

LUCIA DE LA TORRE

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OVERVIEW

Internationally experienced AI governance and tech policy specialist with 5+ years in business media and global governance. Focused on leveraging data, AI, and emerging technologies responsibly to address complex challenges. Proven track record navigating regulatory frameworks and driving scalable solutions.

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, New York, NY

MS, Data Journalism

Expected Aug 2025

- Key Courses: Programming (Python), Data Processing and Web Scraping, Data Analysis and Visualizations, Databases and Data Extraction, Machine Learning, Advanced Storytelling with Data.
- Capstone: AI-Powered Analysis for Compliance in Cross-Border Financial Data Transfers via Submarine Cable Networks.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, London, UK

MFA, Creative Storytelling, 4.0 GPA | Awards: La Caixa Postgraduate Scholarship (2019-2021)

Sept 2019 – July 2021

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, London, UK

Sept 2016 – July 2019

BASc, Digital Anthropology and Science Policy, 4.0 GPA | Awards: Scholae Mundi Scholarship (2016-2019)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY | New York, NY

Jan 2025 - present

Research Fellow, Columbia Engineering School

- Developing a trust-enhanced Large Language Model (LLM) for community socioeconomic development in Harlem.
- Researching public trust in technology, with a focus on AI deployment for policymakers and financial institutions.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL | London, UK

Dec 2022 - Aug 2024

Digital Producer, Eastern Europe and Central Asia

- Advised on misinformation and platform governance during Russia's invasion of Ukraine, offering strategic insights into technological inference and responsible technology use for Amnesty's Russian-speaking supporters.
- Designed data-driven digital outreach models using Google Ads targeting and Telegram that secured thousands of new subscribers in regions with restricted internet access (e.g., Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan).

FINANCIAL TIMES | London, UK

Nov 2021 - Dec 2022

Production Manager

- Led high-profile multimillion-dollar content partnerships between the Financial Times and global finance and tech corporations on cryptocurrencies, AI, and social impact investments, with articles reaching top 5 most-read by a C-suite audience.
- Coordinated global teams on projects across Europe, Africa, and Asia, ensuring full legal and copyright compliance and successfully securing repeat corporate content partnerships.

BBC, CBC | London, UK

Jul 2021 - Nov 2021

Freelance Production Consultant, Academy Award and BAFTA-longlisted documentary Finding Alaa

EARLIER EXPERIENCE | **THE CALVERT JOURNAL**, Staff Writer, London, UK (2019-2021), **AURORA PRIZE**, Policy Intern, Yerevan, Armenia (2018)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Technical Skills: AI Safety and Governance, Responsible AI Frameworks, Python, R, APIs, SQL, database management, web scraping, ML (NLP tools), Policy Research, and Data-Driven Strategic Communication.

Software: Jupyter Notebooks, Pandas, D3.js, Tableau, scikit-learn, MS Office, Google Suite, Adobe Suite.

Languages: Bilingual English & Spanish, Advanced Italian, Intermediate Russian and French, Elementary Armenian.

Work Authorization: Dual citizenship UK/Spain with a 3-year US work authorization.

Interests: AI Alignment, Transformative AI, Human-Centered Design, World Cinema, Long Distance and Trail Running.