

EDUCATION

- S.J.D.** **Georgetown University Law Center (2021)**
Dissertation: International Human Rights and Environmental Law in Investment Treaty Arbitration: The Contribution of Host States' Argumentation in Reshaping International Investment Law.
Committee: David P. Stewart (Chair), Don Wallace Jr., Borzu Sabahi
- LL.M.** **Georgetown University Law Center (2001)**
International Legal Studies
- Law Degree** **Universidad de Lima (1994) (J.D. equiv.)**
Dissertation: Outer Space Law and Telecommunications:
Legal Frameworks and Policy Challenges for the Geostationary Orbit.
Committee: Nicolás de Piérola y Balta (Chair), Carolina Loayza Tamayo, José Perla Anaya
- Bachelor of Laws** **Universidad de Lima (1991)**

RESEARCH INTERESTS	TEACHING INTERESTS
• International Investment and Trade Law • Climate Change Law • International Human Rights Law • Public International Law • Human Rights and Environmental Governance • International Environmental Law • Indigenous Peoples	• International Environmental Law • Climate Change Law • International Trade & Investment Law • International Business Transactions • International Human Rights Law • Public International Law • Torts

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL: Washington DC.

Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Spring 2024 – Spring 2026.

- Courses taught:
 - International Environmental Law
 - Human Rights and Environmental Protection
 - Advisor: Advanced Writing Requirement

Environmental Law Program Fellow, Spring 2024 – Present

- Advised J.D., LL.M., and S.J.D. students on environmental and sustainability research projects and independent studies.
- Provided substantive and editorial guidance on student scholarship, including law review articles, working papers, and conference presentations.

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- Designed and coordinated conferences, webinars, annual symposium, and academic events relevant to the Program.
- Served as Faculty Coach for the International Environmental Moot Court Competition Team, supervising student research, written submissions, and oral advocacy.
- Created and drafted the Environmental Law Program [newsletter](#)
- Drafted articles for posting on the program's blog, [The GW Point Source](#).
- Served on the Selection Committee for the [Jamie Grodsky Prize in Environmental Law](#), evaluating submissions and participating in the selection of the award recipient in collaboration with faculty colleagues.
- Represented the Environmental & Energy Law Program at academic and professional events.

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA COLLEGE OF LAW, Norman, OK

Adjunct Professor, Summer 2002 – Spring 2014

- Courses taught:
 - International Trade
 - NAFTA & Other Free Trade Agreements
 - International Human Rights Law
 - International Criminal Law
 - Latin American Legal Systems
 - Comparative Law

Advisor: Graduation Writing Requirement, Student Mentorship and Thesis Supervision.

Co-Director, Latin American Law Center, 2006 – 2012.

- Organized academic visits and capacity-building workshops for Latin American faculty and Indigenous leaders, fostering cross-regional dialogue and professional development.
- Mentored students in Latin American legal systems and civil law traditions from comparative and international perspectives.
- Developed partnerships and collaborative initiatives with Latin American law schools, expanding the Center's academic network across the Americas.
- Coordinated guest lectures, workshops, and public programs supporting the Center's mission and international engagement.

UNIVERSIDAD DE LIMA FACULTAD DE DERECHO, Lima, Peru

Assistant Professor, January 1993 – December 1995

- Course taught: Public International Law
 - Service: Advisor, International Law Study Circle (CEDEII), 1994–1996

OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, Norman, OK

COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

M.A. in Global Studies (MAGA) [Online]

Lecturer, Spring 2024 – Present.

- Courses taught:
 - International Human Rights Law; Human Rights and Environmental Protection; Public International Law

M.A. in International Relations (MAIR) [Hybrid]

Lecturer, Spring 2008 – Fall 2023

- Course taught:
 - Public International Law
- B.A. and M.A. in International Studies (MAIS)
Lecturer, Fall 2005 – Spring 2014
- Courses taught:
 - Public International Law, International Human Rights Law, Comparative Law
- International Minority Rights, NAFTA and other Free Trade Agreements,
Introduction to International Relations
- Service:
- Admissions Committee Member (2009–2014)
 - Liaison, J.D./M.A. in International Studies (2009–2014)
 - Advisor, International Students Association (2009–2014)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS (PEER REVIEWED)

INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN INVESTMENT
TREATY ARBITRATION: RESHAPING INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW.
Wolters Kluwer 2023.

Available at <https://law-store.wolterskluwer.com/s/product/international-human-rights-and-environmental-law-in-investment-treaty/01t4R00000PBOjQQAX>

This book examines the growing role of international environmental law and international human rights law in investor–State arbitration through a comprehensive analysis of 30 arbitral awards. It demonstrates how these bodies of law are invoked—particularly by respondent States—in connection with key aspects of arbitral proceedings, including fair and equitable treatment, jurisdiction, treaty conflicts, damages, and third-party participation. Building on this analysis, the book develops a practical framework for integrating environmental and human rights considerations into investment treaty arbitration while illuminating the inherent tensions between investor protection and the broader social and environmental consequences of transnational investment.

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW AND ARBITRATION: HISTORY, MODERN
PRACTICE, AND FUTURE PROSPECTS.

Brill Research Perspectives in International Investment Law and Arbitration.
Leiden; Boston: Brill | Nijhoff 2018 (coauthored with Borzu Sabahi and Ian A. Laird)

Available at <https://brill.com/display/title/36347>

International investment law is a rapidly expanding field, reflected in the proliferation of bilateral investment treaties and investment provisions in regional and mega-regional trade agreements. This book examines its origins, development, and functioning, including the key actors, institutions, jurisdictional mandate, and protections granted to foreign investors. It also analyzes the structure and content of modern investment treaties and addresses the growing backlash against investor–state arbitration.

ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Environmental Rights and Climate Accountability: The Evolving Jurisprudence of the Inter-American Human Rights System

47 *University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law* N. 4 (2026).

Available at:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/61687cc54175e47504a5d71a/t/6a480db72dbd5f335f13eca5/1783106999879/1+Author+Approved+Gismondi+%28Formatted%29.pdf>

This article argues that the Inter-American Court of Human Rights has shifted from a narrow, property-focused approach to environmental harm toward a proactive, ecocentric framework capable of addressing climate-related harms and systemic environmental risks. Recent decisions, including *La Oroya Community* (2023) and Advisory Opinion No. 32 (2025), introduce substantive, procedural, and remedial innovations that open new pathways for climate accountability and future climate-related litigation. This jurisprudence reflects a broader global trend, strengthening state accountability, empowering affected communities, and embedding climate justice within human rights law.

Denial of Justice: The Latest Indigenous Land Disputes before the European Court of Human Rights and the Need for an Expansive Interpretation of Protocol 1,

18 *Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal* 1 (2017).

Available at: <https://openyls.law.yale.edu/entities/publication/26d3fa88-2993-4f11-b4ce-ae508b78ba7f>

This article argues that the European Court of Human Rights has provided limited protection for indigenous land rights due to its narrow interpretation of Article 1 of Protocol No. 1. It highlights procedural and substantive barriers, including the Court's failure to recognize the collective, cultural, and spiritual significance of land, and contrasts this approach with more progressive developments in the Inter-American and African human rights systems. The article advocates for an evolving interpretation that draws on broader international norms to strengthen protection and promote coherence in human rights law.

LAW REVIEW ESSAYS

The Renco Group Inc. v. Republic of Peru: An Assessment of the Investor's Main Contentions in the Midst of Environmental Degradation,

59 *Harvard International Law Journal* 1 (2017).

Available at: <https://journals.law.harvard.edu/ilj/wp-content/uploads/sites/84/Renco-Group-Article-1.pdf>

This essay examines the arbitration initiated by Renco Group Inc. against Peru under the 2006 U.S.–Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (PTPA), following the tribunal's dismissal of the investor's claims in the 2016 Partial Award. It analyzes the environmental and public health dimensions of the dispute, highlighting the agreement's limited environmental protections. The essay

argues for a more balanced approach to investment arbitration that preserves robust investor protections while recognizing the State's authority to safeguard public health and the environment.

MANUSCRIPT UNDER REVIEW

Systemic Integration in Investment Treaty Arbitration: Promise, Limits, and Practice
(18 June 2026)

Available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=6934439

This article examines the operation of systemic integration under Article 31(3)(c) of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties in investor–State arbitration. It argues that Article 31(3)(c) is a constrained rule of treaty interpretation rather than a general harmonization device. Drawing on international jurisprudence and arbitral practice, the article develops a doctrinal framework for its application and distinguishes between investment treaty–treaty and investment treaty–custom interaction, demonstrating that both remain constrained by the Contracting Parties' consent.

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Managing Editor, BRILL Research Perspectives in International Investment Law and Arbitration, Brill | Nijhoff, July 2017 – Present

- Make preliminary assessments of manuscripts
- Identify and invite appropriate peer reviewers in relevant fields
- Oversee peer review process
- Coordinate editorial workflow with authors and editors
- Contribute to strategic planning for future issues/volumes
- Monitor timelines and manage communication among reviewers, authors, and editors

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SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTARIES (LAST FIVE YEARS)

Panelist, Mining, Natural Resources, and Sustainability, [Second National and International Congress on Environmental Law](#), Universidad Científica del Sur, Lima, Peru (Jun. 2026)

Panelist, [Ecological Equity: Human Rights in the Environmental Justice Movement](#), Hoyas for Human Rights, Georgetown University, DC (March 2026)

Panelist, [Whose International Law? Power, Accountability, and Inequality in a Changing World](#), Panel on Climate Change, organized by the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law Journal of International Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Jan. 2026).

Commentator, [Environment, Natural Resources & Energy Law](#), Work in Progress, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans (Jan. 2026).

Organizer and Moderator, [Indigenous Peoples' Rights to Territorial Control in Latin America: Challenges and Policy Responses](#), organized by the George Washington University Environmental and Energy Law Program, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 2025).

Panelist, Current Developments in International Climate Change Litigation, Panel on [From Ambition to Action? The Sustainable Development Goals Ten Years On](#), International Law Association – American Branch, International Law Weekend 2025, New York (Oct. 2025).

Organizer and Moderator, [Dispute Resolution in Investment Arbitration with Human Rights and Environmental Dimensions: What Have We Learned from Recent Case Law?](#), The 2025 J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Environmental Law Symposium, organized by The George Washington Environmental and Energy Law Program, Washington, D.C. (March, 2025).

Organizer and Moderator, [Constitutional Innovations in Animal Rights and the Rights of Nature](#): The Latin American Models, organized by The George Washington Environmental and Energy Law Program, Washington, D.C., (Jan. 2025) (webinar).

Panelist, The Human Right to Breathe Clean Air: A Comparative Regional Overview, Panel on [Climate Change Activism and International Litigation](#), Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco (Jan. 2025).

Panelist, La Oroya Community v. Peru: A Case Study in the Challenges of Protecting Environmental Human Rights in the Inter-American Human Rights System, Panel on [Bridging Human Rights and Environmental Protection: Challenges and Opportunities](#), The Crossroad of International Environmental Law Enforcement Symposium, co-hosted by the European Society of International Law (ESIL), Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, and gLAWcal, Barcelona, Spain (Dec. 2024).

Panelist, The Latest Developments on the Right to a Healthy Environment within the InterAmerican Human Rights System, [GW Environmental Law Fellows Panel](#), Organized by The George Washington Environmental and Energy Law Program, Washington, D.C. (Sept. 2024).

Presentation, Upgrading Environmental Rights within the InterAmerican Human Rights System: The Role of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, *Pace | Haub Environmental Law Program*, Eleventh Annual Future Environmental Law Professors Workshop (FELPW), Pace | Elisabeth Haub School of Law (Sept. 2024).

Moderator, [The Rights of Nature and the triple planetary crisis: Lessons learned from Ecuador](#), organized by The George Washington Environmental Law Program, Earth Law Center, and the Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights (July 2024) (webinar).

Speaker, Legal Jargon en Español: La Protección de los Derechos de los Pueblos Indígenas en el Derecho Internacional, Latin American Law Student Association (LALSA), Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C. (March 2022).

TRAINING COURSES

The Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights	Helsinki - Finland Diploma (2014)
The René Cassin Foundation - International Institute of Human Rights	Strasbourg, France Performance Certificate (2011)
International Center for University Human Rights Teaching (CiedhU)	Strasbourg, France Performance Certificate (2011)
Hague Academy of International Law	The Hague, Netherlands, Certificate of Participation (2010)
Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research: Advanced Professional Training on Human Rights in Times of Conflict	Cambridge, USA Certificate of Participation & Completion (2009)

MEDIA CONSULTATION

Legal commentator on Latin American law and criminal justice issues for:

- CNN
- CNN en Español
- HLN
- NTN24

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Attorney, Mario Linares Abogados, Lima, Peru, 1994 - 1999.

Practiced commercial law, contracts, with experience advising international investors and foreign companies operating in Peru on regulatory, contractual, and compliance issues.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Air Sovereignty, Lima, Peru, *Intern*, Sept. 1991 – August 1992.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Association of Law Schools (AALS) (2024–present)
Executive Committee Member, Section on Law in the Americas
(2024–present)
- International Law Association – American Branch (ABILA) (2016–present)
- American Society of International Law (ASIL) (2016–present)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Bar Association of Lima (Colegio de Abogados de Lima), Lima, Peru (inactive)
Member, the Executive Committee on Human Rights (1994-1997).

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native)
English (fluent)