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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Legal Expert and Consultant, Jan 2018 – Present.

- Consulting and legal services in: Public International Law; International Environmental and Natural Resources Law; International Water Law, Policy, Governance and Management; Water Diplomacy.
- Providing services in: Negotiation; International Litigation; Advocacy; Legal and Policy Analysis; Legal Drafting; Conflict Prevention and Resolution; Capacity-Building and Training; Stakeholder Engagement.
- Providing services in English, French and Spanish.

Legal Adviser to the Republic of Chile, *Dispute over the Status and Use of the Waters of the Silala (Chile v. Bolivia)*, International Court of Justice, Aug 2018 – Dec 2022.

Adjunct Professor, University of the Pacific – McGeorge School of Law, Aug 2019 – Dec 2021.

- Developed and taught classes to graduate and international students in the in-person and online programs.
 - International Water Resources Law;
 - LLM Legal Research, Writing and Analysis course.

Senior Project Officer, UNESCO – International Hydrological Programme (IHP) – Groundwater Systems and Human Settlements Section & Hydrological Systems and Water Scarcity Section (Paris, France), Oct 2016 – Dec 2017.

- Coordination of the Project Preparation Grant (PPG) of the UNDP-GEF Full-Sized Project “Enabling implementation of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the rational and equitable management of the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer System (NSAS)”, including its component on legal, policy and institutional reforms at the national and regional levels (Chad, Egypt, Libya, Sudan).
- Trainer and developer of Water Diplomacy trainings for the SDC GGRETA transboundary aquifer Ocotepeque-Citalá (El Salvador, Honduras) project for 1) local authorities and stakeholders and 2) journalists. Development of training material and conducting training in Spanish.
- Provide advice on and contribute to the IHP activities related to Water Diplomacy and Transboundary Waters (e.g. new IHP strategy).
- Contribute to the preparation of transboundary aquifers governance and management project phases and activities (UNDP-GEF) and other extra-budgetary project proposals (SDC Central Asia, DEVCO Central Asia and Africa).
- Contribute with legal analysis to the monitoring of SDG 6.5.2. on transboundary water cooperation.

Project Officer, Collaborative Programme Euphrates and Tigris (CPET) – International Centre for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA) (Dubai, United Arab Emirates), April 2015 - April 2016.

- Support ICBA’s Chief of section/Project Lead in managing a 5 million USD SIDA-funded water cooperation project on the Euphrates and Tigris:
 - Plan, implement, monitor the programme, risks and results. Assess project’s overall process, identify mitigation options to emerging issues. Strategic planning. Supervise progress of task forces (water quality, hydrology, ecosystems and marshlands, economic and social, agricultural water productivity).

- Provide technical expertise and guidance, contribute to research, workshops and meetings in regional cooperation, legal frameworks, transboundary water management. Develop a trust-building, cooperation-enhancing workshop proposal.
- Manage overall budget, mid-term review preparation, annual report, timelines, consultants/internal staff; monitor partners' reporting, agreements and budgets; prepare/review project documentation, drafting of Terms of Reference.
- Co-ordinate meetings. Support meetings facilitation and chairing.
- Liaise with operational team, partner organisations and country representatives.

International Consultant in Transboundary Water Management, International Water Law, Water Diplomacy, UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (UNESCO-IHP) – Division of Water Sciences (Paris, France), Feb 2009 – March 2015.

- **Groundwater Systems and Human Settlements Section, Jan – March 2015.**
 - Contribute to the Section's activities on international water law and transboundary aquifers management e.g. GEF-funded projects proposals, workshops, capacity-building activities and transboundary cooperation mechanisms components; UNESCO water centre and chair proposals; participate in the 7th World Water Forum Ministerial Declaration negotiations.
- **International Hydrological Programme (IHP), May – June 2013.**
 - Support the set up of a UNESCO-IHP Water for Peace in Africa activity on water science cooperation in the Nile basin: finalise the draft resource mobilisation strategy and framework for a scientific cooperation workshop.
- **From Potential Conflict to Cooperation Potential (PCCP) Programme, Feb 2009 – April 2013 -**
Support the PCCP Coordinator in the planning, implementation, management of the Programme:
 - Design, planning, coordination of PCCP/UNESCO/UN-Water activities, e.g. tailored global and regional capacity-building activities, workshops, case studies, multi-stakeholder outreach events on transboundary waters (e.g. World Water Day 2013, 6th World Water Forum, 5th World Water Forum).
 - Draft, report, edit – PCCP case studies and glossary, contribution to the 4th World Water Development Report, UN-Water transboundary waters task force material, PCCP outreach material on transboundary water cooperation, international water law, conflict resolution, water diplomacy, right to water (Outcomes of 2009 International experts meeting on the right to water), UNESCO action plans and final reports, speeches, letters. Contribute to website, newsletters, WaterWiki.
 - Support Member States in the development of their transboundary water cooperation activities and proposals.
 - Represent UNESCO in e.g. 6th World Water Forum's Ministerial Declaration negotiations and Thematic preparatory process, conferences, workshops, interview (UN Radio 2013).
 - Contribute to UNESCO's end of biennium reporting (budget and implementation status); supervise consultants, internal staff, interns; draft contracts.

Internship, UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (UNESCO-IHP) – Division of Water Sciences – From Potential Conflict to Cooperation Potential (PCCP) Programme (Paris, France), July 2008 – Jan 2009.

Internship, French Development Agency (AFD) – Environment and Natural Resources Division (Paris, France), Jan – July 2007.

- Create the Legal toolkit of the newly established Environmental and Social Support Unit (CAES), research and collect environmental and social regulations of AFD's priority countries and set up of toolkit, participation in pre-financing project risks evaluation meetings. Mission to World Bank for development banks' meeting on environmental and social responsibility guidelines and best practices.

EDUCATION

J.S.D. (Doctorate in law) Candidate in International Water Resources Law, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, Jan 2019 – Present.

- On ***Compliance and compliance mechanisms in international water law***.
- Under the supervision of Distinguished Professor of International Law Stephen C. McCaffrey, former Special Rapporteur for the International Law Commission's work on “The Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses” (1985-1991), former Chair of the International Law Commission.

LL.M. in US Law and Policy, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (Sacramento, USA), 2018.

- Studied International Water Resources Law under Professor Stephen C. McCaffrey.

LL.M., University College London (UCL) (London, UK), 2014.

- Dissertation: ***Continental Shelf Aquifers in International Law: (in-between) Law of the Sea, Energy Law, and Water Law***, under Professor of Public International Law Mărtiș Păpărică, member of the International Law Commission and former Chair of its Drafting Committee.
 - Research presented at ‘Water SDGs and future water management’ Symposium, BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities/UCL Grand Challenge Symposia series, London, UK, Nov 2016.
 - Selected for the Disruptive Innovation Festival organized by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, Nov 2016.
 - Research presented at the IWRA XVI World Water Congress, Cancún, Mexico, 1 June 2017.

Master’s Degree in International and Comparative Environmental Law, CRIDEAU, Limoges University (Limoges, France), 2009, distance learning.

- Dissertation: *The International Law of Transboundary Groundwater Resources*.

Master 1 of Law in International Law, Pantheon-Assas University Paris II (Paris, France), 2006.

Licence en Droit (LL.B. equivalent) in Public Law, Pantheon-Assas University Paris II (Paris, France), 2005.

PUBLICATIONS

Zahra Amirzada, Irina Pavlova, Marguerite de Chaisemartin et al, ***Reducing hydro-meteorological risks through Nature-based Solutions: A comprehensive review of enabling policy frameworks in the European Union*** (2023) 4 Nature-Based Solutions, DOI: <<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nbsj.2023.100097>>.

Richard K. Paisley, Riley T. Denoon & Marguerite de Chaisemartin, “**International river basin organizations and benefit sharing arrangements in the Columbia and Senegal international river basins: Past, present, and future**”, in Anoulak Kittikhoun & Susanne Schmeier, eds, *River Basin Organizations in Water Diplomacy* (Routledge, 2020).

Riley T. Denoon, Richard K. Paisley, Marguerite de Chaisemartin & Taylor W. Henshaw, “**Engaging non-state actors in the negotiation and implementation of international watercourse agreements: experiences and lessons learned from Canada**” (2020) 45 Water International, Power in Water Diplomacy 4, DOI: <doi.org/10.1080/02508060.2020.1734757>.

Marguerite de Chaisemartin, “**Measuring Transboundary Water Cooperation within the Framework of Agenda 2030: A Proposal for a Revision of SDG Indicator 6.5.2**” (2020) 45 *Water International* 1, DOI: <doi.org/10.1080/02508060.2019.1708659>.

Marguerite de Chaisemartin, “**Measuring Transboundary Water Cooperation within the Framework of Agenda 2030: A Proposal for a Revision of SDG Indicator 6.5.2**” (2018), online: SSRN <ssrn.com/abstract=3184575> [dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3184575].

Marguerite de Chaisemartin, Robert G. Varady, Sharon B. Megdal, Kirstin I. Conti, Jac van der Gun, Andrea Merla, Geert-Jan Nijsten & Friedemann Scheibler, “**Addressing the Groundwater Governance Challenge, A call from the ‘Groundwater Governance: A Global Framework for Action’ Project**”, in Eiman Karar, ed, *Freshwater Governance for the 21st Century* (Springer, 2017), DOI: <doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-43350-9_11>.

Marguerite de Chaisemartin & Léna Salamé, “**L’hydrodiplomatie: une volonté politique, un échange scientifique, et un perpétuel dialogue**”, *Diplomatie*, Les grands dossiers n°15 (June-July 2013) 84.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

- Reports, Water-related Symposia series, Netherlands National Committee IHP/HWRP and National Commission for UNESCO:
 - Marguerite de Chaisemartin, Karin Thomas, Sophie Primot & Michael van der Valk, “**Water allocation and green growth - Summary of the meeting**”, *Green Growth and Water Allocation, Workshop Papers, Wageningen, The Netherlands, 22-23 November 2012* (2013), https://www.hydrology.nl/images/docs/ihp/nl/2012.11.2223_Wageningen/Green_growth_and_water_allocation.pdf.
 - Karin Thomas, Marguerite de Chaisemartin & Michael van der Valk, “**Climate change, conflict and migration: the water context – Conference summary**”, *Climate Change, Water Stress, Conflict and Migration, Conference Papers, The Hague, The Netherlands, 21 September 2011* (2012), https://www.hydrology.nl/images/docs/ihp/nl/2011.09.21/Climate_change_water_conflict_migration.pdf.
 - Marguerite de Chaisemartin, Charlotte Herman & Michael van der Valk, “**The right to water and water rights in a changing world**”, *The Right to Water and Water Rights in a Changing World, Colloquium Papers, Delft, The Netherlands, 22 September 2010* (2011), https://www.hydrology.nl/images/docs/ihp/nl/21_Sep_2010/2011.10_The_right_to_water_and_water_rights.pdf.
- Peer reviewer, Taylor & Francis, *Water International*, 2021.

CONFERENCES, TRAININGS, LECTURES AND MEDIA FEATURES

- **Featured in *Traité du fleuve Columbia: Trump peut-il jouer les trouble-fête?***, CBC/Radio-Canada, 17 January 2025, <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/2133346/politique-eau-accord-trump-energie> (in French).

- **Speaker**, Webinar, *L'eau dans l'Agenda 2030: État des Lieux et Défis de Mise en Œuvre*, University of Geneva Platform for International Water Law & Geneva Water Hub, within the framework of the distance-learning course on “Le Droit International de l'Eau Douce”, via Zoom to Geneva, Switzerland, 17 June 2022.
 - Presented on “*La Coopération Transfrontière dans l'ODD 6*” (in French).
- **Guest Lecturer**, International Water Resources Law Seminar, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, via Zoom to Sacramento, United States, 29 March 2022.
 - Lectured on the Mekong River basin and the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer System for a class of students in an upper year seminar class.
- **Trainer**, Water Diplomacy trainings, Governance of Groundwater Resources in Transboundary Aquifers (GGRETA) Project, Ocotepeque-Citalá Case study (El Salvador-Honduras), UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (UNESCO-IHP) & Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), San Ignacio, El Salvador, 6-7 Dec 2017.
 - Conducted trainings (in Spanish) for 1) local authorities and stakeholders and 2) journalists.
 - Designed and co-developed the training material (in Spanish) for the two Water Diplomacy trainings.
- **Speaker**, *Integrated and Sustainable Management of Non-Nile Water in Sudan* Conference, UN Environment, European Union, Ministry of Water Resources Irrigation and Electricity of Sudan & Sudan UNESCO Chair in Water Resources (IWRM-Net-SD), Khartoum, Sudan, 21-23 Nov 2017.
 - Presented on “*Groundwater governance in a federal system*”.
- **Speaker**, Seminar, *Groundwater and transboundary waters*, to representatives of the Government of Afghanistan, via WebEx to Kabul, Afghanistan, 31 July 2017.
 - Presented on “*Transboundary Aquifer Cooperative Mechanisms*”.
- **Speaker**, Training seminar for Central Asia and Afghanistan on *Institutional Mechanisms of Transboundary Water Cooperation*, United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA) & Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), Almaty, Kazakhstan, 17-18 July 2017.
 - Presented on “*Transboundary Aquifer Management Institutions*”.
- **Session Co-convenor and Panelist**, Special Session, *Offshore Aquifers – Why Should We Care?*, UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (UNESCO-IHP) & University of Strathclyde, IWRA XVI World Water Congress, Cancún, Mexico, 1 June 2017.
 - Presented on “*Offshore Aquifers, Why Should We Care? A legal perspective*”.
- **Opening Speaker**, Special Session, *Training in Hydro-diplomacy: Legal and Institutional Aspects of Water Resources Governance – From the International to the Domestic Perspective*, International Association for Water Law (AIDA) & UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (UNESCO-IHP), IWRA XVI World Water Congress, Cancún, Mexico, 1 June 2017.
- **Session Convener and Panelist**, Special Session, *The Draft Articles on the Law of Transboundary Aquifers – Moving forward until the next UN General Assembly session*, UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (UNESCO-IHP), International Association for Water Law (AIDA) & International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) Commission on Transboundary Aquifers, IWRA XVI World Water Congress, Cancún, Mexico, 31 May 2017.
 - Presented on “*The 2008 Draft Articles & Transboundary aquifer cooperative frameworks*”.

- **Speaker**, *Regional Training on Hydrodiplomacy and Negotiation Skills for IGAD Water Resources Protocol Negotiation Members*, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), via Knovio to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 27-28 Feb 2017.
 - Presented on “*International Water Law and the Law of Transboundary Aquifers*”.
- **Speaker**, Symposium, *Water SDGs and future water management*, UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources (UCL ISR), BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities/UCL Grand Challenge symposia series, London, United Kingdom, 8-9 Nov 2016.
 - Presented on “*Continental Shelf Aquifers in International Law: (In-between) Law of the Sea, Energy Law and Water Law*”.
- **Chair and Legal Expert**, *National workshop on frameworks for transboundary water cooperation: Focus on the UNECE Water Convention*, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Ministry of Water and Irrigation of Jordan, UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (UNESCO-IHP) & Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean (GWP-Med), Amman, Jordan, 10 March 2015.
 - Presented on “*Fostering cooperation on transboundary aquifer resources: 2008 draft Articles on the Law of Transboundary Aquifers and Model Provisions on Transboundary Groundwaters*”.
- **Panel Member**, Roundtable, *L’eau, source de conflits ou ressource partagée ? Conflits transfrontaliers et gestion de l’eau*, Les Eaux et Les Hommes & Centre Permanent d'Initiative pour l'Environnement (CPIE) Nancy Champenoux, Champenoux, France, 23 Nov 2010 (in French).

TRAININGS ATTENDED

Negotiation/Mediation Skills/Conflict management

- Conflict-sensitive approaches in humanitarian assistance and development projects, Synergies Coopération, e-learning course, 7 Nov – 23 Dec 2016.
- Mediation skills, UNITAR, e-learning course, 21 Sept – 18 Oct 2015.
- Leadership and Management, UCL, training, London, UK, June 2014.
- Negotiation and Mediation for Water Conflict Management II, Designing and Implementing Conflict Resolution Processes (Transformation and Spirituality), UNESCO PCCP-IHE, short course, external candidate, Delft, The Netherlands, 11 – 15 March 2013.
- Enhancing Negotiation Skills in the Resolution of National and International Resources Disputes with a Focus on Water Resources, UNESCO PCCP-IHE high-level training seminar, external candidate, Delft, The Netherlands, 21 – 23 Oct 2008.

International Water Law

- The Law of Transboundary Aquifers, UNITAR - University of Geneva, e-learning courses, 3 – 23 Dec 2014
- International Water Law, UNITAR - University of Geneva, e-learning courses, 4 Feb – 1 March 2013.

Water Resources Management

- IAWRM Integrated and Adaptive Water Resources Planning, Management and Governance, McGill University, online course, 1 Oct – 30 Nov 2015.

- Irrigation: An Introduction to Policies and Practices in the Context of International Development, ICID Irrigation and Water Forum, short course, London, UK, 16 – 17 Oct 2014.
- Integrated Transboundary Groundwater Management – Tools and Methods, UNESCO ISARM, pilot course, Paris, France, 9 – 10 Dec 2010.
- The diversity of Forest Ecosystems explained by the Soil Water Availability: Management and Diagnosis, CNIEFEB-CRPF (French regional forestry syndicate), professional training, Allier, France, 30 – 31 March 2010.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & OTHERS

- **Member of the Canadian Council on International Law (CCIL), 2025 – Present.**
- **Roster of Experts ‘Environment’, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), 2023 – Present.**
- **Member and Board Member (2023 – Present) of ILA-Canada (International Law Association, Canadian branch), 2021 – Present.**
- **Member and AIDA representative to the UNECE Water Convention (2024 – present), International Association for Water Law (AIDA), 2009 – Present.**
- **Member of the European Society of International Law (ESIL), 2023 – Present.**
- **Member of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), 2020 – Present.**
- **Member of the International Water Resources Association (IWRA), 2017 – Present.**
- **Member of the University College London (UCL) Water Group, 2016 – Present.**

LANGUAGES

French (native)

English (fluent)

Spanish (working proficiency)

German (limited working proficiency)