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## SUMMARY as of March 2020

I am **an award-winning journalist with over ten years of experience** as an international correspondent between 2009 and 2019, with a particular interest in **democracy and human rights, and conflict and post-conflict situations**. I now cover Europe and recently completed a long-term project about citizen political activism, democracy and human rights in Europe thanks to an Open Society Fellowship. **I am also a project director at Arena for Journalism in Europe**. In the past, I have also travelled and reported from conflict- and crisis-affected areas like **Syria, Iraq, Somalia, South Sudan, DR Congo, Egypt and Mauritania**. I have been based in Germany, Spain, France, the UK, Kenya and Turkey, and during 2015 I worked as a **Humanitarian Affairs Officer based in the DRC for Doctors Without Borders**. I am used to working in challenging environments and with people from different backgrounds. **I am a native Spanish and Catalan speaker and fluent in English and French**.

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ▶ *From January 2020. Freelance journalist based in Berlin*, focusing on European social and political issues, and especiall on the housing crisis.
- ▶ *From March 2019. Associate and then project director at Arena for Journalism in Europe*. I worked on organising 2019's Dataharvest, the Investigative Journalism Conference, and coordinated the Local & Housing track. And I lead the development of the Arena Housing Project, an open network for cross-border journalistic collaborations.
- ▶ *From January 2016. Freelance journalist based in Barcelona*, focusing on political and social stories from Spain and other European countries. My work has appeared, among others, in Foreign Policy (international), The New Statesman (UK), GlobalPost (US), USA Today, Internazionale (Italia), Information (Denmark), Deutsche Welle (Germany), and Al Jazeera English (international).
- ▶ *January - December 2015. Humanitarian Affairs Officer at Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières, MSF) based in South Kivu province in the DR Congo*. I did field research on the humanitarian system, and most notably on the international response to sexual violence, malaria, and vaccination needs.
- ▶ *October 2012 - December 2014. Freelance journalist based in Istanbul in Turkey*. I reported from Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia and India, and contributed to Agence France-Presse (international), The Independent (UK), and Der Standard (Austria), among others.
- ▶ *July 2011 - December 2014. Correspondent of Spanish newspaper El País*. First based in Nairobi (Kenya) and since October 2012 in Istanbul.

► *January - September 2010. Central and East Africa correspondent of Spanish news agency Efe*, based in Nairobi.

► *August 2009 - September 2012. Freelance journalist based in Nairobi*. I reported from Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, DR Congo, Mauritania and Egypt. I contributed to IRIN (international), Jane's (UK), Nairobi UP Magazine, Radio France International, Foreign Policy in Spanish, Periodismo Humano (Spain) and Público (Spain), among others.

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER RECOGNITION**

► *May 2017 - December 2018. Open Society Fellowship* to research and report on citizen political engagement, democracy and human rights in Europe. Articles coming out of the project have been published in English, Chinese, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Danish in European and international media.

► *November 2013 - August 2014. Innovation in Development Reporting Grant* to travel to India to report on a medical project that had reduced infant mortality by 75 percent in 15 years. The IDR grants are funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and managed by the European Journalism Centre.

► *February 2013. International Reporting Project* travel grant to report about issues relating child survival in India. The IRP was then based at Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University.

► *July 2012. Dario D'Angelo Award* of the Marco Luchetta Foundation to my feature '*A la horca con 14 años*' ('To the gallows at 14'), about a child sentenced to death in Juba in South Sudan, published in the Sunday supplement of El País in October 2011.

## **EDUCATION**

► *2008 - 2009. MA International Journalism* (with distinction). City University London.

My thesis, "Kenyan tentershooks", got published in the magazine African Prospects - Specialism in Investigative Journalism - Economy editor of the news website 'The London File' - Elected student representative for the course.

► *2001 - 2006. Bachelor's degree in Journalism*. University of Valencia (Spain).

Specialized in culture, society and politics - President of the Journalism Students Association from 2001 - Elected member of the university senate during the academic year 2001-02 - Stay at the University of Saint-Denis in Paris during the academic year 2005-06 as an Erasmus holder.

► *1998 - 2004. Bachelor's degree in Philosophy*. University of Valencia.

Specialized in ethics and philosophy of language - Present in the first edition of the Academic Philosophy Congress, in January 2003 in Valencia.

## OTHER SELECTED COURSES

- ▶ *May 2015: 'Intensive Course in Humanitarian Affairs'. Doctors Without Borders (MSF), Holland, Amsterdam.* Courses on qualitative and quantitative research, international humanitarian and criminal law, advocacy and communications from the perspective of humanitarian field emergency interventions.
- ▶ *October 2009: 'Civilian Crisis Management EU Core Course'. CMC Finland, Kuopio.* Courses on human rights, international law and intervention in conflict areas. Practical lessons on 4WD driving, radio and GPS, first aid, and land mines.
- ▶ *July 2009: 'CIJ Investigative Summer School'. Centre for Investigative Journalism, City University London.* Crash course on Computer Assisted Reporting, and lessons on computer and internet security and on reporting of financial accounts.

## OTHER INFORMATION

- ▶ Member of the **Frontline Freelance Register** since July 2013.
- ▶ Volunteer at the 2009 **International Journalism Festival in Perugia**, Italy.
- ▶ Internships at Spanish newspaper **El Mundo** (July-August 2005) and the **BBC World Service** in London (November-December 2007).
- ▶ Valid European Union driving licence (category B).