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### Work experience:

- Sep 2021-Dec 2022    **Communication Specialist**

**Eurocities** ([www.eurocities.eu](http://www.eurocities.eu))

I was in charge of coordinating all the comms related to the Migration workgroup (particularly the EU funded UNITES and CONNECTION projects), the Digital Forum (and the Living-in.EU project), as well as of EU funded NetZeroCities and Green City Accord projects, liaising with partners and the EU Commission, writing articles and reports, organising workshops and covering events, working on social media, etc.

I also wrote articles on topics not related to projects in different areas such as mobility, development, post-covid recovery, Ukraine, etc, performed managing editor tasks for our main website (proofreading, copywriting, etc), worked on social media to promote and disseminate articles and Eurocities’ initiatives and I also performed administrative tasks whenever needed.

- 2010–Present    **Freelance Journalist**

**Several Media Outlets** ([Portfolio](#))

I've contributed to dozens of media outlets such as Al Jazeera, Foreign Policy, DW, The Washington Post, MIT Tech Review, Undark, Jewish Currents, The Forward, The Guardian, World Politics Review, Vice, The Brazilian Report, Remezcla, Business Insider, The Intercept, CommonSpace, PRI, OpenCanada, OneZero by Medium, InsideOver, Black Youth Project, Americas Program, Open Democracy, etc.

My main topics of writing are Brazilian and Spanish politics, international conflicts, tech, human rights (particularly women’s rights and anti-racism), freedom of speech, internet privacy, environment, Latin and Brazilian culture, internet culture, music and literature.

- Apr 2015–2019    **Blogger/Journalist**

**Brasil Post-Huffington Post Brasil**

I [wrote](#) blog posts on Brazilian and international politics.

- Jun 2012–Jan 2015    **Blogger/Journalist**

**Bertelsmann Foundation**

I [wrote](#) blog posts for the Future Challenges project at Bertelsmann Foundation (Germany) focused on freedom of speech, internet freedom and Brazilian social movements.

- Jan 2010–Dec 2010    **Volunteer**

**Eleitor2010 (Brazil)**

I helped collecting and gathering information for the platform Eleitor2010, that was an online crowdsourcing project focused on collecting denunciations of electoral frauds using an Ushahidi platform.

- Nov 2009–Present    **Author and translator**

## **Global Voices Online**

I'm an [author](#) and [translator](#) (English/Portuguese/Spanish) of human rights related issues, Brazilian politics, social movements, internet privacy, advocacy, freedom of speech, etc for the international and multilingual community of writers, translators, academics, and human rights activists.

### - 2009–2015 Volunteer

**Movimento Mega Não/Movimento Mega (Mega No Movement/Mega Movement)** I was a volunteer and activist of the movement that actively worked for the approval of the Brazilian Civil Rights Framework for the Internet as well as I took part in forums and discussions during the bill's debate and wrote about the process for several media outlets. My main activities were related to lobbying and writing about freedom of speech online and against internet censorship.

### - May 2009–Oct 2010 Intern

#### **Graacc (Cancer Hospital and NGO), São Paulo (Brazil)**

I've worked as back office and social media intern dealing with the management of merchandise material for the NGO and partners, hospital's social media management and contact with partners and donors.

### - Jan 2008–Jan 2009 Intern

#### **Rede Globo (TV Network), São Paulo (Brazil)**

I've worked as Back office/staff liaison having constant contact with TV and media partners for the biggest TV network in Brazil. I was responsible for the contact with international partners concerning media products such as football and soap-operas, supervision of TV programming and international merchandise related to Brazilian "Campeonato Brasileiro" with partner TV stations.

### - Nov 2007–Nov 2008 Volunteer

#### **Conectas, São Paulo (Brazil)**

I volunteered as a monitor at the International Human Rights Colloquium, during the years of 2007 and 2008 welcoming activists from the global south. Organized since 2001, the Colloquium is an annual conference conducted by Conectas, an internationally recognized NGO, for training and networking attended by human rights defenders from all around the world.

## **Education and training:**

### - Sep 2013–May 2019 PhD in Human Rights (focus: political communication/migration)

#### **Universidad de Deusto/University of Deusto, Bilbao (Spain)**

With CAPES Foundation/Brazilian Ministry of Education scholarship.

### - Apr 2010–Jan 2012 MA in Communication

#### **Cásper Líbero Faculty, São Paulo (Brazil)**

With FAPESP scholarship awarded by the State of São Paulo.

### - Jan 2006–Dec 2009 BA in International Relations

#### **Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUCSP), São Paulo (Brazil)**

With PIBIC/CEPE scientific initiation scholarship awarded by the university.

## **Skills:**

### **Languages**

Portuguese (mother tongue); English C2; Spanish C1; Dutch A2; Catalan A2; Basque A2;

### **Honours and awards**

- Scientific initiation Honourable mention award (2009);
- ECREA Young Scholar Paper Award (2nd place, 2017).
- Shortlisted for the Fetisov Journalism Award - Category: Excellence in Environmental Journalism (2020)