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**Work experience**

2003-present Independent researcher and consultant.

2021-present Professor Anháuac University, Faculty of Global Studies.

2016-2019 Director Center for Genocide Studies, International University of Erbil.

2016-2018 Lecturer in Genocide Studies, International University of Erbil, Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

2001-2002 Lecturer in Latin American Studies, University of the West of England.

1998-2001 Professor of Humanities, University of Costa Rica.

**Recent consultancies**

ICMP, IMPACT-Iraq, HDIA, BBC World Service.

Education

2018 PGC Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Stockton University.

2009 MA Information and Library Studies, The Robert Gordon University, UK.

1994-1998 Ph.D. University of Texas at Austin, Latin American Studies.

1987-1991 B.A. Universitá Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan, Italy). Modern Foreign Languages.

**Skills**

Languages: Italian: native speaker, Spanish: native speaker, English: excellent, Portuguese and French: reading knowledge.

IT: familiar with a wide range of software packages and databases. Also experienced in using Apple/Mac and most Internet applications.

Achievements

2017 Visiting Professor University for Peace, Costa Rica.

2017 Scholar in Residence, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

2010-2011 The Friends of the Princeton Library Grant.

2010 SALALM Travel Presidential Fellowship 2010.

2010 Travel Grant, Dept. of Spanish, Amherst College.

**Selected publications**

## Books

*Religious Minorities in Iraq: Coexistence, Faith and Recovery after ISIS,* Bloomsbury,

forthcoming, 2022.

*Del Mundo Cerrado al Caribe Infinito: la aventura intelectual de Antonio Benítez Rojo,*  Boydell

& Brewer, 2013.

*El Caribe Universal.* Oxford: Peter Lang Publisher, 2006.

*La Narrativa de Alfredo Bryce Echenique*. Lima: Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos,

2003.

**Articles**

Siman, Y., Corticelli, M.R. The Future of Holocaust Memory in M. R. Boaz Cohen, Wolf Gruner, Miriam Offer, and Thomas Pegelow Kaplan, eds., *Holocaust Testimonies: Reassessing Survivors’ Voices and their Future in Challenging Times*, forthcoming.

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Stephen Smith, Susan Brown, eds., 2021.

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*Gulf Information Center*, 13 July 2020. <https://www.egic.info/kakais-most-ancient-religion-iraq>

How the Lack of Transitional Justice Jeopardises the Recognition of Kakais in Iraq, *EU-Gulf*

*Information Center*, 30 August 2020. <https://www.egic.info/copy-of-nato-and-a-new-strategy-for>

Economic Impact of Genocide and Mass Atrocities in Iraq: The Case of Christian Communities, *EU*

*Gulf Information Center*, <https://www.egic.info/economic-impact-of-genocide>

**Media**

BBC World Service *Iraq Religious Minorities: Exodus and Extinction* <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/w27vq4k4>, May 2019.

Interview with Chaifm (Johannesburg) 23/02/ 2018

<http://www.chaifm.com/podcast-player/172548/2018-02-23-prof-maria-corticelli-on-minority-persecution-in-iraq.mp3>

Steven Grudz, ’Does the Holocaust hold lessons for Iraqi shattered Society?’ South Africa Jewish Report, 01/03/2018.

<http://www.sajr.co.za/news-and-articles/2018/03/01/does-the-holocaust-hold-lessons-for-iraq-s-shattered-society>

‘Anfal in Duhok: The Kurdish man who never met his father’, 14/04/2017, <http://www.rudaw.net/english/kurdistan/140420172>

Interview with RFI, <http://es.rfi.fr>

**Selected Conferences**

“Economic Impact of Genocide and Mass Atrocities in Iraq”, University of Dohuk, Besikci Center for Genocide Studies, 14-15 April, 2019.

“Documenting Iraq: Genocide and Rebirth, The Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre, Johannesburg, February 29, 2018.

“Christians and Jews in Iraq: Challenges and Hopes”, Yahad In Unum, Paris, 28 September 2017.

“Transitional Justice in Latin America: A Comparative Approach”, Genocide: An International and Legal Perspective, International University of Erbil, May 31, 2016.

“The Peace Process in Central America: Challenges and Achievements”, Memory and

Peacebuilding: An Interdisciplinary Perspective”, International University of Erbil, April

16, 2017.

“Transitional Justice in Iraq and in the Kurdish Region”, The First International, Conference on Nations under Genocide, St. Peter Catholic University, Budapest, April 19-21, 2017.