

## Mayra Ortiz Ocaña

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**Research Interests:** Law and Politics, Human Rights, Criminal Justice Institutions, Violence, Social Movements, Latin American Politics, Qualitative Methods

### Education

**PhD**, Political Science – University of Notre Dame **2021-Present**  
Fields: Comparative Politics, Methods

**MA**, Political Science – University of Notre Dame **2023**

**BA**, Law Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico City **2017**

- Graduated with highest honors (mención honorífica).
- Honors thesis: *Balancing method analysis for collision of free speech and the right to equality for women*

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Book Chapters (Editor-Reviewed)*

Ortiz Ocaña, Mayra, and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán. 2023. “Transformative Impact: A Framework for Analysis.” In *Transformations on the Ground: The Impact of the Inter-American Human Rights System and Ius Constitutionale Commune on Latin America*. Edited by Armin von Bogdandy, Flavia Piovesan, Eduardo Ferrer Mac Gregor, and Mariela Morales Antoniazzi. **Forthcoming**, Oxford University Press

#### *Other publications*

Saffon, María Paula and **Mayra Ortiz Ocaña**. 2022. “El acceso a la reparación integral de víctimas de violaciones a derechos humanos en México, una agenda pendiente” *La reforma constitucional sobre derechos humanos en México. Una evaluación con perspectiva de futuro*, eds., José Luis Caballero and Eduardo Ferrer Mac Gregor (Mexico: Tirant México).

Saffon, María Paula and **Mayra Ortiz Ocaña** 2022. “Derechos humanos y desastres. El papel del Poder Judicial” *Manual sobre justiciabilidad de los Derechos Económicos Sociales Culturales y Ambientales*, ed., Christian Courts (Mexico: Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación).

Saffon, María Paula, Mariana Mora, Pablo Gómez, **Mayra Ortiz Ocaña**, Ana Paula Félix and Jaime Vera. 2019. *Contra el desamparo del Estado: Informe ciudadano sobre las violaciones a los derechos de las personas damnificadas por el sismo 19S*. (México: IIJ-UNAM).

Ortiz Ocaña, Mayra. 2018. Review of *Informe especial. El estado que guarda la garantía de los derechos humanos de las personas damnificadas por el sismo de septiembre de 2017 en la Ciudad de México. Radiografía a un año del desastre* (México: CDHCDMX Methodhos, jul-dec 2018).

Salazar, Pedro and **Mayra Ortiz Ocaña**. 2017. “Libre expresión, universidad pública y mundo digital: reflexiones a propósito de los casos de Nicolás Alvarado y Marcelino Perelló”. *El prejuicio y la palabra: los derechos a la libre expresión y a la no discriminación en contraste*, eds., Jesús Rodríguez Zepeda and Teresa González (Mexico: CONAPRED- IIJ UNAM, pp. 175-202).

#### *Policy papers*

Castañeda, Carmen and **Mayra Ortiz Ocaña**. Mecanismos de coordinación institucional para la atención de violencia de género contra las mujeres y niñas en CDMX en el contexto de crisis por Covid-19 [Institutional coordination mechanisms for attention to gender violence against women and girls in CDMX in the context of the Covid-19 crisis], UNDP-UN Women, 2020.

## RESEARCH

**Affiliated Graduate Student**, Notre Dame Reparations Design and Compliance, directed by Aníbal Pérez-Liñán and Diane Desierto. **2022- Present**

**Doctoral Research Associate**, Notre Dame Violence and Transitional Justice Lab (V-TJLab), directed by Guillermo Trejo. **2021- Present**

**Research Associate**, Documenta desde Abajo (Document from Below), directed by María Paula Saffon and Mariana Mora. **2017- Present**

**Research Associate**, Observatory on Disappearances and Impunity in Mexico (FLACSO, IJJ-UNAM University of Minnesota and Oxford University), directed by Karina Ansolabehere, Leigh Payne and Barbara Frey. **2019- 2021**

**Research Assistant** to Professor Sandra Serrano (FLACSO-México), Mexico City **2018 - 2020**

**Research Assistant** to Professor Pedro Salazar Ugarte (IIJ-UNAM), Mexico City **2013 - 2018**

## TEACHING

**Instituto Escuela del Sur High School**, México City **2018 – 2021**

### *Law Instructor*

## FELLOWSHIPS

University of Notre Dame, Kellogg Institute for International Studies PhD Fellowship **2021 – 2026**

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and Yale University, Training Program on Research Methods Scholarship **2017**

## AWARDS AND TRAVEL GRANTS

Political Science Department, University of Notre Dame. Small Research Grant \$1000 **2023**

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. \$1200 grant to attend LASA **2023**

Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame. \$670 grant to attend LAPSS **2022**

## SELECTED CONFERENCES

International Political Science Association (IPSA), “Collective Process Tracing: The Use of Focus Groups to Identify Causal Processes” with Laura López Pérez, Buenos Aires, Argentina (Virtual presentation), 15-19 July 2023.

Latin American Science Association (LASA), “Demanding Justice in Criminal Governance Contexts: The Case of Chihuahua, Mexico”, Vancouver, Canada, 24-27 May 2023.

Latin American Peace Science Society (LAPSS), “Tracing victim’s experiences: an ethical method for focus groups with victims of violence” with Laura López Pérez, Medellín, Colombia, 18-20 January 2023.

Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE), “How to treat sexual harassment and gender violence in UNAM’s Faculty of Law” Puebla, México, 5-7 December 2017.

### **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

**Panelist** in the Seminar “Comprehensive risk management for disasters and its link to human rights” National Commission of Human Rights (CNDH). (15 October 2020).

### **SPECIALIZED GRADUATE TRAINING**

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University **2023**

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Escuela Federal de Formación Judicial – Consejo de la Judicatura Federal**

*Coordinator* Academic Program Unit **2020 - 2021**

**Oficina de Defensoría de los Derechos de la Infancia** (Childhood’s Rights Defense Office)

*Lawyer* at criminal law litigation team **2018 - 2019**

### **LANGUAGES**

Spanish (native speaker); English (proficient); Italian (intermediate)

### **SOFTWARE SKILLS**

*R, LATEX*