

# MARIO GUIDO

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**Nationalities:** Swiss, Argentinian, Italian

**Languages:** English (native), French (native), Spanish (native), German (beginner).

I am a doctoral researcher at UCL specialising in criminal justice and prison systems, with teaching experience in Criminal law, LLM dissertation supervision and mentoring. I am keen on developing and delivering core law modules, as well as specialised teaching in criminal justice, criminal law, criminology and technology. My current research examines prison labour systems and the privatisation of prison labour, and I am also designing a new module on cybercrime including state-sponsored hacking, surveillance powers and digital privacy laws.

## ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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### University College London, Faculty of Laws

*Graduate Lecturer in Criminal Law*

June 2024 – Present

- My duties include teaching tutorials, marking examinations and coursework.
- Teaching on the 'Laws Connections' introductory course for first year LLB students.

### University College London, Faculty of Laws

*Summer School Lecturer*

August 2024 – Present

- During the 2024 UCL summer school, I gave a lecture on criminal law titled: "The right thing to do?"
- In the 2026 summer school, I will be giving a lecture on prison labour and its privatisation.

### Oxford Brookes University, School of Law and Social Sciences

*Associate Lecturer in Criminal Law*

September 2023 – June 2024

- Duties include leading seminar discussions, marking examinations and coursework; and ensuring consistent teaching.

### University College London, Faculty of Law, UK

*LLM Student Mentor (Personal Academic Tutor)*

September 2024 – Present

- Mentoring of LLM Students at University College London

*LLB Student Mentor (Personal Academic Tutor)*

September 2022 – June 2023

- Mentoring LLB Students at University College London

*LLM Dissertation Supervisor*

- Provided 1:1 guidance, commentary and support to students' dissertations

February 2022 – Present

### Global Detention Project, Switzerland

*Research Fellow*

October 2019 – September 2020

- Helped launch the "COVID-19 Global Immigration Detention Platform" and drafted over 100 country updates.
- Drafted country profiles concerning countries in the South and Central American region.
- Drafted information requests to Government Institutions, NGO's, IGO's and academics.
- Collaborated in the design and development of new data fields on the GDP database.
- Identified gaps in information on the GDP database and conducted research into national detention legislation.



### Centre for Intellectual Property & Policy Management, Bournemouth University


June 2015

- Participated in data-collection for a university project on "geo-blocking" and its implication on EU law.


## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD</b>	<b>University College London;</b> Faculty of Law (Part-time) – submission in 2026 Dissertation: <i>Returning once and for all: Building a Fair Private Prison Labour System</i> Supervisors: Professor Virginia Mantouvalou & Professor Nicola Countouris	2020 – Present
<b>LLM</b>	<b>University College London,</b> Faculty of Law: LLM Law  Grade: Merit Dissertation: <i>Private Prison Labour: Paradox or Possibility? Evaluating modern-day systems and establishing a model framework through the lens of the Forced Labour Convention</i> Supervisor: Ms. Elaine Genders	2017 – 2018
<b>LLB</b>	<b>University of Reading:</b> LLB with Legal Studies in Europe  Grade: First Class (Hons) Dissertation: <i>To what extent does private sector involvement in the execution of prison labour comply with the United Kingdom's international obligations under the International Labour Organisation Forced Labour Convention, 1930</i> Supervisors: Professor Dr. Dimitrios Kyritsis & Dr. Stuart Lakin	2013 – 2017

University of Geneva, Faculty of Law (Switzerland) – Erasmus   
Certificate in Transnational Law  
Grade: First Class (Hons)  
Modules: Comparative Methodology; Tort Law; Current Issues of International Law Through the Case Law of International Courts and Tribunals; Introduction to the Law of Trusts; Internet & IT Law; International Environmental Law

February 2016 – July 2016

Uppsala University, Faculty of Law (Sweden) – Erasmus   
Grade: First Class (Hons)  
Modules: European Labour Law; Criminal Law Theory

August 2015 – January 2016

## PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH

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- My teaching philosophy is founded on creating an inclusive educational environment that equips students with a deep understanding and curiosity of the subject at hand, questioning the status quo. Drawing from my experiences as an Associate Lecturer at Oxford Brookes and as Graduate Lecturer at UCL, where I led seminar discussions in criminal law, as well as my role as an LLB Personal Academic Tutor at University College London, I prioritise student engagement and participation.
- In the classroom, I emphasise a student-centred approach encouraging critical analysis, debate, and fostering a collaborative learning atmosphere. By intertwining my academic expertise from my doctoral studies with practical insights gained from my work in civil society, I strive to provide students with a holistic perspective on criminal justice matters when teaching criminal law. Through this approach, I aim to nurture their analytical thinking and legal research skills.
- I have been awarded Associate Fellowship from Advance HE through the UCL Arena Programme, reflecting my ongoing commitment to advancing my teaching practice and professional development.

## PERSONAL & COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

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### **‘Law, Technology, and Cybercrime: Legal Responses to Emerging Threats’ module (LLB or LLM)**

- I am developing a module for either LLB or LLM students that I would like to present to a university in the future. This module would encompass discussions on cybercrime; state-sponsored hacking; surveillance; AI; data privacy laws and more.  
March 2025 – Present

### **Reform Radar**

- Creation of ‘Reform Radar’ in 2023. Online repository of global positive practices that aim to rehabilitate and reintegrate prisoners. The database is currently under development.  
August 2023 – Present

### **Exploitation or Resocialisation? Building an inclusive, rights-based framework for prisoners and prison-leavers to access labour markets’**

- Secured British Academy Horizon Europe Pump-Priming funding to establish a European research consortium on prison labour, in collaboration with the Institute for Crime & Justice Policy Research at Birkbeck University.  
February 2025 – Present

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

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- **16th Seminar for Young Researchers on (European) Labour and Social Security Law** at the University of Helsinki – April 2026.
- **Workshop ‘Human Rights and Prison Labour (Within Europe)’** at the University of Amsterdam – [September 2025](#).
- **‘Online Event with the UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery Affecting Incarcerated People’** at University College London – [June 2025](#).
- **‘Reflections on Work and Labour’** at University of Bristol, Law School, Centre for Law at Work – April 2025.
- **‘Reassessing Private Prison Labour: Towards rehabilitation, reintegration and fairness’** at University of East London, School of Business and Law – February 2024

- **‘The Labour and Social Security Rights of Captive Workers’** Workshop at University College London, Faculty of Law – July 2023
- **‘European Consultation on Strategic Litigation on Strategic Litigation & Legal Advocacy for Refugee and Migrant Rights’** at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODHIR), Warsaw, Poland

## PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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### International Detention Coalition, UK

November 2022 – December 2023

#### *Europe Programme Officer*

- Participated in the mapping and creating the research framework for an East Africa mapping project.
- Organised and led sessions at the European Alternatives to Detention Network meeting in 2023.
- Led the drafting of the Advocacy Impact Report of the European ATD Network.

### Global Detention Project, Switzerland

October 2020 – November 2022

#### *Project Coordinator (Global Immigration Detention Observatory Project)*

- Approved more than 4,000 data entries by partners onto the GDP database.
- Led database trainings for 6 partner organisations and provided continuous support throughout the project.
- Drafted submissions on immigration enforcement issues to United Nations Treaty Bodies (CAT, CMW, CRC, CERD).
- Coordinated and facilitated the Committee on Migrant Workers Information Session with Civil Society.

### Children and Families Across Borders, UK

April 2019 – September 2019

#### *Inter-country Caseworker*

- Handled a caseload of international child protection cases (child protection alerts, record/welfare checks, home visits) originating from ISS partners and UK Local Authorities.
- Provided advice on the CFAB Advice line to NGO, local authorities or individuals on international child protection processes.

### AIRE Centre, UK

November 2018 – March 2019

#### *Legal Caseworker*

- Led the drafting of the AIRE submission for the Blueprint Consultation on Women in Prison 2018 and the Centre’s submission for the UK Review of the UN Convention Against Torture.
- Conducted legal research in support of human trafficking cases and wrote legal advice letter.



### Matrix Chambers, UK

April 2015

- Shadowed Karon Monaghan QC at the UK Supreme Court during the case of *Essop v Home Office*.

## PROFESSIONAL COURSES & TRAININGS

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- **AFHEA – Associate Fellowship with Advance HE (2026)**  
Awarded AFHEA through the UCL Arena Programme, February 2026. 
- **IMPACTUM Research Group & the Global Campus of Human Rights: Summer Course: Human Rights and Persons Deprived of Liberty.** 18-21 June 2024. 
- **International Detention Coalition:** Alternatives to Detention – IDC Online Training Toolkit. January 2023.
- **Council of Europe HELP / UNHCR** online course on Alternatives to Immigration Detention. January 2023.
- **Coram Children’s Legal Centre:** Rights of Children and Young People in the Immigration System Training. June 2019
- **RBKC:** Multi-Agency Safeguarding and Child Protection (Level 1 & 3). May 2019.
- **Council of Europe:** HELP Course on Refugee and Migrant Children. November 2018 – March 2019.
- **Amicus ALJ:** Death Penalty Training. April 2014.



## REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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- Professor David Ormerods KC, Chair in Criminal Law, University College London.
- Professor Virginia Mantouvalou, Professor of Human Rights and Labour Law, University College London.
- Hannah Willocks KC, Lecturer Teaching, University College London.
- Chris Lloyd, Senior Lecturer in Law and LLB Subject Coordinator, Oxford Brookes University.
- Carolina Gottardo, Executive Director, International Detention Coalition.
- Michael Flynn, Director of the Global Detention Project.

## RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

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- Dr Steven Vaughan, Associate Professor, University College London. 
- Steve Banks, Associate Professor, University of Reading. 
- Stefan Eberhard, Director and Secretary, Obserson Abels SA. 