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## ACADEMIC PROFILE

Alfredo dos Santos holds a PhD in International Public Law, specializing in International Migratory Law from the Comillas Pontifical University, in Madrid; he is a lecturer-tutor at University Institute of Studies on Migration of this same University; he is consultant in migration and asylum legislation and policies; he is a research member affiliated with CEDIS, Faculty of Law, NOVA University of Lisbon.

## EDUCATION AND COMPLEMENTARY TRAINING

### **Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid, Spain**

- ◆ *PhD in Public International Law*, specializing in *International Migratory Law*, September 2012  
Dissertation: “Forced Migrations: Issues and Challenges for the International Protection System in light of Responsibility to Protect”. Advisors: Prof. Dr. Cristina J. Gortázar Rotaèche and Prof. Dr. Nuno José Cardoso da Silva Piçarra
- ◆ *Advanced Studies Diploma (DEA) on Immigration Policy and European Community*, 2009  
Dissertation: “Internally Displaced People and Returnees: a Pending Issue in the International Protection of Refugees System”. Advisor: Professor Dr. Cristina Gortázar J. Rotaèche

### **Campus Stellae European Institute, Santiago de Compostela, Spain**

- ◆ *M.A in International Law & International Relations*, 2013  
Dissertation: “The Issue of "Environmentally Displaced People" in International Law: Challenges and Perspectives”. Advisor: Professor Roberto Rey Dios

### **Pontifical University of Salamanca, Spain**

- ◆ *Bachelor of Laws*, 2006

### **Agostinho Neto University, Luanda, Angola**

- ◆ *Diploma degree in Philosophy*, 1996

### **Institute of Studies on Conflicts and Humanitarian Action (IECAH), Madrid, Spain**

- ✓ Course “*Humanitarian Action: fundamentals, legal framework and actors*”, 2011

### **Institute of Woman and for Equality of Opportunities. Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality, Spain**

- ✓ Course “*Gender Equality and Opportunities: Practical Application in the Legal Field*”, 2015

**LANGUAGES:** Portuguese: native; Umbundu; native; Spanish, fluent; English, good; French: basic conversation, reading knowledge

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- \* General Public International Law
- \* Forced Migration
- \* Refugee Law
- \* Migration law and policies (global governance)
- \* Responsibility to Protect
- \* International development cooperation

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- ➔ Lecturer/tutor at University Institute of Studies on Migration, Comillas Pontifical University (since December 2015 to date)
- ➔ Research Fellow of CEDIS, Faculty of Law, Universidade Nova de Lisboa (since November 2015 up to now)
- ➔ Research Fellow of the Research Group "Jean Monnet Research Chair in International Human Rights Law, Immigration Law and Asylum Law", Pontifical Comillas University, Madrid (since February 2018)
- ➔ Visiting Fellow, Institute for European Global Studies, University of Basel, Switzerland (1 April-30 June 2017)
- ➔ Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies Koszeg (iASK), University of Pannonia, Hungary (1 September – 31 December 2016)

## RECENT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- "The EU and Poland and Hungary's rejection of refugees: where are European values?" Paper presented at Seminar "Proposals for the management of cultural and religious diversity in Europe in favour of integration", Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (Fuenlabrada Campus Assembly Hall), February 21, 2018.
- "Evaluar la protección de las personas desplazadas por el cambio climático con arreglo a la Convención de Kampala". Paper presented at The First Catalan Conference on Environmental Law, Tarragona 17-19 January 2018.
- "Más allá de la ausencia de guerra: construcción de la paz y el rol de la diáspora. El caso de Angola". Paper presented at International Conference on Communication, Conflicts and Social Change, Universitat Jaume I, Castellón, Spain, 18-19 December 2017.
- "Faz sentido distinguir entre 'imigrante' e 'refugiado'?". Paper presented at "Conference on Migration, Citizenship, Human Rights", Faculdade de Direito, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, 27-28 November 2017.
- "The plight of internally displaced people: challenges of responsibility to protect under the Kampala Convention". Paper presented at 22<sup>nd</sup> International Summer University, Kőszeg, Hungary, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017.
- "Assessing the protection of environmentally displaced persons under the Kampala Convention". Early-career Workshop "Environmental Displacement in 2017 – Current Protection Challenges", Sheffield (UK), 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

- “Hacia una agenda de gobernanza de las migraciones forzosas : posibilidades y espejismo”. III Conferencia Internacional de Sociología de las Políticas Públicas y sociales, Zaragoza, 1-2 junio, 2017.
- “Climate change and human mobility: what is at stake? An overview in light of the Paris Agreement (2015)”. Seminar organized by Prof. Dr. Teresa Pullano, at Institute for European Global Studies, Basel, 18 May 2017.
- “Uma agenda global de governabilidade das migrações forçadas”. 1.ª Conferência Internacional «Ética, Política e Cultura – Migrações», Lisboa, de 05-06 de Maio 2017.
- “Global governance of forced migration: implications for the EU”. Working Lunch Institute for European Global Studies, Basel, 12 April 2017.
- “Civilization or barbarism? A critical outlook on the EU’s normative and political framework on asylum and migration in light of Bratislava Declaration”. Conference, iASK, Hungary, November 14, 2016.
- “Refugees and other forced migrants: a new debate on R2P”. Workshop on migration, Polányi Centre, iASK, Hungary, November 2, 2016.
- “The Angolan migration issue: challenges of good governance. A reflection in light of the 2030 UN and the 2063 AU Agendas”. IX Congress of Portugal Sociology Association, University of Algarve, Portugal, July 6-8, 2016.
- “Global Governance of Forced Migration. The Role of the EU”. 21st International Summer University in Kőszeg. iASK, University of Pannonia, Hungary, June 19 - July 1, 2016.
- “Global governance and Global Law on forced migration in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”. International Conference on “Migration and Asylum; New Challenges and Opportunities for Europe”. University Institute of European Studies, San Pablo-CEU University, Madrid, Spain, April 21-23, 2016.
- “Refugees: old concepts, new realities. Synchronous and prospective reading of the 1969 OAU Convention in the light of the UN 2030 and AU 2063 Agendas”. Paper presented at Permanent Seminar Javier Esquerra, Jean Monnet Chair, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid, March 2, 2016.

#### **ASSOCIATIVE PARTICIPATION**

- Member of the *Spanish Association of Africanists*

#### **RECENT/CURRENT PROJECT PARTICIPATION**

- International Training on Jurisdictional Protection of Child Rights. Undertaken by Angolan National Institute of Judicial Studies (INEJ), UNICEF Angola and Comillas Pontifical University. Roles played: Secretary for academic coordination; panel chair; final report elaboration. From November 2015 to July 2016.
- “Study on the host system of refugees in Spain from the perspective of child rights”, undertaken by Comillas Pontifical University, November 2015 – June 2016, sponsored by UNICEF-Spain, amount of financial support: 8.000 Euros.
- “A Political and Legal Framework to Address Forced Migration in a Globalized World with Implications for the European Union”. Research project funded by the iASK and realized

in Hungary, September-December 2016.

- "Peace, Justice, Effective Institutions: a Path to Sustainable Development". Faculty of Law, NOVA University of Lisbon. Project funded by Camões Institute, since December 2017.

## PUBLICATIONS

*Migrantes forzosos: contextos y desafíos de "Responsabilidad de Proteger" en el siglo XXI (Forced Migrants. Contexts and Challenges of 'Responsibility to Protect' in the XXI Century)*, Madrid: Universidad Pontificia Comillas, 2015.

*La cuestión de los desplazados medioambientales en Derecho Internacional: desafíos y perspectivas (The Issue of Environmentally Displaced People in International Law: Challenges and Perspectives)*, Santiago de Compostela: Biblioteca Virtual del Instituto Europeo Campus Stellae, 2013.

“La ‘responsabilidad de proteger’ a las personas desplazadas internamente. Avances desde la Unión Africana: la Convención de Kampala” (“The 'Responsibility to Protect' the IDPs. Progress from the African Union: the Kampala Convention”), *Revista ICADE*, ISSN 1889-7045, ISSN-e 2341-0841, nº85 (2012), pp.129-152.

“El desafío global de la ‘responsabilidad de proteger’ a los desplazados medioambientales” (“The Global Challenge of 'Responsibility to Protect' Environmentally Displaced Persons”), in GILES CARNERO, Rosa (coord.), *Cambio climático, energía y derecho internacional: perspectivas de futuro*, Pamplona: Editorial Aranzadi, 2012, ISBN 978-84-9014-099-4, pp.237-255.

“El desvalimiento de los desplazados internos en el sistema internacional de protección de los refugiados” (“The Helplessness of IDPs in the International Refugee Protection System”), *Revista ICADE*, ISSN 1889-7045, ISSN-e 2341-0841, nº81 (2010), pp.167-190.

“A Political and Legal Framework to Address Forced Migration in a Globalized World with Implications for the European Union”. Working paper, iASK-Polányi Centre Publications, I.2017/WP03.

*Estudio sobre el Sistema de Acogida de personas refugiadas en España desde la perspectiva de derechos de infancia (Study on the host system of refugees in Spain from the perspective of child rights)*. Report, UNICEF Spain, September 2016. Available on line: <https://www.unicef.es/actualidad-documentacion/publicaciones/estudio-sobre-el-sistema-de-acogida-de-personas-refugiadas-en>.

“Hacia una agenda global de gobernanza de las migraciones forzosas: posibilidades y espejismo” (“Towards a global agenda for governance of forced migration: possibilities and mirage”), in SERRANO-SANZ, Adrian (coord.), *Políticas públicas y sociales: globalización, desigualdad y nuevas insurgencias*, Zaragoza: Universidad de Zaragoza, 2017, ISBN 978-84-16723-44-7, pp.27-42.

“Migración y desarrollo: el rol de la diáspora a la luz de la Agenda 2063 de la Unión Africana” (“Migration and development: the role of the Diaspora in the light of Agenda 2063 of the African Union”), *Revista MEYSS*, ISSN 2174-7504, nº130 (2017), pp.99-118.

“Governação e Direito global perante as migrações forçadas: o papel da União Europeia” (“Governance and Global Law in the face of forced migration. The role of the European Union”), *Themis: Revista de direito*, ISSN 2182-9438, Ano 18, Nº. 33 (2017), págs. 31-47.

"Protecting environmentally displaced persons under the Kampala Convention: a brief assessment" (forthcoming *Revista Catalana de Derecho Ambiental - RCDA* 2018)

"Assessing the protection of environmentally displaced persons under the Kampala Convention" (submitted to *Refugee Law Initiative-Working Paper Series*).