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	Education	
09/10-09/11	King's College London – University of London	London, United Kingdom
	Master of Sciences in Environment and Development	
09/04-07/09	Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Barcelona, Spain
	B.A. in Economics	
09/06-06/07	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Berlin, Germany
	Erasmus Exchange Program	
09/03-06/04	Brockhaus Gymnasium	Leipzig, Germany
	AFS High School Exchange Program	

## Master's Degree

I have recently prensented my thesis for an MSc in Environment and Development in the School of Social Sciences and Public Policy at King's College London – University of London. The MSc is a multi-disciplinary program aimed to provide an understanding between environmental issues and development problems, in different contexts. I gained insights on a series of topics related to development and the environment, and in particular about water management and policy and urban policy. The topic of my dissertation was 'the political ecology and distributive aspects of the 1981 Water Code reform in Chile' and it was supervised by Pr. Michael Redclift.

## Work Experience

10/10-01/11

Global Mechanism to Combat Desertification (United Nations)

Consultant – Project: "Socio-economic Assessment of Soil Degradation in Latin America" Phase II: Chile, Peru, Bolivia & Ecuador.

05/10-08/10

ECLAC – Subregional Headquarters Mexico (United Nations) Mexico D.F., Mexico Consultant – Project: "The Economics of Climate Change in Central America (ECC CA)" – Phase II: Analysis of the economic impact of soil degradation in Panama.

11/09-02/10

#### **ECLAC (United Nations)**

Santiago de Chile, Chile

Rome, Italy

Consultant – Project: "Socio-economic Assessment of Soil Degradation in Latin America" Phase I: Chile, Peru, Bolivia & Ecuador.

#### Description

The different projects assessing the economic impacts of soil degradation/desertification are a joint initiave of the ECLAC and the Global Mechanism to Combat Desertification. Within this context, I was recruited as a consultant to work with a multi-disciplinary group of researchers. My main tasks were the gethering and construction of databases and the econometric analysis using cross-sectional data in order to determine the the correlation between the productivity gap in agricultural production and soil degradation/desertification. Due to limited accesibility to data and technical requirements, I was in charge of the studies conducted for Chile, Ecuador and Panama. However, I also contributed to specific aspects of the other studies.

#### Achievements:

- -The main results of the first phase of the studies were included in the final regional report 'Economics of Climate Change in Latin America and the Caribbean' for the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Copenhagen in December 2009 (COP15).
- -Established networks with and presented the methodolgy and results in front of important UN officials, such as the General Secretary of the United Nations Conference to Combat Desertification.
- -Demonstrated commitment and abilities to work under pressure, meet deadlines, design and organise research and be a proactive and teamwork-oriented person.

#### 07/08-09/08

## **ECLAC (United Nations)**

Santiago de Chile, Chile

#### Internship – Economic Comission for Latin America and the Caribbean (Division of Productive Development)

#### Description

- Worked with a series of econometric models in order to determine the losses in terms of productive capacity due to desertification processes in agricultural zones of Chile.
- Took part in several meetings, seminars and forums on desertification, climate change and Latin American economies.
- Finalized the internship writing a paper on the main insights and final conclusions about the problem of desertification in that specific region of Chile.

#### Achievements:

- Obtained relatively robust results out of the econometric studies that allowed further applications of the models for other regions affected by desertification processes.

## 01/08-06/08

#### **ESADE Business School**

Barcelona, Spain

## Internship - MBA Program Career Services

#### Description

- Data gathering and information assistance.
- Management and updating of databases.
- Research and development of a report on CSR programs for the use of the department.

## Languages

Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), Catalan (Fluent), German (Advanced)

## **Additional Information**

- Summer School on Latin American Economies. ECLAC, Santiago, Chile. (2008)
- Seminar: Intercultural communication applied to Business. Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany. (2003)
- C.E.L.L. Program (Center of English Language Learning) Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, U.S.A. (2001)
- Toefl Score: 114/120
- MS Word, Excel, Power Point, Stata, SPSS. (User level)
- Currently involved in a cultural community-based project in the Santiago Centro commune.

## References

Cesar Morales - Consultant in Charge Project "Socio-economic Assessment of Soil Degradation Project "Socio-economic Assessment in Latin America"

Guillermo Dascal - Consultant of Soil Degradation in Latin America"

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