

# SILVIA SERRANO GUZMÁN

## EDUCATION

<b>SJD candidate</b> Georgetown University, USA.	Currently.
<b>Master in Legal Argumentation</b> University of Alicante, Spain	2014
<b>LL.M. in <i>International Legal Studies</i> – Certificate in International Human Rights Law</b> Georgetown University, USA	2013
<b>Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law</b> Washington College of Law - American University, USA Litigation and Activism Diploma International Humanitarian Law Diploma	2006
<b>Licenciatura en Derecho (JD equivalent), Honors</b> Autonomous University of Bucaramanga, Colombia.	2006

## WORK EXPERIENCE

▪ O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law Georgetown University, USA <b>Associate Director</b>	September 2019 – currently.
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Main responsibilities:

- Coordinate and manage the implementation of right to health and reproductive rights projects.
- Coordinate and manage the implementation of Rights to health and adequate food projects.
- Supervise and prepare academic documents and interventions in strategic judicial processes and in the adoption of legislation in various countries of the Americas, enhancing the dialogue between international human rights law, other areas of international law, and national law.
- Lead technical assistance projects to an array of state entities in the design of public policies and regulatory interventions, enhancing the dialogue between international human Rights law, other areas of international law and national law.
- Develop analysis and responses to the new human Rights challenges in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Support and articulate the work of relevant civil society organizations and academic partners.
- Design financing strategies for new projects and report to donors on the implementation of projects.

\*Team under supervision: 15–20 people.

▪ Georgetown University Law Center  
**Adjunct Professor of Law**

October 2020 –  
currently.

▪ Executive Secretariat of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights  
**Case Section Coordinator**  
**Court Group Coordinator**

July 2013 – August  
2019.

Main responsibilities:

- Supervise and review reports on merits.
- Coordinate the transitional period work.
- Legally support the Inter American Commission's decision-making on submitting cases to the Inter American Court of Human Rights.
- Manage the case portfolio.
- Plan and assign cases according to the Inter American Commission's criteria and priorities.
- Develop and implement strategies to overcome the case backlog.
- Coordinate the submission of cases and provisional measures to the Inter American Court.
- Offer legal advice to the Inter American Commission and lead the team in cases before the Inter American Court, including the written procedure and the public hearing.
- Prepare the hearings before the Inter American Court, accompanying the victims of the cases.
- Supervise the legal documentation before the Inter American Court on follow up of the compliance of decisions, provisional measures and advisory opinions.
- Coordinate the preparation of requests and interventions regarding advisory opinions of the Inter American Court.
- Support the Inter American Commission in its institutional relation with the Inter American Court.

\*Team under supervision, between 4 and 15 people, including law professionals, fellows, administrative staff and interns.

- Executive Secretariat of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights **Coordinator – Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child** January 2010 – January 2012.

Main responsibilities:

- Coordinate and supervise the Rapporteurship's thematic monitoring.
- Supervise the drafting of thematic reports.
- Organize and manage work visits to State parties.
- Coordinate the technical support to State parties.

\*Team under supervision: 3 people

- Executive Secretariat of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights **Human Rights Specialist – Court Group** February 2009 – July 2013.

Main responsibilities:

- Submit cases to the Inter American Court of Human Rights.
- Offer the Inter American Commission legal advice before the Inter American Court in the assigned cases, including the preparation of written presentations and participation in public hearings.
- Prepare the documents submitted to the Inter American Court on follow up of the compliance of decisions, provisional measures and advisory opinions.
- Support the Inter American Commission in its institutional relation with the Inter American Court.
- Design the implementation strategy of the regulatory change in the Inter American Court that modified the role of the Inter American Commission, and implement such strategy.
- Prepare the draft reports on the merits of the cases.

- Executive Secretariat of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights **Lawyer – Bolivia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Peru and Venezuela** August 2006 – January 2009.

Main responsibilities:

- Monitor the human Rights situation in each country.
- Prepare and participate in *in loco* and work visits.
- Prepare country reports.
- Prepare public hearings.
- Process and analyze petitions, cases and precautionary measures in all their stages.
- Prepare draft admissibility and merits reports, and amicable solutions.

- Executive Secretariat of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights **Legal Intern** January 2006 – June 2006.

- Centro por la Justicia y el Derecho Internacional – Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) **Legal Intern** July 2005 – December 2005.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### 1. Current positions

- **Externado University of Colombia**  
Professor, International Law Masters since 2021.
- **Georgetown University Law Center**  
Adjunct professor, JD program, “Comparative legal traditions” course since 2020.
- **University of Manizales, Colombia**  
Professor, Specialization Program since 2020.
- **Santo Tomas University, Colombia**  
Professor, Human Rights Masters since 2019.
- **University of Magdalena, Colombia**  
Professor, Masters in Human Rights Protection since 2018.

### 2. Further teaching experience

- **Federal Institute of the Judiciary, Mexico**  
Professor, course on “The use of the proportionality test in equality cases and social rights”, 2021.
- **International Human Rights Law Circle of Studies, Chile**  
Professor, course on “Rule of Law, Constitutionalism and International Human Rights Law”, 2021.
- **Inter American Court of Human Rights**  
Professor, course on “Legal procedure before the Inter American Court” for MERCOSUR Bar Association, 2021.  
  
Professor in Latin American Seeds Lab, “Bringing the youth closer to the Inter American Court of Human Rights” 2021.  
Professor, course on “Updates on Inter American Procedure Law and on the case law of the Inter American Court of Human Rights”, 2020.
- **Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro**  
Professor, course on “Global Health and Law” 2020.
- **Inter American Institute of Human Rights**  
Professor in several certificate courses between 2012-2021.
- **Centro de Estudios de Actualización en Derecho – Center for the Study of the Update of the Law (CEAD), Mexico**  
Professor, Masters in Constitutional Procedural Law.
- **University for Peace, United Nations /Costa Rica**  
Professor, specialization certificate on International Human Rights Law for Honduran Judges, Public Prosecutors, Public Defenders and judicial authorities.

- **Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos de la Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú – Pontifical Catholic University of Peru Institute for Democracy and Human Rights (IDEHPUCP)**  
Professor, International Specialization Course on “Standards of the Inter American Human Rights System”, 2016.
- **Instituto Colombiano de Derechos Humanos – Colombian Institute of Human Rights (ICDH)**  
Professor, International Specialization Course on Human Rights, 2016 - 2019.
- **Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Legal Research Institute, National Autonomous University of Mexico), jointly with the Inter American Commission on Human Rights**  
Professor in the Certificate Course on the Inter American Human Rights System – Héctor Fix-Zamudio course, 2015 - 2021.
- **American University – Washington College of Law, CEJIL – University of Texas, Inter American Institute of Human Rights and Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Center**  
Professor, course on “Inter American System for the Protection of Human Rights, several editions.
- **Participation during over 12 as human Rights trainer in numerous international human rights seminars, dialogues and workshops in several countries in the Americas**

### CONSULTANCIES

- **Executive Secretariat of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights (CIDH)**  
Drafting of the Transitional Justice Compendium.  
November-December 2020.
- **Due Process of Law Foundation (DPLF)**  
Legal edition of volume 23 of the Aportes/Contributions Review, on Achievements and Challenges of the Inter American Human Rights System, 2020 – 2021.
- **Member of the Group of Experts of the NeuroRights Initiative, co-organized by Columbia University, New York, the Pro Bono Network of the Americas and the Kamanau Foundation.**  
Joint drafting of the proposed “Declaration on Neuroscience, Neurotechnologies and Human Rights: New Legal Challenges for the Americas”, approved by the OAS Inter American Juridical Committee, 2021.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### 1. Book chapters and articles

- ***Derechos sexuales y reproductivos en el SIDH [Sexual and reproductive Rights in the Inter American Human Rights System]***. Consejo de la Judicatura Federal, Mexico (forthcoming).
- ***Commentary on the Rules of Procedure of the Inter American Court of Human Rights. Chapter III. The Oral Procedure***. Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Colombia (forthcoming).
- ***La objeción de conciencia en el derecho internacional de los derechos humanos [Conscientious objection in international human right law]***. Chapter in: *Objeción de conciencia, Colección, Derecho, Género y Sexualidad*, Universidad de los Andes Press, Colombia (forthcoming).
- ***The use of proportionality by the I-A Court in equality and non-discrimination cases***. Chapter in Oxford Press Book (forthcoming).
- ***Aportes desde el DIDH sobre el principio de igualdad y no discriminación y los DESC. [Contributions of international human Rights law to the equality and non-discrimination principles and ESCR]***. Chapter in: “Manual sobre protección judicial de los derechos económicos, sociales, culturales y ambientales”. (Christian Curtis, ed.). Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación, Mexico (2021)
- ***The implications of the principle of equality and non-discrimination on the rights of persons deprived of liberty in the Inter-American System***. Chapter co-authored with Flavia Piovesan in “Human Rights Behind Bars” (Clara Burbano Herrera and Yves Haeck, eds.), Ghent University Press (forthcoming).
- ***Apuntes sobre las técnicas de reproducción humana asistida en el derecho internacional de los derechos humanos [Notes on assisted reproduction technologies in international human rights law]***. Article co-authored with Patricio López for publication of the Centro de Ética y Políticas Públicas of the Diego Portales University, Chile (forthcoming).
- ***La lucha contra las enfermedades no transmisibles no puede esperar: La meta 3.4 de la Agenda 2030 [The fight against NCDs cannot wait: target 3.4 of the 2030 Agenda]***. Technical opinion in “Emergencia sanitaria por Covid-19, Agenda 2030”, Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (2021).
- ***Determinantes sociales de la salud e interdependencia de derechos en el contexto de Covid-19: Reflexiones sobre salud, vivienda, alimentación, trabajo y seguridad social [Social determinants of health and the interdependence of Rights in the context of Covid-19: Reflections on health, housing, food, work and social security]***. Chapter co-authored with Fernanda Rodríguez in “Los determinantes sociales de la salud. Más allá del derecho a la salud” (Carlos Lema Añón, ed), Editorial Dykinson, Spain (2021).
- ***DESC de las mujeres en la nueva Constitución: Luces desde el DIDH [Women’s ESCR in the new Constitution: lights from International Human Rights Law]***. Chapter co-authored with Maria Belén Saavedra, in “La Constitución feminista” (Florencia Pinto and Barbara Sepulveda, eds), LOM Ediciones, Chile (2021).
- ***Justiciabilidad del derecho a la salud [Justiciability of the right to health]***. Article in proceedings of the international seminar “Cómo debe incorporar una nueva constitución el derecho a la salud”. SyW. Chile (2021).
- ***Dos avances de la Corte IDH en 2020 sobre igualdad y no discriminación [Two steps forward by the Inter American Court of Human Rights on equality and non-discrimination in 2020]***. Article published in *Agenda Estado de Derecho*, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Colombia (2021).

- ***¿Margen de apreciación en el SIDH? [A margin of appreciation in the Inter American Human Rights System?]*** Article in Aportes. Revista de la Fundación para el Debido Proceso. Logros y desafíos del Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos. No. 23 (2021).
- ***Nueva estrategia de tramitación de casos en el Tribunal Europeo de Derechos Humanos [A new strategy for case managing in the European Court of Human Rights].*** Article in Aportes. Revista de la Fundación para el Debido Proceso. Logros y desafíos del Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos. No. 23 (2021).
- ***Criterios discriminatorios de priorización para acceder a una UCI en varias partes de Colombia [Discrimination in prioritization criteria for accessing Intensive Care Units in Colombia].*** Article co-authored with Natalia Acevedo, Ariadna Tovar and Juliana Bustamante, in *Ámbito Jurídico*, Colombia (2021).
- ***Anotaciones sobre igualdad y no discriminación en el marco de la pandemia [Notes on Equality and Non-discrimination in the context of the pandemic].*** Article in *Revista Judicial del Tribunal Superior del Distrito Judicial de Santa Marta*, Colombia (2021).
- ***Action on the prevention of unhealthy diets is crucial for global health.*** Article co-authored with Andres Constantin, Oscar Cabrera, Belen Rios, Isabel Barbosa, Ariadna Tovar and Margherita Cina, in *Globalization and Health Journal* (2021).
- ***¿Por qué y para qué la CIDH en Colombia? [Why should the Inter American Commission on Human Rights take action in Colombia?]*** Article in *Justicia en las Américas*. El Blog de la Fundación para el Debido Proceso (2021).
- ***La adjudicación de casos de igualdad y no discriminación por la Corte IDH: Avances y retos pendientes [The adjudication of equality and non-discrimination cases by the Inter American Court of Human Rights: steps forward and pending challenges].*** Chapter in: “Discriminación, Piezas para Armar” (Ana María Ibarra, ed.), Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación – Centro de Estudios Constitucionales de la SCJN. Mexico (2021).
- ***Derecho a la salud en la nueva Constitución [The right to health in the new Constitution].*** Article co-authored with Oscar Cabrera, Rebecca Reingold, Belén Saavedra and Patricio López. Published by the Human Rights Center of the Diego Portales University, Chile (2021).
- ***Una mirada crítica al análisis de desaparición forzada en la sentencia del caso Arrom Suhurt y otros vs. Paraguay [A critical view of the enforced disappearance analysis in the Arrom Suhurt and others v. Paraguay decision].*** Chapter co-authored with Paula Rangel, published in “Desaparición forzada en el Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos. Balance, impacto y desafíos” (Ibáñez Rivas, Juana María, Flores Pantoja, Rogelio and Padilla Cordero, Jorge, eds), Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos – Instituto de Estudios Constitucionales del Estado de Querétaro, Mexico (2020).
- ***Discriminación e interseccionalidad en el contexto de Covid-19 [Discrimination and intersectionality in the context of Covid-19].*** Chapter in “Covid-19 y derechos humanos: la pandemia de la desigualdad” (Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, ed.), Biblos, Argentina (2020).
- ***Sobre la obligación de prevenir y anticipar el racionamiento de la terapia intensiva en el contexto de COVID-19 y los riesgos de discriminación [On the duty to prevent and anticipate the rationing of intensive care in the context of COVID-19 and the risks of discrimination].*** Article in *Revista Derecho del Estado blog*, Externado University of Colombia (2020).

- ***Rationing critical care in the context of Covid-19***, article in O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law. Georgetown University. Blog (2020)
- ***Etiquetado Frontal de Advertencia en Productos Comestibles. Front of package labelling in food products. Materialización de obligaciones de los Estados en Derechos Humanos [Front-of-package labelling in food products. Concretization of State human Rights obligations]***. Publication in co-authorship with Ariadna Tovar Ramírez, Belén Ríos, Isabel Barbosa, María de Jesús Medina Arellano, Rodrigo Gutiérrez Rivas and Oscar Cabrera, Global Center for Legal Innovation on Food Environments-Autonomous University of Mexico-O’Neill Institute. Mexico (2020).
- ***Comentarios sobre el giro jurisprudencial de la Corte Interamericana en materia de justiciabilidad de los derechos económicos, sociales, culturales y ambientales a la luz de seis sentencias emitidas entre 2017 y 2019 [Comments on the jurisprudential change of the Inter American Court of Human Rights on the justiciability of economic, social cultural and environmental rights in light of six decisions adopted between 2017 and 2019]***. Chapter in “Interamericanización de los DESCAs. El caso Cuscul Pivaral de la Corte IDH”, Max Planck Institute, Instituto de Estudios Constitucionales del Estado de Querétaro - Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico (2020).
- ***Commentary of the judgment of the I-A Court in the case Cuscul Pivaral and others v. Guatemala***. In International Human Rights Reports. Human Rights Center. University of Nottingham (2020).
- ***Commentary of the judgment of the I-A Court in the case Poblete Vilches and others v. Chile***. In International Human Rights Reports. Human Rights Center. University of Nottingham (2020).
- ***Commentary of the judgment of the I-A Court in the case Lagos del Campo v. Peru***. In International Human Rights Reports. Human Rights Center. University of Nottingham (2020).
- ***Commentary of the merits report of the I-A Commission in the case Russell Bucklew v. United States***. In International Human Rights Reports. Human Rights Center. University of Nottingham (2020).
- ***El principio de igualdad y no discriminación: Análisis de concepciones y metodologías a partir de casos [The equality and non-discrimination principles. Analysis of conceptions and methodologies on the basis of cases]***. Chapter in Anuario de Derecho Constitucional Latinoamericano, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Colombia (2019).
- ***La potestad sancionatoria no penal del Estado contra funcionarios públicos a la luz de la Convención Americana sobre Derechos Humanos [Non-criminal State sanctioning Powers against public servants in light of the American Convention on Human Rights]***. Chapter in “Derecho convencional y potestad disciplinaria. Instrumentos efectivos contra la corrupción en Colombia”. Procuraduría General de la Nación, Colombia (2019).
- ***Reflexiones iniciales sobre la justiciabilidad de los DESCAs en la jurisprudencia de la Corte IDH a la luz de las cinco sentencias emitidas en 2017 y 2018 [Initial reflections on the justiciability of economic, social, cultural and environmental rights in the jurisprudence of the Inter American Court of Human Rights in light of five decisions adopted in 2017 and 2018]***. Chapter in “Constitucionalismo transformador, inclusão e direitos sociais”, Editora Jus Podivm. Brazil (2019).
- ***El Mundo Indígena [The Indigenous World]***. IWGIA. Global report on indigenous peoples’ Rights. Section on Inter American Human Rights System. 2014 and 2015 editions



- ***La Convención Americana sobre Derechos Humanos. Análisis General [The American Convention on Human Rights. General Analysis]***. Booklet co-authored with Karla Quintana, Inter American Human Rights System Collection, Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos (CNDH), Mexico (2013).
- ***El Concepto de Control de Convencionalidad en la Jurisprudencia de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos [The concept of conventionality review in the jurisprudence of the Inter American Court of Human Rights]***. Booklet, Inter American Human Rights System Collection, Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos (CNDH), Mexico (2013).
- ***La política de envío de casos a la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos por la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos [The Inter American Commission on Human Rights' policy to submit cases to the Inter American Court]***. In *Revista del Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos*, vol. 56 (2012).
- ***Una visión general de los derechos de las personas con orientación sexual diversa desde el Derecho Internacional de Derechos Humanos [A general view about the human rights of persons with a different sexual orientation in International Human Rights Law]***. Chapter in “O Sistema Interamericano de Proteção dos Direitos Humanos”. Del Rey Editores, Brazil (2007).

## 2. Op-eds, interviews and forewords

- ***Los debates sobre imparcialidad en los casos de aborto y qué esperar de nuestras cortes [The debated on impartiality in the abortion cases: what to expect from our courts]***. Op-ed in *Razón Pública*. Colombia (2022).
- ***El caso de la Unión Patriótica ante la Corte IDH [The Union Patriótica case before the Inter American Court of Human Rights]***. Op-ed in *Razón Pública*. Colombia (2021).
- ***Acceso equitativo a las vacunas: Los retos para Latinoamérica [Equitable Access to vaccines: challenges for Latin America]***. Interview in *Agenda Estado de Derecho*, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Colombia (2021).
- ***La criminalización del aborto en el derecho internacional de los derechos humanos [The criminalization of abortion in International Human Rights Law]***. Interview in *El Tiempo*, within the debate on “Gran Conversación sobre la Eliminación del Delito de Aborto” (2021).
- ***¿Desconocimiento o rebeldía? La muerte de Dilan Cruz debe ser investigada por la justicia ordinaria [Ignorance or rebellion: The death of Dilan Cruz should be investigated by the ordinary courts]***. Op-ed in *El Espectador*. Colombia (2020).
- ***El caso Petro: entre la distorsión y el alarmismo [The Petro case: between distortion and alarmism]***. Op-ed in *El Espectador*. Colombia (2020).
- ***Prólogo [Foreword]***, in “¿Son vinculantes las opiniones consultivas de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos?: Una propuesta de reforma para un problema de antaño”, Carlos Zelada, Promsex, Peru (2020).

## 3. Academic contributions for human rights moot court competitions

- Co-author of hypothetical case for International Human Rights Moot Court (2021). Universidad

Libre de Colombia and other institutions. Co-authored with Luis Buob. *Theme: Social security and basic income in the context of the pandemic.*

- Co-author of hypothetical case for Human Rights Moot Court (2017). Instituto Colombiano de Derechos Humanos. Co-authored with Paulina Corominas and Andrés Pizarro. *Theme: School harassment and gender identity.*
- Author of hypothetical case for Yachay International Human Rights Moot Court (2016). Instituto para la Democracia y Derechos Humanos de la Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú. *Theme: Indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation and initial contact.*
- Co-author of hypothetical case for Sergio García Ramírez Human Rights Moot Court (2015). Co-authored with Jorge Meza and María Alejandra Cárdenas. Universidad Autónoma de México. *Theme: Conscientious objection and reproductive rights.*
- Co-author of hypothetical case and bench memorandum for Inter American Human Rights moot Court Competition (2013), Washington College of Law. Co-authored with Víctor Madrigal-Borloz. *Theme: Same-sex marriage.*

### LANGUAGES

	<i>Written:</i>	<i>Oral:</i>	<i>Reading and oral comprehension:</i>
<i>Spanish</i>	Native	Native	Native
<i>English</i>	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
<i>Portuguese</i>	Intermediate	Intermediate	Advanced