

PERSONAL DATA

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CURRENT SITUATION

- **PhD researcher** at the University Miguel Hernandez of Elche with Ministry of Education FPU's fellowship (2010-2012), developing the **thesis on the media discourse on women in the coverage of conflicts** from a Peace Journalism and Critical Discourse Analysis perspective.
- **Freelance journalist**

EDUCATION

- June 2011 (expected): **Postgraduate Diploma in Communication, Conflict and Peace**, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.
- September 2010: **DEA (Advanced Studies Diplome) in Development and Social Welfare**, University of Alicante
- October-November 2009: **research stay** at the **UNESCO Chair of Philosophy for Peace**, University Jaume I, Castellón (España)
- 2006-2008: PhD courses in **Social Welfare and Inequalities** (Sociology), University of Alicante.
- 2006: **Postgraduate Diploma in Culture of Peace**, School for a Culture of Peace, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB).
- 2000-2005: **BA with Honors in Journalism** from the CEU-Cardenal Herrera University. **Special Mention in the National Thesis Awards** from the Ministry of Education.

JOURNALISM AWARDS

- **Solidarity Journalism Award, IV Joan Gomis Memorial 2009**, granted by Justice and Peace, Foundation for Peace, Peace Culture Foundation, Cristianisme i Justícia,

Catalan Fund of Cooperation for Development, for the story "**Breaking the Silence: Israeli occupation as told by his soldiers**" published in the journals El Ciervo (no. 702-703) and Foc Nou (No 424).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- March 2010 – present: Freelance writer at [Periodismo Humano](#)
- September 2009 - present: Freelance writer at [Suite101.net](#), Policy and Society Section.
- January 2009 – august 2009: writer at [Peace Correspondent](#)
- July 2008-December 2010. Researcher at the **Institute for Social Development and Peace** (University of Alicante), Ministry of Education FPU's fellowship.
- March 2007 - july 2008: coordinator of the Spanish Edition of [Forced Migration Review](#), published by the **Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford** and University of Alicante.
- July 2007 - november 2007: **scriptwriter** of Explorers series, produced by Más Películas S. L. and aired on Canal 9 in 2008; Award Recognition for Tourism Promotion in the Media 2008.
- October 2006 - november 2006: writer in the Press Office of the XI Medieval Festival in Elche
- June 2006 - september 2006; december 2004 - august 2005: writer at **Diario Información de Alicante**.
- November 2004: writer in the Press Office of Citymarketing Elche-Congress of Cities Marketing.
- October 2004: writer in the Press Office of the Medieval Theatre and Music Festival in Elche.
- October 2004: writer in Press Office of Convívere, I Social Forum for Non-Violente Family Relations.
- July 2002 and july 2001: writer in Press Office of the Eche's International Cinema Festival.
- May 2001: writer in Press Office of redactora gabinete de prensa del **I Congress of Youth Leisure**, organized by the Local Council of Elche.
- 1999-2000: radio presenter of Freedom Module, a broadcast about prison, Cadena Cope, Alicante.

LANGUAGES

- **ENGLISH:** Fluent, spoken and written. **Advanced Title of the Official Language School** of Elche (1998). Stay in Hibernia Language School, Navan (Ireland), in August 1999.
- **FRENCH:** Upper-intermediate, spoken and written. Stay from August 29 to October 5, 2005 at the **University Paris Sorbonne** for an Advanced Course in French Language and Civilisation.
- **ITALIAN:** Fluent, spoken and written. Erasmus Stay at the Libera Università di Lingue e Comunicazione of Milan (Italy), from September 2003 to February 2004.
- **CATALAN:** Fluent, spoken and written. Official Certificate, C Level.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

- HERNÁNDEZ, María Isabel. "**Peace Journalism: towards an alternative paradigm in responsible conflict reporting**", presented in *Communication and Citizenship*, IAMCR Conference, 18-22 July, 2010, Braga (Portugal)
- ALBERT, M^a Carmen; ESPINAR, Eva; HERNÁNDEZ, María Isabel. "**Inmigration through the lens of television: spaces for interculturality**", presented in *X Congreso Español de Sociología*, 1-3 July, 2010, Pamplona, España.
- ALBERT, M^a Carmen; ESPINAR, Eva; HERNÁNDEZ, María Isabel; LÓPEZ, Cristina. "**The spectacle of fears and social risks at TV news: the Spanish case study**", presented in *Media, Communication and the Spectacle*, European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA) and Erasmus Research Centre for Media, Communication and Culture, 26 November to 27, 2009, Rotterdam, Holland.
- HERNÁNDEZ, María Isabel. "**Peace Journalism, presences and absences. Analysis of coverage of the riots in Paris at El País**", presented in the *Second International Conference on Peace, Democracy and Development*, organized by the Autonomous University of Mexico State, 11 to March 13, 2009, in Toluca , Mexico.
- ALBERT, M^a Carmen; ESPINAR, Eva; HERNÁNDEZ, M^a Isabel; LÓPEZ, Cristina y RUIZ, Raúl. "**Threats and social risks in the media. An analysis of Spanish news programs**" presented in the *Second International Conference on Peace, Democracy and Development*, organized by the Autonomous University of Mexico State, 11 to March 13, 2009, in Toluca, Mexico.
- ALBERT, M^a Carmen; ESPINAR, Eva; HERNÁNDEZ, María Isabel; LÓPEZ, Cristina y RUIZ, Raúl. "**Fears at television news: an analysis of Spanish mass media**", presented in the *RN 18: Sociology of Communications and Media Research Network. Media in Europe - European Media*, organized by the European Association of Sociology, 17 to October 18, 2008 in Lisbon, Portugal.

- ESPINAR, Eva; ALBERT, M^a Carmen; HERNÁNDEZ, M^a Isabel y LÓPEZ, Cristina. **"Gender violence: media presence, social perception"**, presented in the *10th Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, Mundos de Mujeres / Women 's Worlds 2008*, held from 3 to July 9, 2008, held at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

ACADEMIC ARTICLES

- **"Los inmigrantes como amenaza. Procesos migratorios en la televisión española"** [Immigrants as a threat. Migration processes in Spanish television], in *Convergencia Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, n^o 17, pp. 49-68.
- **"Sumak Kawsay y Suma Qamaña, el reto de aprender del Sur. Reflexiones en torno al Buen Vivir"** [Sumak Kawsay and Suma Qamaña, the challenge of learning from the South. Reflection on Living Well], in *Revista OBETS, Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, n^o 4 (december 2009).
- **"Mass media broadcasting social risks"**, in *Media & Jornalismo*, vol. 8, n^o 1, Spring/Summer 2009, available at <http://www.cimj.org/detalhepub.asp?id=29> (authorship shared with M^a Carmen Albert, Eva Espinar, Cristina López y Raúl Ruiz).
- **"El Informe Lugano: lectura obligada en tiempos de guerra"** [The Lugano Report, a must-read in war times], in *La Musa Digital*, electronic review of the University of Castilla-La Mancha, may 2003.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Visiting Professor** at CEU-Cardenal Herrera for a 10 h. seminar on **Journalism, Conflict and Peace**, April and May 2010.
- **Course on Human Rights**, University for Elderly People, CEU-Cardenal Herrera, May and June 2005.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- **"Development and cultural diversity: challenges of Sumak Kawsay"**, summer course, University of Alicante, 12-15 July, 2010.
- **"I International Seminar on Forced Migration: urban refugees"**, University of Alicante, 15-17 march, 2010.
- **"Critical discourse analysis course"**, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, February-april, 2010.
- **"Guided-research seminar"**, UNESCO Chair of Philosophy for Peace, Universitat Jaume I, 19-23 october, 2009.
- **"Communication and development: steps towards coherence"**, directed by Mario Lubetkin, International University Menendez Pelayo, 13-15 July, 2009.
- Seminar **"Sumak Kawsay: learning from the South"**, organized by the Institute for Social Development and Peace, University of Alicante, 28-30 June, 2009.
- **V International Seminar on Migration: youth participation and leadership**, organized by Caja Mediterráneo, 28-30 April, 2009.

- Workshop on **Conflict and forgotten ways of peace building**, University of Alicante, 11 and November 12, 2008.
- IV International **Seminar on Migration: migrated children**, organized by Caja Mediterráneo, 23-25 April, 2008.
- "**Building Peace in the Twenty-first Century**", Summer School of the University of Alicante, organized by the University Institute of Social Development and Peace, 16-20 July, 2007.
- **International Humanitarian Law Course**, taught by the School of Peace Culture at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 2005.
- **I Course on Economic, Cultural and Social Rights**, organized by the DESC Monitoring Centre in Barcelona from November 7 to December 19, 2005.
- "**Is it possible to report on a contemporary war? The case of Afghanistan**" Meeting led by Miguel Plato, in San Lorenzo de El Escorial (Madrid), Summer School of the Universidad Complutense, 5-7 August, 2002.

OTHER MERITS AND AWARDS

- Selected by the **European Journalism Center (EJC)** for participating in the Climate Action Conference: the EU Perspective, 25-27 October, 2010.
- Fellowship at the **Interdisciplinary Center of Herzliya (Israel)** to participate in **Media and Conflicts Seminar (MICS)**, 13-18 June, 2010, Tel Aviv.
- Speaker at the seminar "**Pirates, pirates! Piracy in Somalia: conflict and media representation**", IUDESP, 10 March, 2010.
- Best Student-Angel Herrera Award during the academic year 2003-2004.
- Writer of the documentary about handicapped people "Learning to Live", finalist in the I PROYECTA Audiovisual Creation Competition organized by the Universidad Cardenal Herrera CEU, and Chair of Solidarity Award UCH-CEU 2004.
- Chair of Solidarity Award UCH-CEU 2003 for the edition of editing the "La Puerta", Prison Pastoral Magazine of the Bishop of Orihuela-Alicante.
- **Amnesty International activist** since 2002 and Communication responsible at its local group in Elche. Member of the Board of Amnesty International in the Valencia Region.
- Member of the Council of the Department of Sociology in representation of the studentship. Academic courses 2007-2008, 2008-2009.
- Board Member of the Council of the Institute of Social Development and Peace (2007-2010)
- Memberships:
 - European Communication Research and Education Association
 - Official College of Journalists from Catalonia.