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Education

- 2020 – Present **PhD Political Science**
Universidad Autonoma de Madrid | Madrid, SPAIN
Preliminary title: Citizen participation and the governance of the climate crisis: The role of democratic innovations for a transformative path.
- 2018 – 2019 **MSc Sustainability and Social Innovation**
HEC Paris | Paris, FRANCE
Master's thesis: Sustainable behaviour change: The role of civil society in the ecological transition. Case study of university students in France.
- 2014 – 2015 **6-month Erasmus exchange: Specialization in Political Science, Ecology and Strategy**
AgroParisTech | Paris, FRANCE
- 2011 – 2016 **BSc Forest Engineering, Natural Resources Management**
Universidad Politecnica de Madrid | Madrid, SPAIN
Thesis: Strategy to facilitate the implementation of the Payments for Hydrological Ecosystem Services in Lima (Peru) through a bottom-up stakeholder analysis.

Professional experience

- Jun 2019 – Present **Climate Policy Researcher**
Basque Centre for Climate change | Bilbao, SPAIN
Participation in several research projects, both at the European ([H2020 Paris Reinforce](#)) as well as at national and regional levels ([LIFE Urban Klima](#)).
- Jan 2019 – Apr 2019 **Sustainability Consultant - Access to Energy program**
Schneider Electric | Paris, FRANCE
The Access to Energy program combines investments in entrepreneurship, technological solutions and training to provide sustainable electricity to vulnerable communities around the world.
This 4-month mission was aimed at designing a distribution model for off-grid Solar Home Systems based on an inclusive network of social entrepreneurs in Sub-Saharan Africa.
 - Led 12 interviews with different stakeholders in the solar market worldwide.
 - Conducted a market study and benchmarking of existing last mile distribution models of solar products.
 - Developed two different business plans with a 3-year projection for the distribution of Schneider's solar products in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Jan 2018 – Jun 2018 **Sustainability programme intern**
Global Action Plan | Dublin, IRELAND
GAP is an international network that facilitates behaviour change to promote environmental sustainability. My job involved the delivery of two educational programmes.
 - Promoted the Water Explorer program via email and phone calls; achieved a 50% increase in participating schools.

- Led 14 workshops on sustainable development for primary and secondary school students.
- Identified key messages for social media content.
- Collaborated in the elaboration of monthly and annual results reports.
- Organized a national awards ceremony hosting over 100 students and teachers by coordinating the logistics, sourcing sponsors for the event, and managing a budget of €2,000.

Jan 2017 –
Jun 2018

Water Policy Researcher

Freelance | Dublin, IRELAND

After finishing my thesis, and given its positive impact, I decided to expand and continue my research. The result of this research is a peer-reviewed scientific paper published in *World Water Policy*: <https://doi.org/10.1002/wwp2.12003>.

- Designed a stakeholder analysis methodology to assess the implementation of Payments for Hydrological Ecosystem Services in Peru.
- Presented this research at the 20th International River Symposium in Brisbane (Australia) in September 2017 and ran a successful crowdfunding campaign to cover part of the expenses.

Mar 2016 –
Jul 2016

Research assistant and consultant (Thesis elaboration)

CONDESAN | Lima, PERU

Non-profit organisation focused on the sustainable development of the Andean Ecoregion.

- Conducted a stakeholder analysis of an environmental policy to implement a Payments for Hydrological Ecosystem Services scheme in Lima and the three basins that supply the city.
- Led 27 semistructured interviews with public and private stakeholders.
- Facilitated the coordination of the stakeholders and the creation of a multidisciplinary team to implement this policy in Lima; closely working with rural communities.
- Tackled the existing governance problems by developing a future management strategy for the basins of study.

Publications

- 2021 Galende-Sanchez, Ester & Sorman, Alevgul. (2021). From consultation toward co-production in science and policy: A systematic review of participatory energy and climate initiatives. *Energy Research and Social Science* 73. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2020.101907>
- 2019 Galende-Sanchez, Ester & Angulo-Nuñez, Oscar. (2019). Assessing the implementation of Payments for Hydrological Ecosystem Services in Peru through a bottom-up stakeholder analysis: Case study of Lima, Peru. *World Water Policy* 5(1) 15-35. <https://doi.org/10.1002/wwp2.12003>

Complimentary Education

- 2019 **Inclusive & Social Business Certificate.** HEC Paris.
- 2018 **Climate Action: Solutions for a Changing Planet.** SDG Academy (MOOC).
Transforming Development: The Science and Practice of Resilience Thinking. SDG Academy (MOOC).
- 2017 **Macroeconomics for a Sustainable Planet.** SDG Academy (MOOC).
- 2015 **International cooperation, Volunteering and Social Exclusion.** Course by UPM, UCM, ONGAWA and Solidarios para el Desarrollo.
- 2013 **Technology for human development.** Course by UPM and ONGAWA.

Languages

Spanish: Native, **English:** Bilingual (IELTS: 8.0), **French:** Fluent (DALF).

Volunteer Experience

November
2019

Co-organiser of the 15th Conference of Youth (COY15)

YOUNGO | Madrid, SPAIN

Every year, in the lead up to COP, the COY brings together hundreds of young people from around the world who are passionate about addressing climate change and promoting sustainable lifestyles. The event serves to enhance the exchange of experiences, knowledge and good practices to strengthen the international youth climate movement and involve next generations in developing climate solutions and actions.

As part of the Spanish team, I supported the Chilean delegation in the venue change to Madrid by sourcing new sponsors of the event, organising workshops, helping with the program, arranging YOUNGO members trips to Madrid and ensuring everything run smoothly during the three days.

2003 – 2016

Scout, Scout leader

Grupo Scout San Pablo | Salamanca, SPAIN

- Organised and planned numerous activities, camps and social projects within a 20-people team.
- Managed social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Blogspot).
- Managed a €6000 annual budget.

2013 – 2015

Volunteer

ONGAWA | Madrid, Spain

Organized numerous activities on campus to raise awareness and mobilize the university community in social and international development issues.