

Emilio Álvarez Icaza Longoria



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent consultant: human rights expert.

October 2009-Present.

❖ **Human rights and democracy researcher**

Carrying out evaluation studies, analysis and revision to different institutions such as: the World Bank, United Nations Program for Development, the United Nations High Commission on Human Rights, the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, and the Organization of the American States. He has also done research for Mexican entities such as the Federal Electoral Institute (IFE) and the Iberoamerican University, among others.

❖ **Lecturer and speaker in human rights themes**

Delivered more than 100 national and international conferences in diverse themes on human rights invited by entities such as: the World Bank, Global Forum on Migration and Development, Center for Latin America and Caribbean Studies - Duke University, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies, The Centre for International Studies and Research at the Montreal University (CERIUM), National Autonomous University of Nicaragua, the Leadership Conference Education Fund, the Columbia Law School's Human Rights Institute, the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, among others.

❖ **Consultant in developing high-level dialogue**

Generating, arranging and negotiating processes of high-level dialogue with the President of Mexico, State of Union, presidential candidates, business and social organizations with civil society and victims organizations.

❖ **Legislative incidence**

Promoting, articulating and organizing team group experts in policy incidence and negotiation. Stands out the promotion and unanimous consent approval of the Federal Congress in the General Law for Victims—pioneer in its type in the continent (April 2012), among others.

❖ Electoral Expert

One of the five experts members of the Assessment Technical Committee for the Observers Fund Support 2012, managed by the United Nations Program for Development, the responsible body in the assessment of projects for the allocation of resources in the election observation, with a fund close to six million dollars.

Mexico City's Human Rights Commission (CDHDF).

President and President of the Council (Mexico City's Ombudsman).

October 2001 to September 2009.

Representing, conducting and coordinating the work of the Mexico City's Human Rights Commission (CDHDF) in the defense, promotion, diffusion, education, and research in human rights. Likewise, conducting the work of the Commission's Council—top direction body—and coordinating administrative and operative steps.

❖ Defense and Promotion

Coordinating the work of the Commission in human rights defense in more than forty thousand matters and eight thousand complaints a year. Implementing innovative programs on the promotion of human rights in coordination with the city's government, NGOs, academic sector, and media—at a local, national and international level.

❖ Resource Financing and Management

Coordinating the budget administration. During his period of office, he conducted a team of more than 560 employees and 25,000 volunteers, administered more than 140 million dollars and managed a new head office for the institution. Arranging additional resources for education and training with entities like the European Union, McArthur Foundation and Swiss government. Organizing the design and implementation of a Professional Service in Human Rights, the degree in civil service for the Commission's staff.

❖ International Cooperation

Developing strategies of articulation, exchange, education, cooperation, and incidence with different international organisms.

• Experience in the Inter-American System

As president of Mexico City's Human Rights Commission (CDHDF), promoting an Administration Model that gradually revisits the use and application of regional tools in human rights; the jurisprudence; the consultative opinions; the issued recommendations by the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights (CIDH) in the Reports by country or by particular case, among others.

- Experience in the United Nations System

He developed a wide agenda with the UN system: work meetings with different UN High Commissioners for Human Rights (Mary Robinson, Louise Arbour and Navya Pillai) and attending to various work groups and special rapporteurs. He was present at the Universal Periodical Review of Mexico before the Human Rights Council of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland and some others audiences.

- Other international experience

In addition, he developed an intense international experience exchange program that led to the visit of the following Offices of the Ombudsman: Argentina, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Denmark, and Sweden; and the following instances: the European Council and the European Court (Strasbourg, France). Furthermore, he articulated with organizations like the International Commission of Jurists, the Association for the Prevention of Torture and the International Committee of the Red Cross. Information he presented during his term of office was used in entities such as Amnesty International or different UN entities.

Participating as a member the Metagora Project (democracy and human rights measurement) Executive Committee, the Organization for the Cooperation and the Economic Development (OCDE), which implied monitoring and travelling to Paris during four years, as well as going to international events organized by the OECD in Paris, Istanbul and London.

- ❖ Public Policy

Designing, developing, applying, and monitoring actions to implement public policy in human rights.

The conceptualization, coordination and execution of the Human Rights Diagnosis and Program in Mexico City stand out for being unprecedented. This initiative was led by the CDHDF and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Office in Mexico, with the participation of the Government, the Legislative Assembly and Mexico City's High Court of Justice, as well as universities and NGOs. This exercise culminated with the operation of indicators to design the Federal Budget with a human rights approach and with a law that assures with its application a State Vision.

In addition, under the international standards, more than 20 special reports were elaborated—diagnosis documentation about specific themes that detects structural aspects on the violation of human rights and hold recommendations that propose public policies to bring about government and social action towards their eradication. Amongst these reports, the following stand out: Human Right Violation Towards a Healthy and Ecologically-balanced Environment by Deterioration and Disappearance of the Conservation Land (2005), Sexual Commercial Exploitation of Children (2006), Indigenous People's Rights Living in Mexico City (2007), the Right to Health Protection of People Living with HIV (2008), Human Safety (2008), The Human Rights Situation of Persons with Disabilities (2008), and The Condition of

Mexico City's Police (2009). Furthermore, eight additional annual reports and four special reports on the status of women's human rights were also presented.

- **Federal District Electoral Institute (IFE)**

Position: Electoral Counselor of the General Council

Elected unanimously by the Federal District Legislative Assembly Plenum, I Legislature.

Period: January 1999 to September 28th, 2001.

Coordinated and monitored the organization in two electoral processes where more than ten thousand employees and close to seventy thousand volunteers participated in each one. In addition, he organized the tasks of the following commissions: the Civic Education and Electoral Training President Commission, the Provisional President's Commission of Social Communication Assessment in Technical Units, the Comptroller's Office Internal; and coordinated and gave support to the Government and the Government Printing Office.

- **Social Communication National Center, A. C. (Cencos)**

Position: Executive Director, Project Coordinator and Human Rights and Communication Coordinator

Period: July 1990 to January 1999.

Coordinating the tasks of the team, strategic planning, legal and institutional representation at a national and international level. Arranging fundraising labors, project management, as well as, administrative and operative monitoring.

Negotiating resources for its operation with international cooperation entities, along with non-governmental, governmental and ecclesial organisms in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Spain, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

Implementing diverse projects of electoral observance in Mexico with diverse governmental and non-governmental organizations—national and international. Participating in international electoral observations in places such as: Argentina, Canada, United States, Guatemala, Panama, and the Dominican Republic.

EDUCATION

POSTGRADUATES

Political and Social Sciences Faculty. National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico, City.

Political and Social Sciences Ph.D., (2010-present)

Social Science Latin American Faculty, (FLACSO) Campus Mexico

Master in Social Sciences, 1988-1990

PROFESSIONAL

Political and Social Sciences Faculty. National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico, City.

Bachelor in Sociology, Graduated with Honors, 1983-1987

DIPLOMA

Iberoamerican University, Santa Fe Campus, Mexico, City.

Political Communication Analysis and Design, 1995-1996

SEMINAR

National Institute of Public Administration (INAP), Mexico, City.

Strategic Planning Elements for the Annual Operating Plan, August 2004

TEACHING

Center for Humanities Research and Teaching in the State of Morelos (CIDHEM), State of Morelos.

Postgraduate Professor, 2010-Present.

Courses: Sociological Basis of Human Rights; Non-Jurisdictional Human Rights Protection System: International Human Rights Public Organizations, Political, Legal and Constitutional Construction; Human Rights and Public Policy I and II; Human Rights Prospective.

Law Faculty, Postgraduate Studies Division at The National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico, City.

Human Rights Specialization Professor, 2006-Present.

Courses: Human Rights: Non-Judicial System of Protection and Defense of Human Rights in Mexico; Vulnerable Groups and Women, their Civil, Political and Social Rights; Human Rights Prospective in Mexico.

Social and Political Sciences Faculty, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico, City.

Professor Category A at the Political and Social Sciences Department, January 1996-May 1998.

Technical Secretary at the General Secretariat, April 1993-January 1995.

Regular Professor, May 1992-May 1996.

Course: Statistics I

Adjunct Professor, October 1986-September 1987.

Course: Statistics II

Research Assistant, May-August 1986.

Iberoamerican University, Santa Fe Campus, Mexico, City.

Master in Human Rights

Regular Professor, January-May 2010 and January-May 2008.

Courses: Sociological Basis of Human Rights and Human Rights Analysis and Prospectus.

Regular Professor, January-May 2004 and January-May 2003.

Course: Interdisciplinary Seminar on Human Rights on Selected Topics.

The Center for Rural Development (Cesder), Puebla State.

BA in Rural Development

Advisory Professor, August 1990-2001.

Course: Human Rights Education, Methodology, Planning and Essential Social Processes.

Autonomous University of Tlaxcala(UAT), Tlaxcala State.

Department of Sociology and Social Labor

Faculty/Staff advisor, August 1989-June 1990.

Research and Academic Collaboration Agreement celebrated by the Autonomous University of Tlaxcala and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Mexico.

MEDIA WORK

- **Television. Televisa (ForumTV), Mexico, City.**
Analyst in “El Mañanero” Show, February 2010-Present.
Hosted by Víctor Trujillo (aka. Brozo)—also broadcasted in radio: WFM 96.9 FM, Internet, throughout several cities in the United States, Latin America and Europe.
- **Newspaper El Universal, Mexico, City.**
Column Writer in “Civil Space”, June 2010-November 2010.
Weekly publisher, November 2010-Present.
- **Mexican Institute of Broadcast (IMER), Mexico City.**
Host in “Fixing the world”, May 2010-Present.
Broadcasted over IMER 13 stations.
- **Radio Education, Mexico, City.**
News Commentator on the “Morning Pulse” program, February 2010-Present.
- **Radio MVS, Mexico, City.**

News Commentator on the “MVS-News First Broadcast” program, with anchor Carmen Aristegui, May 2010-December 2011.

- **National Center for Social Communication, NGO. (Cencos), Mexico, City.**
Executive Director, person in charge for annually performs 150 press conferences about placement and incidence strategies on human rights, democracy issues and others.

INITIATIVES AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs)

He has participated in several civil society initiatives and is currently council member at the following NGOs:

- Center for Ecumenical Studies, (CEE)
- Human Rights Law Center (HRLC)
- Collective Security Analysis with Democracy, (CASEDE)
- Research and Analysis Center, (FUNDAR)
- Information Group for Reproductive Rights, (GIRE)
- Strategic Litigation of Human Rights, (I(dh) eas)
- Institute of Dissemination of Studies on Migration, (INEDIM)
- Mexico’s Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity
- Youth Services, (SERAJ)

In 1994, cofounder of Civic Alliance, (Alianza Cívica); and 1996-1999, member *Ad Honorem* of the National Coordination.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Has received more than fifty acknowledgements, awards and distinctions both national and international, among them:

- *National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), for his 10 years of academic services to the institution, September 2011.*
- *International Human Rights Award (IAOHRA), for outstanding promotion of civil and human rights, August 2011.*
- *National Journalism Award José Pagés Llergo, sixteenth edition in the Human Rights Category, April 6th, 2010.*
- *Elected Honorary President during the Civil Society Days, coordinated by the BBVA Bancomer Foundation, at “The 4th Meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development”, November 8-11, 2010.*
- *Awarded the First Acknowledgement of the Latin American Distinction for Human Rights Promotion, Advancement of Democracy and Equity, by FLACSO—the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, September 7th, 2009.*
- *Presented as Honorary Associate by the Free Access Assembly, for his labor in the full social inclusion of disabled people, September 5th, 2009.*

- The “Mexican Leaders” magazine included him as one of *the 300 most influential people in Mexico*, in 2007, 2008 and 2009.
- *Bestowed the B’nai B’rith Human Rights Award Mexico 2009*, for his labor and promotion in people’s rights, June 2009.
- *Change* magazine recognized him for being one of the names in “Society 2008”, December 28th, 2008.
- The Citizens Council for the Social Development, the Pact for Culture Movement and the Flor y Canto Foundation *recognized him for his commitment and participation in Ciudad Juarez’s re-foundation as a city protecting rights of everybody*”, December 13th, 2006.
- ASHOKA foundation elected him to the *Ashoka’s Globe Fellowship* and also granted him a scholarship, May 1995 and April 1998.
- The European Union, the European Union’s Delegation to Mexico, *invited him to the European Union Visitors Program (EUVP) 2004* to learn about the functioning of the EU Institutions, as well as its cooperation programs with Latin America and Mexico in democracy and human rights, July 2004.
- The United States of America and the U.S. Embassy in Mexico *invited him to the International Visitor Leadership Program for civil and electoral organizations* (Washington, New York, San Antonio, Denver, and Boston), 1998.
- He was *sponsored by the Lorena Alejandra Gallardo Foundation a scholarship* in undergraduate and graduate studies, May 1990-July 1995.

PUBLICATIONS

He has been published in over eighty national and international articles. Moreover, he is author of the following books: *Understanding Human Rights in Mexico*, published by Nostra Editions; and *Freedom of Expression and the Right to Information in Mexico: A Challenge of our Times*, published by Federal Institute for Access to Public Information and Protection of Personal Data. [See: Selected Recent Speaking Engagements Index]

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

He has been a speaker in over three hundred forums, seminars and symposiums in Mexico, the United States and several Latin American and European countries. [See: Selected Publications Index]

LANGUAGES

Spanish (perfect command)
 English (advanced)
 French (intermediate)
 Portuguese (basic)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality: Mexican

Family: Wife: Raquel Pastor Escobar; Daughters/Son: Guadalupe, Luisa and Jesus.

INDEX OF SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book author

- *Understanding Human Rights in Mexico*, Mexico: Nostra Editions, 2009.
- “Freedom of Expression and the Right to Information in Mexico: A Challenge of our Times”, *Mexico City’s Transparency Essay Collection*, number 16, Mexico: Federal Institute for Access to Public Information and Protection of Personal Data, 2012.

Collaboration in books

- “Faith”, in Ricardo Raphael (Coord.), *The Indignant Mexico*, Mexico: Planeta, 2012.
- “Rights and Democracy: Dare for Mexico 2012”, in Oropeza García, Arturo (Coord.), *Mexico 2012. The Future Responsibility*. (Mexico: Legal Research Institute, UNAM, 2012), 83-120.
- “The Institutionalization of Human Rights. Reflections on Civil Society and Human Rights Public Organisms”, in *México’s Greatest Problems. Vol. II Society* (Mexico: abbreviated edition, El Colegio de México, A.C., 2012), 324-327.
- “The Indigenous People Rights after the Constitutional Reform of 2011”, in *Forum Memories; the San Andres Accords, Pending Assignment*. (Chiapas, Mexico: Commission for the Concord and Pacification, 2010), 52-60.
- “The Institutionalization of Human Rights. Reflections on Civil Society and Human Rights Public Organisms”, in Blancarte, Roberto (Coord.), *Mexico’s Greatest Problems, Vol. XVI, Cultures and Identities*. (Mexico: El Colegio Mexico, A.C., 2010), 115-147.
- “Public Policy and Human Rights: The Experience of Mexico City’s Human Rights Diagnosis and Action Plan”, in Rossi, Andrea and Zavala, Luis Eduardo (Coords.), *Public Policy and Human Rights in Mexico*. (Mexico: Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education, 2010), 279-321.
- “Constitutional Reform on Penal Justice and Public Security”, in in Garcia Ramirez, Sergio and Islas de Gonzalez Mariscal, Olga (Coords.), *Constitutional Reform in Penal Matter*. (Mexico: INACIPE and UNAM, 2009), 299-307.
- “Prospectus of non-jurisdictional mechanisms to protect human rights”, in in Ferrer Mac-Gregor, Eduardo and Zaldívar Lelo de la Lerrea, Arturo (Coords.), *The Science of Procedural and Constitutional. Vol. VII*. (Mexico: Constitutional Procedures of Freedom, UNAM, IMDPC, and Marcial Ponds, 2008), 899-914.
- “Discrimination”, in García Ramírez, Sergio, Islas de Gonzalez Mariscal, Olga and Vargas Casillas, Leticia A. (Coords.), *Penal Justice Topics, Public Security and Criminalistics. IV Conferences on Penal Justice*. (Mexico: Institute of Legal Research-UNAM, 2005), 95-101.

Op-Eds

- “Violence of State”, in *Conspiracy II*, num. 2 (Mexico: Jus, July-August 2011), 74-82.
- “Challenges for Freedom of Expression in Mexico”, in *Exam*, num. 185 (Mexico, July 2010), 15-19.
- “A Renewed Agenda on Human Rights”, in *Nexos*, num. 368 (Mexico, August 2008).
- “National and International Agenda”, in *Nexos*. (Mexico: December 2008), 53-58.
- “Ethics and Transparency: Essential Values in the Consolidation of Democracy in Mexico”, on *Human Rights Review*, num. 14 (Mexico: Mexican Federation of Public Organisms for the Protection of Human Rights, July-November 2003), 59-67.

INDEX OF SELECTED RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Economic and Social Justice Beyond Borders. Caravan for Peace. Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity. National Conveners Group and Chicago Host Committee. (Chicago, IL; May 26 and 27, 2012)
- Institutions Matter For Security, But *How?* Regional Seminar Series. World Bank (Washington, D.C.; May 10, 2012)
- Movement for Justice and Peace Movement Project. Duke University (North Carolina; November 15 -18, 2011)
- Human Rights Situation and Violations. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. (Washington, D.C., October 26 -28, 2011)
- Forum Living the Legacy... Honoring the Past, organized by International Association Of Official Human Rights Agencies (Austin, Texas; August 31, 2011)
- Democracy in Mexico: Citizenship and Human Rights. Second Regional Meeting in the Reconceptualization of Democracy within the Human Rights Framework, Inclusion, Citizenship Participation, and Poverty Struggle. Inter-American Institute of Human Rights. (San Salvador, El Salvador; February 20-23, 2011)
- The Current Situation of Human Rights in Mexico (Bellagio, Italy; August 6, 2010)
- The Current Situation of Human Rights in Mexico at Montreal University (CERIUM) (Montreal, Canada; April 9, 2010)
- Mexico City’s Human Rights Diagnosis Program. Human Rights Inter-American Commission (Washington, D.C.; March 19, 2009)
- Regional Conference on Transitional Justice in Latin America. International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (San José, Costa Rica; February 19-21, 2009)
- Mexico City’s Human Rights Diagnosis Program. United Nations Human Rights Council. (Geneva, Switzerland; March 16-17, 2009)
- Strategies and Challenges in the Ratification and Application of the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention Against Torture. (Tegucigalpa, Honduras; October 14 and 15, 2008)

- Human Rights, The Millennium Development Goals, and the Future of Development Cooperation. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. (Geneva, Switzerland; June 16 and 17, 2008)
- Harvard University Committee on Human Rights Studies. (Cambridge, Massachusetts; May 29-31, 2008)
- International Human Rights Organizations in Geneva and Metagora Meetings. (Paris, France; January 16 -19, 2008)
- Media and Government Workshop. A Reform Agenda in Latin America. Inter-American Dialogue. (Washington, D. C; January 14-15, 2008)
- Human Rights Symposium: Common Issues Facing Minnesota and Mexico. University of Minnesota Law School. (Minneapolis, Minnesota; October 3-6, 2007)
- Second OECD World Forum on Statistics, Knowledge and Policy. (Istanbul, Turkey; June 27- 30, 2007)
- Inter-American System of Human Rights Protection. (Panama, Panama; June 3-5, 2007)
- Human Rights in Mexico. Chicago University. (Chicago, Illinois; April 28-May 2, 2007)
- Human Rights Situation in Mexico. Amnesty International. Denmark Business School. (Copenhagen, Denmark; September 24-29, 2006)
- Executive Session on Human Rights Commissions and Criminal Justice. Harvard University. (Cambridge, Massachusetts; May 12, 2006)
- The Inter-American System of Human Rights Protection. The Central American Ombudsman Council. (San Jose, Costa Rica; April 27-30, 2004)
- The Inter-American System of protection of Human Rights: Challenges of Case Resolution. The European Commission of Human Rights, the Pluriannual Democracy Program and the Center for Human Rights and International Justice. (San Jose, Costa Rica; September 19-21, 2004)
- II Ibero-American Symposium on Media and Ancient Democracy. The Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Dominican Republic Commission for State Reform Commission. (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; 1999)
- I Ibero-American Symposium on Media and Ancient Democracy. The Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH), (Guatemala; 1997)