

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

PHD in Sociology of Law (2019), University of the Basque Country in co-agreement with the University of Ottawa. Awarded *Cum Laude*.

PHD in Criminology (2017), University of Ottawa in co-agreement with the University of the Basque Country. Awarded *Cum Laude*.

Master in Sociology of Law at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law (2012), Awarded *Magna Cum Laude*.

Graduate program in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (2010), University Externado from Colombia in agreement with the ICRC.

Lawyer (2008). Law School, University Externado de Colombia.

LANGUAGES

Native: Spanish

Full professional working proficiency: English and French

Working proficiency: Portuguese

RECENT EXPERIENCE

International Institute for the Sociology of Law Oñati (IISL) (2025-current) Scientific Director
Ikerbasque (2025-current), Research Professor

University of the Basque Country (EHU) (2025-current), Investigador Distinguido

Brown University (2025) Craig M. Cogut Visiting Professorship in Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS).

Harvard Kennedy School (2024-current) Carr Center Fellow for Human Rights Policy.

Deputy Minister of Justice of Colombia (2022- 2024). Leading the Criminal Policy, the penitentiaries, the drug policy and the transitional justice policy.

University Externado de Colombia (2013- 2024). Professor and (former) director of the human rights master program.

Guernica Centre for International Justice (2021 –2022). Consultancy for developing a programmatic action designed to learn from the community-led justice initiatives.

Colombian Truth Commission- Educapaz (2022). Consultancy to provide technical support for the preparation and review of inputs for the final report of the Colombian Truth Commission.

Fundación para la Justicia (2022) Researcher for the Interdisciplinary Team for the Search, Analysis and Investigation of gross human rights violations in Mexico.

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (2021), Human Rights Officer, Petitions and Enquires Section, HRCTMD, Geneva

American Bar Association (2021) Consultancy for analyzing the institutional needs of the judiciary to adjudicate cases involving violence against Human Rights Defenders.

UNDP (2020-2021) Consultancy to conduct research on patterns of human rights violations during the armed conflict as input for the Final Report of the Colombian Truth Commission.

Guernica Centre for International Justice (2021). Consultancy for producing analytical documents regarding the demands for justice in Nicaragua, USA.

International Institute of Sociology of Law (2019-2021) Lecturer for the Transitional Justice and Human Rights course, International Master in Sociology of Law, Spain.

American Bar Association (2020) Consultant for a legal assessment of the institutional responses to human rights for the migration crises in Colombia of Venezuelan population.

Guernica Centre for International Justice (2020). Consultancy to conduct an exploratory study to adapt human rights responses to the Covid-19 pandemic, USA.

Comité de Solidaridad CSPP (2020). Consultancy for the report on arbitrary detentions in the context of 2019 national protests, Bogotá.

Colombian Truth Commission (2019- 2020). Leader researcher for the investigation of the role of the State in the armed conflict, Bogotá.

CODHES (2019-2020). Consultant for the research and prosecution about enforced displacement in the context of the armed conflict, Bogotá.

UN Human Rights Office in Colombia (2017 –2018). Legal adviser for the Transitional Justice and Fight Against Impunity team for the implementation of the Peace Agreement.

National Ombudsman Office (2017). Consultant for the Restorative Justice program as lecturer and coauthor of a guide for the regional divisions of the Ombudsman Office.

International Commission of Jurists (2012). Stage with the Secretary General Wilder Tyler, Geneva working with the UN mechanisms in Geneva.

Colombian Commission of Jurists (2010 –2011). Lawyer for the Inter-American System of Human Rights.

Bogota's Town Hall Secretariat of Economic Development (2009–2011). Legal adviser for economic development policies.

Bogota's Town Hall Secretariat of Housing (2008 –2009), Legal adviser.

International Labor Organization (2008 –2009). Consultancy on the Translation, and publication of the Manual for Judges and lawyers ILO/ITC.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

UMAÑA, C. (2025). Pattern Analysis as a Tool for Human Rights Investigations: A Practice-Oriented Reflection, Harvard Law School, Research Working Paper Series May 2025, HRP 25-001 in <https://hrp.law.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Camilo-Eduardo-Umana-Pattern-Analysis-2025.06.04.pdf>

UMAÑA, C. (2025). The Situation of Incarcerated Women, Harvard Carr Commentary in <https://www.hks.harvard.edu/centers/carr/our-work/carr-commentary/situation-incarcerated-women>

UMAÑA, C. (2023). Justicia restaurativa para graves violaciones de derechos humanos: Tensiones, desafíos y potencialidades. In *Victimología y violencia: conectar a las víctimas* (pp. 93-108). Aranzadi.

UMAÑA, C. & RIVAS-RAMÍREZ, D. (2023) “De la excepción a la regla: La excepcionalidad como forma de gobierno en Colombia (1961 - 2022)”, *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*, Vol. 13(2), 309-348. <https://doi.org/10.35295/osls.iisl/0000-0000-0000-1343>

UMAÑA, C. (2023). Una deuda histórica: informe sobre el desplazamiento forzado en Colombia y propuestas para su investigación. Consultoría para los Derechos Humanos y el Desplazamiento (CODHES). ISBN: 978-958-8881-81-2

UMAÑA, C. (2022). «La impunidad como factor de persistencia del conflicto armado interno colombiano» Comisión para el Esclarecimiento de la Verdad, la Convivencia y la No Repetición. In <https://www.comisiondelaverdad.co/caso-impunidad>

UMAÑA, C. (2022). Impunity as a sanctuary. *Oñati Socio-Legal Series* Volume 12, Issue 4 (2022), 981–1000: Investigations – Investigaciones – Ikerlanak. Doi Link: <https://doi.org/10.35295/osls.iisl/0000-0000-0000-1316>

UMAÑA, C. (2022). Impactos de la guerra contra las drogas en la política criminal colombiana: la ampliación de la punición, en 60 años bajos el signo de la prohibición. Balances críticos de la política de drogas e iniciativas de cambio. Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogotá.

UMAÑA, C. (2021) Poner en escena a las empresas: un trabalenguas para el esclarecimiento del conflicto armado, en *Empresas en el conflicto armado: Aportes a la construcción de la paz en Colombia*. Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogotá.

UMAÑA, C. (2021) Perdonar la atrocidad: entre el idilio y la convulsión, in Varona Martínez G. (Ed.), *Macrovictimización, abuso de poder y victimología: impactos intergeneracionales*. Instituto Vasco de Criminología, Donostia-San Sebastián. Editorial Aranzadi. ISBN: 9788413452319.

UMAÑA, C. (2021). A genealogy of state crime in international law: contrasting criminological perspectives. *State Crime*, 10(2), 304-325,340-341. <https://doi.org/10.13169/statecrime.10.2.0304>

CONSEJO DE ESTADO Y COMISIÓN DE LA VERDAD (2021) *Verdades en Convergencia*. Análisis de la jurisprudencia del Consejo de Estado en diálogo con la Comisión de la Verdad. Coautor. Imprenta Nacional de Colombia. ISBN: 978-958-5570-17-7

PARMENTIER, S. & UMAÑA, C. (2020) *Sociology of Transitional Justice: Global and Comparative Perspectives*. Chapter 29 in *Research Handbook on Sociology of Law*. Cardiff University, Wales. Edit. Edward Elgar. ISBN: 978-1789905175.

UMAÑA, C. (2020) A racionalidade penal moderna como ferramenta para entender a impunidade, in Silvia, Rocha and Rodrigues, *A racionalidade penal moderna – Reflexões teóricas e explorações empíricas desde o Sul*, Editora Almedina, Escola de Direito de São Paulo da Fundação Getulio Vargas. ISBN: 9786556270470.

UMAÑA, C. y REED, M. (edits.) (2020) *La búsqueda de la verdad: laberintos, ilusiones y expectativas*. Universidad Externado, Bogotá. ISBN: 9789587902877.

UMAÑA, C. y DURAN, D. (2020) Verdades insatisfactorias, verdades incómodas: relatos relegados del conflicto armado, in *La búsqueda de la verdad: laberintos, ilusiones y expectativas*. Universidad Externado, Bogotá. ISBN: 9789587902877.

UMAÑA, C. (Ed.) (2018) *La justicia al encuentro de la paz en contextos de transición: reflexiones actuales para desafíos colombianos*. Universidad Externado, Bogotá. ISBN: 9789587729542.

UMAÑA, C. y TONCHE, J (2018) Sistema Integral de Verdade, Justiça, Reparação e Não Repetição: uma discussão sobre o componente restaurativo do acordo de paz na Colômbia, en Revista de Estudos Criminais, Ano XVII, No. 70 Jul/Set 2018, ISSN 1676-8698, p. 201-221.

UMAÑA, C. (2017) Impunity: in the search of a socio-legal concept Elucidations from a State Crime case study. Ottawa, Canada. In <https://dam-oclc.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/8e2959f9-5f93-4d46-b3cb-5f811c08926c>

AWARDS

Brown University (2025) Cogut visiting professorship.

Fundación Alemana de Investigación Científica (2021-2022), Grant to Support the Initiation of International Collaboration. Proyecto “What’s Justice gotta do with it? Access to justice in unequal societies: Legal and social challenges in Latin America” presentado junto con miembros de la Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen,.

Universität St.Gallen y Centro Latinoamericano-Suizo (2018), Seed Money Grant, Leading House for the Latin American Region, Project Asylum and indigeneity in the context of ongoing displacement on the Ecuadorian and Colombian border: a juridical and anthropological analysis, researcher,.

Instituto Colombo-Alemán para la Paz – CAPAZ (2021) Grant to develop a document on the 'State of the Art regarding the history and memory surrounding the siege and retaking of the Palace of Justice in Colombia'.

Finalist for the NATIONAL PEACE PRIZE. (2015), recognition by virtue of participation in the victims' delegations that took part in the peace dialogue table in Havana, Cuba.

University of Ottawa (2013-2016), Dean’s scholarship, Faculty of Social Sciences, Criminology PHD program.

Universidad del País Vasco (2015 and 2016) support in facilitating the stay of Latin American early-career researchers at UPV/EHU.".