

Óscar Fernández Fernández

WORKING EXPERIENCE

October 2021 – present: Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona (Spain).

Predoctoral fellow

- Researcher at the [ENGAGE](#) 2020 project.
- Professor of International Relations theory.

February 2017 – October 2021: EsadeGeo Center for Global Economy and Geopolitics, Madrid/Barcelona (Spain).

Senior Researcher (July 2019 – present time) ◀ Research Assistant (February 2017 – July 2019)

- Speechwriter to Dr Javier Solana, President of EsadeGeo, former EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy, and former Secretary General of NATO.
- Coordinator of the course “Global Governance in the 21st Century” at the Esade MBA.
- Lead researcher and project manager on digital affairs. Contributor to H2020 projects (e.g. ENGAGE).

January 2015 – February 2017: World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Europe: WHO Barcelona Office for Health Systems Strengthening, Barcelona (Spain).

Junior Researcher (September 2015 – February 2017) ◀ Intern (January 2015 – April 2015)

- Writing academic papers, policy notes and good practice briefs, and analysing health financing data.
- Preparation and on-site organization of training courses and expert consultations.

October 2013 – December 2013: Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG), Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

Research Intern

- Writing and editing memoranda, reports and papers on constitutional reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Conducting expert interviews and analysing public opinion data.

May 2011 – July 2011: Consulate General of Spain in Toronto (Canada).

Intern

- Administrative support.

EDUCATION

October 2021 – present: PhD in Politics, Policies and International Relations, Autonomous University of Barcelona (Spain).

September 2014 – May 2016: Master's in Internationalization: Economic, Commercial, Legal and Political Aspects; School of Business and Economics, University of Barcelona (Spain).

Grade: 9.5/10 – Extraordinary Award

Final dissertation (perfect grade): “Beyond the Borders. Yugoslavia and its Successor States: The Scene of a Civilizational Fracture?” (In Spanish).

October 2012 – July 2013: Master's in Advanced European and International Studies; Centre International de Formation Européenne; academic periods in Istanbul (Turkey), Nice (France) and Berlin (Germany).

Grade: A – Summa Cum Laude

Final dissertation: “The Democratic Deficit of the European Union.”

September 2007 – April 2012: Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Public Administration; Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona (Spain).
Academic exchange at the University of Toronto (Canada) from January 2011 to April 2011.

Summer universities

August 2017: LSE-PKU Summer University; Opening the Black Box: Understanding Chinese Foreign Policy Making; Peking University, Beijing (China).
Grade: A

August 2014 – September 2014: Summer University in Federalism, Decentralization and Conflict Resolution; Institute of Federalism, University of Fribourg (Switzerland).
Grade: Excellent – Summa Cum Laude
Research essay (perfect grade): “Reforming the Spanish Senate: A Federalist Proposal.”

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native • Catalan: Native • English: Proficient • French: Basic

IT SKILLS

Advanced user of Windows and Mac; “Microsoft Office Specialist” in Word and Excel; adept user of the rest of Microsoft Office programmes and SPSS; acquainted with social media and Wordpress.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Yerramili, Pooya, Óscar Fernández, and Sarah Thompson. “Financial Protection in Europe: A Systematic Review of the Literature and Mapping of Data Availability.” *Health Policy* 122, no. 5 (May 2018): 493-508. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthpol.2018.02.006>
- “Más Allá de las Fronteras. Yugoslavia y sus Estados Sucesores: ¿El Escenario de Una Fractura Civilizatoria?” *Universitat de Barcelona* (2016). <http://hdl.handle.net/2445/101829>
- “Reforming the Spanish Senate: A Federalist Proposal.” *Institute of Federalism of the University of Fribourg*, Working Paper Online No. 1 (2015). https://www.unifr.ch/federalism/en/assets/public/files/Working%20Paper%20online/01_WP_O_Oscar%20Fernandez.pdf
- Bassuener, Kurt, Óscar Fernández, and Valery Perry. “Making the Market on Constitutional Reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Wake of the EU Initiative.” *Democratization Policy Council*, Policy Briefs (2015). <http://www.democratizationpolicy.org/book/making-the-market-on-constitutional-reform-in-bih-in-the-wake-of-the-eu-initiative/>
- *The Democratic Deficit of the European Union*. Saarbrücken: LAP Lambert Academic Publishing, 2013.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS / MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

- Contributor to [El País](#), [Project Syndicate](#), [El Confidencial](#), [Letras Libres](#), [Agenda Pública](#), [esglobal](#), and [United Explanations](#).
- International affairs analyst in press (e.g. [La Razón](#)), TV (e.g. [La Sexta](#)), and radio (e.g. COPE).