

## **Ramon TORRENT (CV until 2008)**

### Languages

- Fluent in the three WTO official languages: English, French and Spanish.
- Other languages:
  - o Catalan, fluent.
  - o Portuguese and Italian, good oral and written comprehension.

### Academic Formation

- Diploma en Droit du Travail Comparé, École Internationale de Droit du Travail Comparé, Strasbourg – Trieste, 1968.
- Licenciado en Derecho (Bachelor/Master in Laws), Universidad de Barcelona (1970).
- Diploma in Sociology, University of Reading, UK (1971).
- M. Phil courses and research in Sociology, University of Reading, UK (1971-72 and 1972-73).
- Doctor en Derecho (LL. D.), Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, (1973).

### Honours

- Encomienda de la Orden de Isabel la Católica

### Current professional situation

- Catedrático (Professor) of Political Economy and International Economic Law at the School of Law of the University of Barcelona (“UB”).
- Director of the International Chair WTO/Regional Integration (UB and Universidad Autónoma de Madrid). The precedent of this International Chair is the WTO Law Chair, first Chair ever created by an agreement between the WTO and a University (2002).
- Coordinator of the participation of the University of Barcelona in the Virtual Institute, UNCTAD.
- Director of the Master of Laws in International Economic Law and Policy (LL. M. IELPO, [www.ielpo.org](http://www.ielpo.org)).
- Co-director of the Maestría en Relaciones y Negociaciones Internacionales, a double diploma (Argentinian and Spanish) Master Programme taught in Buenos Aires, Argentina, co-organized by the UB, the Universidad de San Andrés – Buenos Aires and FLACSO (Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales) – Sede Argentina.
- Director of the online course “Instrumentos jurídicos de las Relaciones Económicas Internacionales y la Integración Regional” (Fundación CEDDET and Global Development Learning Network /World Bank).
- Co-director, with Andrew Stoler, Director of the Institute of International Trade of the University of Adelaide, Australia, of the Barometer of International Trade Relations.
- Coordinator of BRIDGES – LAC and PROMHEDEU – LAC, two Projects of Higher Education cooperation with Latin America and the Caribbean selected by the European Commission under Action 4 of the Erasmus Mundus Programme.

### Current Research Activity

The launching and coordination of the collective project “The Legal Toolbox of International Economic Relations and Regional Integration. A Legal Analysis from an Interdisciplinary Perspective”. The project will produce two interrelated types of written materials.

The first will be an introductory book of 200-250 pages (whose first draft is already envisaged for 2009), based on the materials prepared by the coordinator for the course “Instrumentos jurídicos de las relaciones económicas internacionales y la integración regional” (Fundación CEDDET / World’s Bank Global Development Learning Network) and the courses taught in the Master of Laws in International Economic Law and Policy (Master IELPO / University of Barcelona) and the Maestría en Relaciones y Negociaciones internacionales (FLACSO / Udesa / UB). These materials, in their turn, are based on the results of a research project carried out for the Interamerican Development Bank.

The second will consist of related contributions written by different authors that will develop further some of the topics already treated in the book and will bring in other perspectives. This second set of materials will have the nature of “work in progress” to grow in the future and will lead to a continuous revision of the book.

The project will be the main contribution of the International Chair WTO / Regional Integration’s to the UNCTAD Virtual Institute and could be the basis of a joint project of the UNCTAD Virtual Institute and the WTO Chairs Network promoted by the WTO Secretariat when this is set up in 2009.

### Professional Background

- Universidad de Barcelona
  - o Delegado (Elected Representative) of the School of Law in the Sindicato Democrático de Estudiantes de la Universidad de Barcelona –SDEUB- (1966 – 1967).
  - o Assistant Lecturer, Lecturer and Professor (1970 – 1988 and 1998 – 2008).
  - o Representative of the lecturers of the University of Barcelona in the Spanish Movimiento de Profesores no Numerarios (1973- 1977)
  - o Vicerector (1977 -1986)
  - o Director of the Department of Political Economy, Public Finance and Taxation (1986 – 1988).
  
- Université de Paris IV (Sorbonne)
  - o Visiting Professor (Économie espagnole): 1985 – 1988
  
- Università degli Studi de Bologna (Sede de Buenos Aires)
  - o Visiting Professor of International Economic Law (1998 – 2001)

- Legal Service of the Council of the European Union (1988 – 1998)
  - o Head of division (1988 – 1993). Director in charge of Agriculture (1993) and External Relations (1994 – 1998).
  - o Fields of activity and main areas of responsibility :
    - Energy (1988 – 1990)
    - Research (1988 – 1990)
    - Taxation
      - Representative of the Legal Service in the Council bodies (including at Council level) during the discussion of the Council Directive 91/680/EEC of 16 December 1991 supplementing the common system of value added tax and amending Directive 77/388/EEC with a view to the abolition of fiscal frontiers, and other tax measures.
      - Agent of the Council before the ECJ in the series of cases “Octroi de Mer” (the series ends with judgments in C – 212/96 and joined cases C – 37/96 and 38/96 that uphold the validity of Council Decision 89/688/EEC insofar as it relates to the future regime of “octroi de mer”).
    - Agriculture and Fisheries
      - Director (1993)
      - Agent of the Council before the ECJ: case C-122/94. “Common Agricultural Policy and State Aids: Powers of the Council on the basis of art. 88.2.3, ex 92.2.3, of the ECT” and case T – 12/96 (appeal repealed by C- 301/99 P) “Fisheries - Conservation of the resources of the sea - Convention on future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-West Atlantic fisheries - Greenland halibut - Quota for catches granted to the Community fleet”.
    - External relations
      - Head of Division (1990 – 1992). Director (1993 – 1998)
      - Agent of the Council before the ECJ in antidumping cases and in all leading cases concerning external economic relations in that period.
      - Director for external relations of the internal Task Force of the Legal Service of the Council in all the Intergovernmental Conferences for the reform of the Treaties during that period.

#### Other professional activities

- Director of the project “The Regulatory Framework of Globalisation” (European Commission, Accompanying Measure of the Vth Research Framework Programme, 2001).
- Coordinator of the Observatory of European Union – Latin America Relations (OBREAL), an international consortium of 24 leading institutions from the EU and Latin America, selected by the European Commission to develop a cooperation project under that name (2005 – 2008).

- Consultant for the European Commission, the Government of Perú and the Secretaría de Integración Económica Centroamericana (SIECA):
  - o On Mercosur Integration and its effects on market access for European goods, services and investments (see below the “In – depth Analysis ... “ 2003), 2002 - 2003.
  - o On EU – Andean Community Negotiations (PENX/Perú Project), 2007 – 2008.
  - o On EU – Central America Negotiations (ADAPCCA project, 2008 – 2009).
  
- Consultant for the InterAmerican Development Bank
  - o Regional Integration in the Americas (2001 – 2004).
  - o Regional Trade Policy Dialogue (2001 and 2007).
  
- Consultant for the Consorci de Promoció Comercial de Catalunya (COPCA), leading a team also integrated by Miguel Rodríguez-Mendoza and Carlos Pérez del Castillo (see below “El futur del Marc regulador del Comerç Internacional”, 2006)
  
- Organizer of two WTO Public Forum Sessions (2006 and 2007) on a WTO/Regional Global Academic Network, leading to participation in the Network launched by the WTO Secretariat in 2008 (see its initiative on WTO Chairs).
  
- Co – organizer of different International Seminars and projects with the WTO Secretariat, ECLAC-CEPAL (Economic Commission of the United Nations for Latin American and the Caribbean), UNFPA, the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Tourism Organization, IADB/INTAL, the Secretaría de la Comunidad Andina, the Secretaría de Integración Económica Centroamericana, the Korea Development Institute, Chatham House (London, UK), the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), the IEEI- Lisbon, the IEEI- Sao Paulo, Sciences-Po/Paris, the Overseas Development Institute (London, UK), the Università di Bologna (Sede de Buenos Aires) and the ICTSD (2001 – 2008).

#### Main Publications (1996– 2008)

Piris, J-C, and TORRENT, Ramon, “Les problèmes juridiques posés à la Communauté Européenne par la conclusion des accords de Marrakech” in *La réorganisation mondiale des échanges*, Actes du 29ème Colloque de la Société Française pour le Droit International, Pedone, 1996

“Le ‘quatrième pilier’ de l’Union européenne” in *La Communauté européenne et les Accords mixtes*, J.H.J. Bourgeois, J-L Dewost, M-A Gaiffe eds., Collège d’Europe, Presses Universitaires européennes, 1997

*Derecho y práctica de las relaciones económicas exteriores en la Unión Europea*, Ed. CEDECS, Barcelona 1998

“Whom is the European Central Bank the central bank of? Reaction to Zilioli and Selmayr”, *Common Market Law Review*, vol. 36, n. 6, December 1999

“The fourth pillar of the European Union after the Amsterdam Treaty” in *The General Law of E.C. external relations*, A. Dashwood and C. Hillion, eds., University of Cambridge/Centre for European Legal Studies and Sweet and Maxwell, 2000

“La política comercial” en *Políticas públicas de la Unión Europea*, F. Morata ed., Ariel, 2000

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“La Organización Mundial de Comercio dentro del orden económico internacional” in *La Unión Europea y el comercio internacional: límites al libre comercio*, F. Esteva García, coordinadora, Universitat de Girona/Centro de Documentación Europea, 2001

“Le cadre institutionnel des relations Union Européenne – Mercosur” in *Vers un accord entre l’Europe et le Mercosur*, P. Giordano, A. Valladao et M-F Durand, eds., Presses de Sciences-Po, 2001

*Looking to the future of EU’s external economic policy*, InterAmerican Development Bank Working Paper, Regional Trade Policy Dialogue, 2001  
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“La participación de la Comunidad Europea y los Estados miembros en la OMC. Discusión a partir de tres casos concretos: servicios financieros, servicios básicos de telecomunicación y normas sociales básicas” in *La Organización Mundial del Comercio y el regionalismo europeo*, A. Remiro Brotons y C. Espósito eds., Dykinson, 2001

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“Regional Integration in Europe and the Americas and Bilateral Transatlantic Relations” in *An Integrated Approach to the European Union – Mercosur Association*, P. Giordano, ed., Chaire Mercosur de Sciences-Po, 2002

“El futuro de la Unión Europea visto desde sus entrañas, la Unión Aduanera”, *Revista española de Derecho Europeo*, n. 4, octubre-diciembre 2002

“Managing globalisation through regional integration”, in *Commonwealth Insight 2002, Managing Globalisation: Challenges for Business and Governments*, Commonwealth Secretariat, 2002

“La ‘excepción cultural’ en la Organización Mundial de Comercio: El fundamento de la política audiovisual de Cataluña”, *Quaderns del CAC. Número monográfico sobre “Globalización, industria audiovisual y diversidad cultural”* (versions in Spanish, French, English and Catalan) n. 14, septiembre-diciembre 2002

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*Catalunya en el món: Elements de reflexió per a una visió renovadora*, Generalitat de Catalunya, Departament de la Presidència, Pla Governamental CAT21, Barcelona, 2003

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“Pensando na arquitetura de uma Alca light”, *Revista Brasileira de Comércio Exterior*, n. 78, enero-marzo 2004

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“La acción exterior de la Unión” in *El proyecto de nueva Constitución europea. Balance de los trabajos de la Convención sobre el futuro de Europa*, E. Alberti, Dir., E. Roig, Coord., Fundació Carles Pi i Sunyer/Tirant lo Blanch, 2004

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*Regionalismo Global: los dilemas para América Latina*, A. Estevadeordal and Ramon TORRENT eds., Barcelona, Fundació CIDOB , 2005.

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