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Personal information

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Education

Doctorate Degree	PUC/SP. Law School. Thesis: "Contractualism theories in the construction of consensus in the Internet community". Concluded in April 2016.
Master's Degree	PUC/SP. Law School. International Law. Dissertation: "Internet Governance Mechanisms and the Sovereignty Principle". Concluded in May 2008.
B.A./J.D.	PUC/SP. Law School. Undergraduate final paper: "Domain Name vs Trademark Conflicts Resolution". Concluded in December 2005.

Relevant Professional Experience

✧ **Founder and Director, Institute for Digital Development (IDD_LAC).** The recently launched institute aims to promote the digital ecosystem's regional development, by encouraging digital cooperation to have a real impact on the design of ICT public policies and regulations. By identifying a gap in the Latin American Digital Ecosystem to effectively translate the multistakeholder dialogues into concrete actions, the institute aims to combine diverse knowledge and experience backgrounds, with a broad and reliable network, in order to promote sustained development, aligned with international human rights standards. Among its first initiatives, it is worth mentioning the creation of the Alliance for Encryption in Latin America which brings together 15 regional organizations from civil society, academia, private sector and intergovernmental entities to develop a joint advocacy strategy and sound public policies solutions for a pressing high technology issue, such as to promote and defend the end to end encryption in digital communications.

2020-current

✧ **Founder and Managing Partner, Gatto Consulting.** Working as consultant at the intersection between technology, policy, and development, in projects aiming to promote an inclusive digital ecosystem and informed public policies. Among the recent consultancies work: (i) providing digital policies analysis and recommendations in Brazil for ALAI, (ii) delivering the report about the Innovation Ecosystem status and landscape in the Americas region, to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), (iii) Technical Assistance to the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), in the scope of the MoU between Anatel (Brazilian Telecommunications Regulator) and the UK's Digital Access Program, to analyze opportunities and barriers and set recommendations to develop

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community networks in Brazil, and (iv) Expert Coordinator for the United Nations Internet Governance Forum, assigned to build and run the Policy Network on Meaningful Access (PNMA). While performing those consultancies, I have successfully achieved high standards for project administration, coordination, budgeting and compliance as part of each project scoping and roll out. I have also been required to use strong analytical skills and risk management evaluation tools, as well as to build new relationships with government officials, local community leaders, and civil society representatives beyond the strict Internet-related environment.

✧ **Senior Policy Advisor, Internet Society (ISOC)** Led the engagement on critical Internet policy fora, including UN Engagement (IGF, ITU, UN DESA, UN SG Office/ HLPDC, UNDP, UNCTAD, UNHRC, UN ECLAC) and beyond (G7/G20, BRICS, OAS/CITEL); shaped strategic policy positions on Internet Governance; established contacts with key policymakers at the national level and across different regions; worked effectively with inner community (ISOC members, chapters and partners), and a broad range of external groups (national governments officials, civil society and private sector representatives). Previous positions held at Internet Society also included: LAC Regional Policy Manager, Regional Policy Advisor, and Chapter Development Manager.

2013-2020

✧ **Invited Professor at Law School, PUC/SP.** Recurrent lecturer for undergraduate, LLM and Master's classes in specific topics related to Internet and Law, such as Internet Governance, Internet key concepts, Internet Bill of Rights.

2015-current

✧ **Appointed Member for the Multistakeholder Advisory Group (MAG) to the United Nations' Internet Governance Forum (IGF).** Fulfilled the mandate to deliver a meaningful programme for the IGF meetings in Geneva (2017), Paris (2018) and Berlin (2019); successfully advocated for the reform of the IGF with a more focused and concise agenda, fewer parallel sessions and increased participation; and led the intersessional tracks related to Gender, Local Content, Connectivity/Access, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

2017-2019

✧ **Deputy Member of the Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meetings to the Internet Governance Forum's (LACIGF) Organizing Committee** Delivered a meaningful programme for the LACIGF; and led open and inclusive coordination among national and regional local IG events in this region, within collaboration to the UN IGF NRIs group.

2015-2018

✧ **Board of Directors Member and Founding Member of Internet Society's Brazil Chapter (ISOC Brazil)** Contributed to develop an interactive, informative and knowledgeable strategic plan for the renewed chapter, which includes the organizational priorities, membership management, financial sustainability/fundraising plans.

2011-2014

✧ **Advisor to the CEO of the Brazilian Network Information Center (NIC.br)** Promoted NIC.br's strategic vision; responsible to foster integration of entities, public and private actors in projects developed by NIC.br; to promote debate and organize events about privacy and data protection; to implement educational activities about technical management, security and risk management and governance principles of Internet; to develop editorial planning, proofreading and content of the project "History of the Internet in Brazil" and the Journal of Internet Services and Applications, published by Springer.

2008-2013

✧ **Assistant Professor at State Theories and Political Science, Law School, PUC/SP.** Developed and delivered class content, practical exercises and final evaluations.

2007-2014

✧ **Founding Member of the UN Internet Governance Forum Youth Dynamic Coalition** Chartered the Youth DC; Co-led the youth engagement at IGFs; advocated for youth inclusion at IGF speaking slots and activities; launched the IGF Youth Fellowship jointly ISOC/CGI.br (2015).   2007-2013

✧ **Appointed Member of the Science and Technology Commission from the Brazilian Law Bar Association, State of São Paulo (OAB/SP).** Author of legal opinion for the Internet Bill of Rights Proposal; and co-organizer of the event on Law and Technology named "Ciberjur".   2011-2012

✧ **Program Committee Chair at Global Internet Governance Academic Network (GigaNet).** Elected Program Committee Chair for 2009-2010 term, responsible for organizing the GigaNet Annual Symposium.   2009-2010

✧ **Litigating and Consulting Lawyer, Intellectual Property Department Leader, at Mansur Murad Advogados** Led the Intellectual Property Rights Department, responsible for consulting and litigation. Represent the firm at International Trademark Association Annual meetings.   2005-2007

Affiliations/Memberships

- American Society of Association Executives (2013)
- Internet Society Brazil Chapter (since 2011)
- Brazilian Electronic Law Institute - IBDI (since 2010)
- Internet Governance Forum Youth Dynamic Coalition (since 2010)
- Internet Society – Global Individual Member (since 2008)
- Global Internet Governance Academic Network - GigaNet (since 2007)
- Internet Governance Forum Remote Participation Working Group (2007-2012)
- Internet Trademark Association - INTA (2005-2007)
- Brazilian Law Bar Association (since 2005)

Relevant published material

- Internet Governance and Regulation in Latin America. [Chapter in the Book]. FGV Rio/SSIG (2018)
- The contractual perspective for consensus in the Information Society [Thesis] CAPES/PUC-SP (2016)
- Internet Governance Multistakeholder Experience in Brazil [Article] Revista Fonte (2014)
- "Inter-networking" government or governance? [Article] (2013)
- Is the Internet really neutral? [Article] 2013
- Rethinking the Law. [Chapter in the Book] (2010)
- Interactive, Cooperative and Decentralized: the importance of virtual spaces for the exercise of citizenship. [Article] Revista Fonte (2009)
- Internet Governance: concepts, evolution and reach. [Chapter in the book] SBC (2009)
- Internet Governance and the sovereignty principle [Dissertation] PUC/SP (2008)
- The pathways for e-government in Brazil. [Article in the Book] CGI.br/CETIC.br (2008)
- Image rights in the sports law. [Article] (2007)
- Domain Name and Trademark Dispute Resolution in Brazil [Paper] (2005)
- Sovereignty Principle: conceptual and historical review [Paper] 2005

Professional and Social Skills

- Good leadership, communication and management skills; ability to manage projects with a strategic and tactical view.
- Strong spokesperson to deliver key messages for small or large audiences.

- Good time-management ability to successfully deal with multiple ongoing and concurrent tasks.
- Works collaboratively across an organization, believes in teamwork, and is a hard worker and self starter.
- Substantial knowledge and experience with Internet public policy issues in the national, regional and international levels.
- Experience in working with multiple stakeholder groups: national governments, regional and international intergovernmental bodies, corporate organizations and civil society groups.
- Capacity to work in a multicultural environment and to work effectively across different departments.

Language Skills

- Portuguese (native language)
- English (fluent speaker, good reading comprehension and writing)
- Spanish (fluent speaker, good reading comprehension and writing)
- French (good speaker, reading comprehension and writing)