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PhD Development Planning and MSc Building & Urban Design in Development and architect. I have worked as a practitioner, researcher and teacher in Chile and the UK, with experience of fieldwork and teaching in Latin America. I am a guest lecturer at the MSc level at the Development Planning Unit in the modules: Sustainable Infrastructure and Services in Development and Urban Water Sanitation, Planning and Politics. I am a lecturer at the school of architecture and design at the University of Brighton where I co-led the design studio: "Wastes and Strays: Beyond Public Spaces". I am activist in the NGO London Mining Network which holds London-based mining companies to account by working closely with mining-affected communities.

## Higher education

2013 - 2019	<b>UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (UCL)</b> <b>THE BARTLETT DEVELOPMENT PLANNING UNIT (DPU)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MPhil/PhD</li></ul> Thesis title: "Hydrosocial territories in the Atacama Desert: an ethnographic analysis of changing water practices in Toconao, Chile" (Supervisors: Dr Alexandre Apsan Frediani, UCL and Dr Caroline Newton, KU Leuven / TU Delft)	London, UK
2012 - 2013	<b>UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (UCL)</b> <b>THE BARTLETT DEVELOPMENT PLANNING UNIT (DPU)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MSc Building &amp; Urban Design in Development</li></ul> Dissertation title: "The role of the body and the territory in participation processes: The case of Atacama Desert, Chile" (Supervisor: Dr Caroline Newton)	London, UK
2007	<b>UNIVERSIDAD DE CHILE</b> <b>FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diploma in Multimedia and Digital Production</li></ul>	Santiago, Chile
1999 - 2004	<b>UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DEL NORTE</b> <b>FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION AND CIVIL ENGINEERING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Architectural degree (BArch, recognised as RIBA Part 2)</li></ul> Dissertation title: "Estación de intercambio Salar del Carmen, Antofagasta: la permanencia en espacios transitorios" (Supervisors: Dr Rolando Meneses and Dr Claudio Galeno)	Antofagasta, Chile

## Employment:

Since 2018	<b>UNIVERSITY OF BRIGHTON</b> Lecturer at the school of architecture and design at the University of Brighton in the undergraduate design studio: "Wastes and Strays: Beyond Public Spaces"	Brighton, UK
2018	<b>UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (UCL)</b> <b>THE BARTLETT DEVELOPMENT PLANNING UNIT (DPU)</b> Guest lecturer in postgraduate courses at the Development Planning Unit in the modules: Sustainable Infrastructure and Services in Development; Urban Water Sanitation, Planning and Politics.	London, UK

Since 2013	<b>NGO LONDON MINING NETWORK</b> Volunteer working on coordination, communications, publications and events.	London, UK
2012	<b>SECRETARIAT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION, GOVERNMENT OF CHILE</b> Responsible for the design and participation processes of initiatives in isolated communities.	Antofagasta, Chile
2011	<b>MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OF CHILE</b> Lead architect for the Neighbourhood Recovery Program. Responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions defined in the citizen participation and reconstruction plan	Antofagasta, Chile
2010	<b>SECRETARIAT OF COMMUNAL PLANNING, MUNICIPALITY OF SIERRA GORDA</b> Lead architect for social projects and supervision of urban and architectural projects	Baquedano, Chile
2008	<b>GH3 ARCHITECTURE + LANDSCAPE</b> Architectural assistant in the design of architectural projects	Toronto, Canada.
2006-2007	<b>SECRETARIAT OF COMMUNAL PLANNING, MUNICIPALITY OF VALPARAISO</b> Architect the Architectural and Urban team for the Urban Recovery and Development Valparaiso Program (PRDUV). Supervision of urban and architectural projects	Valparaíso, Chile
2005	<b>JUAN CRISTIAN COSTELLA MONTT SERVICE COMPANY</b> Architect of the educational and recreational program of the "Terrace of Pukara"	Calama, Chile
2004	<b>UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DEL NORTE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION AND CIVIL ENGINEERING</b> Workshop tutor	Antofagasta, Chile
2002	<b>TECHNICAL OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUANAJUATO</b> Internship, Architectural assistant	Guanajuato, México
<b>Selected presentations:</b>		
2019	<b>UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DEL NORTE, FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION AND CIVIL ENGINEERING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Hydrosocial territories in the Atacama Desert: an ethnographic analysis of changing water practices in Toconao, Chile"</li> </ul>	Antofagasta, Chile
2019	<b>SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING, UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Hydrosocial territories in the Atacama Desert: an ethnographic analysis of changing water practices in Toconao, Chile"</li> </ul>	Remote contribution
2018	<b>WORKSHOP ON SOIL STEWARDSHIP IN FLANDERS, BELGIUM.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Hydrosocial territories in the Atacama Desert: an ethnographic analysis of changing water practices in Toconao, Chile"</li> </ul>	Mechelen, Belgium
2017	<b>LIVING MAPS SEMINAR, DEVELOPMENT PLANNING UNIT, UCL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Cartography and Everyday Struggles Over Material Resources in Latin America"</li> </ul>	London, UK

2016	<b>RGS-IBG ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE EVERYDAY RURALITIES: NEXUS OF LIVES LIVED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Shaping the autonomy of rural communities in the process of mining expansion: The daily practices of water use in the Atacama Desert, Chile”</li> </ul>	London, UK
2015	<b>5TO ENCUESTRO DE DISEÑO URBANO: "EL AGUA Y LAS CIUDADES" UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DEL NORTE. FACULTAD ARQUITECTURA, CONSTRUCCIÓN E INGENIERIA CIVIL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Agua y fragmentación del territorio Lickan Antay ante el proceso de expansión minera”</li> </ul>	Antofagasta, Chile
2014	<b>LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON POLITICAL ECOLOGY. GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT OF THE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM, UNIVERSITY OF CHILE.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Territory’s fragmentation: “The territory of aboriginal communities in the process of mining expansion: The case of Atacama Desert, Chile.”</li> </ul>	Santiago, Chile
2014	<b>7TH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON VERNACULAR SETTLEMENTS. RE- ASSESSING VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE: THEORIES AND PRACTICES TRADITIONS, IDENTITIES AND GLOBALIZATION.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Territory’s fragmentation: “The territory of aboriginal communities in the process of mining expansion: The case of the Atacama Desert, Chile.”</li> </ul>	Istanbul, Turkey

#### Recognitions and awards:

2012 - 2018	<b>SCHOLARSHIP “BECAS CHILE” TO STUDY ABROAD CONICYT, CHILE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For conducting MSc and PhD studies at the University College London</li> </ul>	London, UK
2014	<b>BEST PAPER AT THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON VERNACULAR SETTLEMENTS (ISVS-7). FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE OF THE ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, TURKEY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distinction for research on the use of ancestral techniques of construction as a way of understanding the tension in the production and conceptualization of the territory. “Re-assessing vernacular architecture: theories and practices traditions, identities and globalization”</li> </ul>	Istanbul, Turkey
2000	<b>UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DEL NORTE. FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION AND CIVIL ENGINEERING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First place in the competition “City Corners” sponsored by Regional Council of Culture, Arts and Heritage.</li> </ul>	Antofagasta, Chile

#### Selected Publications:

Olmos, C. (2020). Autonomy in times of economic complicity: Mining expansion and water practices in northern Chile. In J. P. Bohoslavsky, K. Fernández, & S. Smart (Eds.), *Pinochet’s Economic Accomplices*. Lanham: Lexington Books (In press).

Olmos, C. (2019). Autonomía en tiempos de complicidad económica: Expansión minera y prácticas del agua en el norte de Chile. In J. P. Bohoslavsky, K. Fernández, & S. Smart (Eds.), *Un país desigual a la fuerza: Complicidad económica con la dictadura chilena* (pp. 353 – 368). Santiago de Chile: LOM Ediciones.

#### Other skills:

Languages: Spanish: Mother tongue. English: Full professional proficiency.

Software use: Full professional use of: Adobe InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop; Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point); Video Edition Software (Adobe Final Cut, iMovie); and Auto Cad.