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Date of Birth: March 6, 1996.

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Ph.D. Candidate in Philosophy of Law and History of Legal Culture – University of Genoa, Italy • 2023 – Ongoing.

Supervisors: Pierluigi Chiassoni and Luca Malagoli.

Dissertation topic: The interpretation of precedent.

Education

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), Faculty of Law, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). 2015 – 2020. Thesis advisor: José Ramón Cossío Díaz.

Master's Degree in Global Rule of Law and Constitutional Democracy, University of Genoa, Italy. 2021 – 2022. Thesis advisors: Alejandra Martínez Verástegui and Álvaro Núñez Vaquero.

Research Stays

Law & Philosophy Group, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain • Mar 2026 – Present.

Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany • Sep 2025 – Feb 2026.

University of Warsaw, Poland • May 2025.

Surrey Centre for Law and Philosophy, University of Surrey, England • Feb – Jul 2025.

University of Murcia, Spain • Jul 2024.

Centre for Constitutional Studies, Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, Mexico • 2018 – 2019.

Teaching Experience

Lecturer in Conventionality Control and Case Law – Faculty of Law, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM-ZOOM) • 2025 – Ongoing.

Assistant Lecturer in Contemporary Mexico Analysis – Faculty of Sciences, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) • 2022, 2023, 2024.

Judicial Experience

Assistant Clerk – Justice Juan Luis González Alcántara Carrancá, Supreme Court of Justice of the Nation, Mexico • 2019 – 2023. Primary responsibilities included the preparation of judicial opinions and the legal analysis and adjudicatory review of cases assigned to other Justices, particularly in constitutional and human rights litigation.

Judicial Internship – Sixteenth District Court for Amparo in Criminal Matters, Federal Judiciary of Mexico • 2017 – 2018. Developed a thorough understanding of the procedural and substantive framework of indirect amparo proceedings, and participated in the preparation of proposed judicial decisions and rulings in criminal constitutional matters.

Publications

Distinciones entre la interpretación de disposiciones legislativas y la interpretación de precedentes *Problema. Anuario de Filosofía y Teoría del Derecho*, núm. 20, Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, UNAM • 2026 [Distinciones entre la interpretación de disposiciones legislativas y la interpretación de precedentes | Problema. Anuario de Filosofía y Teoría del Derecho](#)

La retroactividad de la jurisprudencia en el sistema jurídico mexicano: reflexiones desde la teoría analítica del derecho, *Revista del Centro de Estudios Constitucionales de la Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación* • 2024 [La retroactividad de la jurisprudencia Sandoval.pdf](#)

El impacto de la reforma judicial en el sistema de precedentes, *El Juego de la Corte – Nexos* • 2024 [Mario Armando Sandoval Islas – El Juego de la Suprema Corte](#)

La relevancia normativa de las tesis aisladas y las tesis de jurisprudencia, *Boletín Mexicano de Derecho Comparado*, Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, UNAM • 2024 [La relevancia normativa de las tesis aisladas y las tesis de jurisprudencia | Boletín Mexicano de Derecho Comparado](#)

El procedimiento abreviado en el sistema jurídico mexicano: análisis teórico y empírico, *Tirant lo Blanch* • 2021 [El procedimiento abreviado en el sistema jurídico mexicano Análisis teórico y empírico](#) Editorial Tirant Lo Blanch - Editorial Tirant Lo Blanch

El papel del juez en la actualidad frente al procedimiento abreviado. Análisis de sentencias del Poder Judicial de la Federación, *Revista del Instituto de la Judicatura Federal* • 2019 [El papel del juez en la actualidad frente al procedimiento abreviado. Análisis de sentencias del Poder Judicial de la Federación | Sandoval Islas | Revista del Instituto de la Judicatura Federal](#)

Principio de proporcionalidad de las penas y la dificultad de su interpretación, *Revista Abogacía* • 2023 [María Zambrano y Mario Armando Sandoval, autor en abogacía](#)

Diploma Courses

Human Rights Certificate Program “Jorge Carpizo”, Institute for Legal Research, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), April – December 2021.

Training Certificate in the Inter-American Human Rights System “Héctor Fix-Zamudio”, UNAM & Inter-American Human Rights System, September – November 2020.

Theoretical and Practical Certificate Program on Amparo, Constitutional Review, and Conventionality Control, School of Jurisprudence and Faculty of Law, UNAM, November 2018 – August 2019.

Oral Adversarial Skill Building, Faculty of Law, UNAM, Organized by the University of San Diego, 2017.

English Language Study Program, Centre for English Language Education, Northwest University – Seattle, WA, USA, 2016.

Awards

1st Place – Alonso Lujambio Political Essay Contest, Thirteenth Edition, organized by the Alonso Lujambio Center for Political Studies, Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM), 2025.

2nd Place – *1st Legal Essay Contest: “The Federal Judiciary: A Proposal for Change”*, Federal Judiciary Institute, 2019.

3rd Place – *National Constitutional Law Competition*, Faculty of Law, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) & Ministry of the Interior (Mexico). Organized by Ministry of the Interior, Goodrich Riquelme y Asociados A.C., and Judicial Ethics Center A.C., 2017.

Selected Conferences and Talks

“The Interpretation of Precedent: Conceptual Analysis and Empirical Data Study” – Presenter, MPIL Agora, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany • 11 February 2026.

“Distinctions between the Interpretation of Statutes and the Interpretation of Precedents” – Presenter, GEMIDOTT II Seminario Interdottorale Genova–Milano, Università degli Studi di Milano & Università degli Studi di Genova, Milan • 29 January 2026.

“The Interpretation of Precedent: A Conceptual Analysis” – Presenter, International Doctoral Workshop Law and Social Change (Third Edition), Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Roma Tre University, Rome • 15–16 January 2026.

“Differences Between the Interpretation of Legislative Provisions and the Interpretation of Precedents” – Presenter, Law’s Many Users Conference, Institute of Philosophy and Semiotics, University of Tartu • November 2025.

“La interpretación del precedente” – Presenter, PhD Seminar, Research Group in Philosophy of Law, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona • November 2025.

“La jurisprudencia en México” – Ponente, Diálogos Internacionales sobre Justicia y Democracia, Coloquio #10; UJED; Red Internacional México–Colombia • 30 de julio de 2025, CDMX.

“Precedente Judicial” – Profesor invitado (Clase abierta), Unidad Académica de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad Católica de Cuenca, Ecuador • 15 de julio de 2025.

“Interpreting Precedent” – Presenter, Special PhD Seminar: Global Perspectives in Legal Research, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw • May 2025.

“Análisis del caso Gelman” – Seminario de Lectura y Análisis de Sentencias del Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos, Facultad de Derecho, Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua (UACH), Chihuahua, México • Mayo de 2025.

“The Canonization of Precedent in Civil Law and Common Law Systems” – Presenter, 3rd CALSP Student Conference, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb • May 2025.

“Reforma Judicial en México” – Invitado, *Ius en las Rocas* (Episodio 5, podcast) • 19 de marzo de 2025.

“Control de convencionalidad y jurisprudencia” – Invitado el Programa “Contrafirma, Temporada XIX”, UNAM, Canal IUS Multimedia • 27 de febrero de 2025.

“The Interpretation of Precedents and the Interpretation of Legislative Provisions” – Presenter, ALF Project PhD Workshop, Surrey Centre for Law and Philosophy, University of Surrey • February 2025.

“Delitos de lesa humanidad” – Invitado especial, Programa El Mundo del Derecho Penal, Colegio de Profesores de Derecho Penal, UNAM, Canal IUS Multimedia • 29 de enero de 2025.

“What Does the Activity of Interpreting Precedents Consist Of?” – Presenter, Student Conference on Law and Social Science, Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade; Belgrade Legal Philosophy Week • November 2024.

“Precedents, Retroactivity, and Legal Certainty” – Presenter, International Conference Split Legal Theory 2024, University of Split & IVR Croatia • November 2024.

Relatore, “Alcune questioni in tema di etica e protezione giuridica degli animali”, Ambiente e Diritto Symposium, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Università degli Studi di Genova • Ottobre 2024.

“The Retroactive Application of Rationes Decidendi” – Presenter, 16th Central and Eastern European Forum for Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists, University of Sarajevo • September 2024.

“La Reforma al PJF y su impacto al Sistema de Precedentes” – Invitado / Ponente, Programa Sí es Penal, Seminario de Derecho Penal, UNAM; Canal IUS Multimedia • 3 de septiembre de 2024.

“El sistema de precedentes en México” – Invitado especial, Programa Martes de Derecho, Centro Universitario de Estudios Jurídicos (CUEJ) • 27 de agosto de 2024.

“Procedimiento abreviado: desafíos en su interpretación” – Ponente, Comisión de Derecho Penal, Barra Mexicana Colegio de Abogados, Capítulo Puebla (conferencia virtual) • 1 de junio de 2024.

“El procedimiento abreviado” – Ponente, Semillero de Penalistas, Colegio de Profesores de Derecho Penal, Facultad de Derecho, UNAM • 24 de abril de 2024.

“¿Independencia judicial o injerencia presidencial? La designación de ministros de la Suprema Corte” – Ponente, Seminario Permanente Repensando el Derecho desde Perspectivas Emergentes, Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, UNAM • mayo de 2023.

Presentación del libro “El procedimiento abreviado en el sistema jurídico mexicano: análisis teórico y empírico” – Autor y ponente, Canal Tirant, Tirant lo Blanch Grupo Editorial • 19 de abril de 2022.

Presentación del libro “El procedimiento abreviado en el sistema jurídico mexicano” – Autor y ponente, Liceo Académico MX (Zoom y Facebook Live) • 19 de mayo de 2022.

“Importancia de la erradicación de la corrupción en México” – Ponente, Programa Compromiso Social, IMEF Universitario e IMEF Ejecutivos de Finanzas • 20 de septiembre de 2022.

“El procedimiento abreviado / justicia restaurativa en el paralelo internacional” – Ponente, Seminario Internacional Permanente Derecho Penal en el Siglo XXI, Magno Americana • 9 de diciembre de 2021.

Scholarships and Grants

Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies in Science and Humanities Abroad – Awarded by the Ministry of Science, Humanities, Technology and Innovation of Mexico (SECIHTI) to support a fourth year of doctoral research and related research stays abroad, 2026–2027.

PROM Programme – Short-Term Academic Exchange Grant – Awarded by NAWA (Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange) to conduct academic activities at the Faculty of Law and Administration Library, University of Warsaw. *Poland, May 2025.*

Doctoral Scholarship in Philosophy of Law and History of Legal Culture – Awarded by the Tarello Institute for Legal Philosophy for PhD studies at the University of Genoa, *Italy, 2023–2026.*

UNAM-FUNAM-SEP Scholarship Program – Awarded to attend an intensive English course at Northwest University. Held in Seattle, Washington, *United States, July 2016.*

Research Projects

Member as a Master’s Student, Network for Studies on Judicial Precedent and Jurisprudence — Research Project, PAPIIT IN302422, “The Authority of Judicial Precedent: Theoretical Debates and Practical Problems,” Institute for Legal Research, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)

- January 2022 – December 2024.