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In Spain, he was formerly Associate Professor (from October 1, 1994 to February 2, 1996), Senior Lecturer (from February 3, 1996 to October 12, 2001) and Professor (from December 11, 2001 to September 30, 2009) at the University of La Rioja. At the University of La Rioja was also holder of the Jean Monnet Chair of European Law (from May 1, 1996 to September 30, 2009), Vice-Rector for International Relations (from August 1, 2004 to June 26, 2008), Vice-Rector for Research (from October 1, 1996 to January 31, 2000), Chancellor (from January 16, 1996 to September 30, 1996) and Director of its European Documentation Centre (from October 1, 1996 to January 1, 2009), as well as Executive Vice President of its General Foundation (from August 1, 2004 to June 26, 2008). He was also a member of the Plenary Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of La Rioja (from January 1, 2006 to June 26, 2008) and of the Board of Trustees of the Ebro Valley Foundation, consisting of Savings banks, Chambers of Commerce and the Federation of Businessmen of La Rioja, Aragon and Navarra (from August 1, 2004 to June 26, 2008).

He graduated in Law at the University of Salamanca (1988). He did postgraduate studies in German Constitutional Law at the University of Cologne (1989). He obtained the *Zertifikat über Europäische Studien* (1990), his Master of European Law (1991) and the degree of Doctor of Law — *doctor iuris* — (1994) by the German University of Saarbrücken. He also holds a Ph.D. by the University of Salamanca.

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He is the author of several books on European issues: *Die Bedeutung des für das Fernsehen Gemeinschaftsrechts*, Saarbrücken, 1991; *Die EG-Fernsehrichtlinie: Rechtsgrundlage, Kommentierung und Umsetzung in das Recht der EG-Mitgliedstaaten sowie Österreich und der Schweiz*, Frankfurt, New York, Vienna, Paris, Bern, 1995 (477 pp.); *La Directiva de televisión: fundamento jurídico, análisis y transposición al Derecho de los Estados miembros de la Unión Europea*, Madrid, 1995 (607 pp.); *La posición de las CCAA ante el Tribunal de Justicia de las Comunidades Europeas (propuestas para una reforma)*, Oñate, 1996 (89 pp.); *El sistema de competencias de la Comunidad Europea — germen iusinternacionalista versus vocación federal*, Madrid, 1997 (251 pp.); *La inmigración y el asilo en la Unión Europea — Hacia un nuevo espacio de libertad, seguridad y justicia*, Madrid, 2002 (316 pp.); *La Federación supranacional: ¿un nuevo modelo para la Unión Europea?*, Consejo Vasco del Movimiento Federal Europeo, 2003 (165 pp).

He has coordinated the publication of a handbook on European Law (*Derecho Comunitario Material — Manual de Derecho*, Madrid, 2000; along with Manuel López Escudero), as well as various books (*Europa a voces. Diccionario jurídico-político de la Unión Europea*, Zaragoza, 1999; *Diccionario de la Unión Europea*, Oñate, 1998; *El Tratado de Lisboa — La salida de la crisis constitucional*, Madrid, 2008) and compilations of legal texts (*Legislación publicitaria*, Tecnos, Madrid, 1998; *Tratado de la Unión Europea, Tratado de la Comunidad Europea — Textos consolidados tras el Tratado de Niza*, Oñate, 2002; y *El Tratado de Lisboa — Textos consolidados*, Madrid, 2008).

He has authored over 70 scientific papers and contributions to collective works, published in English, Spanish, French and German.

He has been visiting professor or has done research stays at German universities of Cologne (from August 1, 1988 to July 31, 1989), Saarbrücken (from September 1, 1989 to September 31, 1993) and Max Planck Institut in Heidelberg (from June 15, 1995 to September 16, 1995); in the British universities of Oxford (from April 1, 2000 to August 31, 2000) and Exeter (from September 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000); and in the American universities of Columbia (August 18, 2003 to August 1, 2004) and Fordham of New York (October 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009). Also performed an internship (practical training) in the European Union Commission in Brussels (April 1, 1993 to August 31, 1993) and in the Commissariaat voor de Media, Hilversum, Netherlands (from January 2, 1993 to January 31, 1993).

He won the First Prize Francisco Landaburu (2002), granted by the Basque Council of the European Movement, for the work: Supranational federalism: a new model for the EU? He has also received the award Estrella de Europa (Star of Europe) (2007), given by the Government of La Rioja and the city of Logroño, and the honor scholarship at the University of Navarra, too (2007).

He has appeared as an expert guest at the Joint Congress-Senate Committee for the European Union of the Spanish Parliament (May 11, 2007), at the Committee on European Affairs and External Affairs of the Basque

Parliament (October 21, 2002, November 14, 2007 and January 16, 2008) and in the Parliament of Cape Verde (September 25, 2007). He has developed various legal opinions and reports for several public institutions and private companies.

Occasionally, he works with different media, with informative papers on European issues.