Closing session of the course "China: Negocios, Tecnología, Derecho y Relaciones Internacionales," Facultad de Derecho, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (4 December 2025, Santiago, Chile)
- "China and Mining-related Disputes in Latin America", Invited speaker, Where Capital Meets Conflict: Investment, Culture, and Dispute Resolution in Asia and Ibero-America, Organized by El Club Español e Iberoamericano del Arbitraje (el Club CEIA) Mujeres and Women in Arbitration Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (30 September 2025, Madrid, Spain)
- "Ports, Gold, and Lithium: Chinese Investment Disputes in Latin America – navigating formal and informal dispute resolution methods", Conference presenter, 19th European China Law Studies Association Annual Conference, University College Cork (19–21 September 2025, Cork, Ireland)
- "Legal Complexities of Chinese Lithium Investment in the Lithium Triangle: Environmental Governance, Labor Law, and Indigenous Rights", Conference presenter, II International Conference "The Crossroad of International Environmental Law: Paradoxes of Energy Transition and Global Inequalities," Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (3–4 September 2025, Barcelona, Spain)
- "Chinese and Comparative Law", Lecturer, 3rd Edition of the "Advanced Summer Program in Comparative Law," University of Barcelona (1–18 July 2025, Barcelona, Spain)
- "The legal Dimensions of China's Presence in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and its Relevance for EU Policymaking", Seminar co-organizer, Session directed to the Latin America Directorate for Regions, Directorate-General for External Policies of the Union (EXPO), European Parliament (26 June 2025, Cologne, Germany)
- "Navigating the Legal Landscape of Lithium Mining in Latin America: Challenges and Disputes", Invited speaker, Seminar with Chinese lawyers and mining industry practitioners hosted by Jingtian & Gongcheng Law Firm (29 May 2025, Beijing, China)
- "The Future of Arbitration in the China-Latin America Context: Reforms, Cooperation, and the Pursuit of Justice", Conference presenter, "Latin America and the Caribbean and China: Conditions and Challenges in the 21st Century," UNAM Mexico, RED-ALC China (26–28 May 2025, Mexico City, Mexico, online)

- "Understanding the Foundations of Chinese Law and its International Relations", Roundtable presenter, University of Barcelona (22 May 2025, Barcelona, Spain)
- "Analysis of China's Role in Argentine Political Economy", Organizer and host, Seminar at the University of Barcelona featuring Prof. Juliana González Jáuregui (13 February 2025, Barcelona, Spain)
- "China's Role and Experience in the Re-legitimization of International Arbitration", Invited speaker, The Re-legitimization of International Arbitration in a Comparative Perspective, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (24 January 2025, Milan, Italy)
- "AI and Dispute Resolution: Lessons from China?", Conference speaker, Conference "European Law vs. AI," TRANSJUS, UB Law School (13 December 2024, Barcelona, Spain)
- "Legal Dimension of China's Presence in Latin America", Conference organizer and scientific committee member, together with Dr. Sprick (10-12 February 2025, Barcelona, Spain)
- "China's Investment Presence in the Lithium Triangle", Invited speaker, Roma Tre University, (11 December 2024, Rome, Italy)
- "Navigating the European and Spanish business landscape for Chinese CEOs", Lecturer, Executive Education, UB Business School (September 2024, Barcelona, Spain)
- "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)
- "China, Energy Transition, and the Lithium Triangle: Market Entry and the Transparency Issue", Conference presenter, 18th Annual Conference of the European China Law Studies Association (Hong Kong 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 featuring Prof. Zhu Mingzhe (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 Cross-road: 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)