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WORKING LANGUAGES English / French

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts (English Special)/Bombay University

Diplôme d'Etudes Françaises (University of Toulouse)

Salzburg Seminar Scholar at the 298th Session on Managing non-governmental organisations

Four-month training in the field of social services in the USA, at the University of Western Michigan and community services

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Social Policy Adviser to the Director-General for Social Security

Coordination of and/or participation in the preparation of reports on the implementation of international instruments (European Union, Council of Europe, United Nations)

Coordination of and/or participation in interdepartmental and multidisciplinary groups on several aspects of policies and practices in the fields of social security / social protection / social development/ social action / international relations

Participation as national and international expert in conferences, seminars and meetings

Ministerial appointments to carry out special missions

ACTIVITIES IN CESCR (2007/2010 mandate)

Co-rapporteur for General Comment 19 on the Right to Social Security

Rapporteur for Revised Guidelines for national reports on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Vice-Chair (2009/2010)

CURRENT POSITION(S)

Senior Social Policy Advisor in the Ministry of Solidarity and Social Solidarity/Portugal

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

UN treaty body system; core human rights instruments; economic, social and cultural rights; women's rights and international cooperation for professionals in the Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity, universities, human rights institutions and NGO training programmes

Faculty member of the Nottingham University Human Rights Law Centre Summer School (2008)

Speaker at the UNDP Global Human Rights Community of Practice Meeting (2009)

OHCHR Training on Reporting to the UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies (CESCR) in Senegal and Cabo Verde (2010) and The Gambia (2011)

Facilitator at one of the sessions of the Bossey consultation (CRPD-CMW) on strengthening the treaty body system (2011)

Faculty Member of the Leadership Institute of the Programme for Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (PWESCR) in 2011 and 2012

PRESENTATIONS, PAPERS AND ARTICLES

Presentations and papers on various aspects of economic, social and cultural rights and socio-economic policies and practices, the latest being *Human Rights of Older Persons: policy or implementation gap*, at the 5th Warsaw Seminar on Human Rights, in September 2011 and *Inclusion Strategies in times of democratic transition: the Portuguese experience*, in Tunisia, at the invitation of the ILO, also in September 2011

Selected articles:

The Future of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Individualisation and the Crumbling of the Welfare State, published by Palgrave Macmillan

Human Rights and Development: the two sides of the same coin, published by Iboorberg Verlag GmbH & Co, KG

Multicultural Europe: combating racism and intolerance, published by the French National Consultative Commission for Human Rights

Global Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impacts on Women: a Human Rights Perspective (Awaiting publication)

MEMBERSHIP

Board of Trustees of the European Roma Rights Centre Foundation

International Board of the Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

High level advisory group on de-institutionalisation of the European Social Network

Board of the Portuguese UNICEF Committee

National Commission for Human Rights (Portugal)