

CV PROF. CARMELA PÉREZ-BERNÁRDEZ

PART A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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A.1. Current position

Position	Senior Lecturer in International and European Law
Initial date	26.12.2019 - current
Institution	University of Granada
Department	Department of Public International Law and International Relations
Country	Spain
Keywords	European Union (EU) external action, rule of law (RoL), human rights, sanctions, international organizations, diplomacy, terrorism

A.2. Previous positions

Period (day/month/year)	Position/Institution/Country
19.04.2012 - 26.12.2019	Associate Professor in 'Public International Law', 'European Union Law', 'International Organizations' (Undergraduate & Master studies), University of Granada
02.09.2008 - 18.04.2012	Assistant Professor, University of Granada in 'Public International Law', 'European Union Law', 'International Organizations' (Undergraduate & Master studies), Jean Monnet Actions on Policies and External Action of the European Union
01.10.2006 - 01.09.2008	Tenured Lecturer in International and European Law, Department of Public International Law and Private International Law, School of Law, Complutense University of Madrid (UCM)
21.10.1999 - 30.09.2006	Lecturer in 'Public International Law', 'European Union Law' (Doctorate and Jean Monnet actions) School of Law, Complutense University of Madrid (UCM)

A.3. Education

PhD, Licensed, Graduate	University/Country	Year
PhD	Complutense University of Madrid (UCM), Spain	2002
Law Degree	Complutense University of Madrid (UCM), Spain	1995

PART B. CV SUMMARY

Professor Carmela Pérez Bernárdez is currently conducting her **research and teaching** as Senior Lecturer at the University of Granada. She co-leads a project of 20 researchers dealing with 'The international legal and political challenges of **disinformation and artificial intelligence**' ([*Disinfor-AI*](#)) (PID2024-159534OB-I00) funded by the Ministry of Science, Innovation, and Universities and cofinanced by the European Union (2025-2028).

She obtained her first position as a Tenured Lecturer (*Contratada Doctora*) at the **Complutense University of Madrid** (UCM) in 2006. Her main research line has focused on the European Union's (EU) external action from various analytical perspectives, particularly those linked to human rights, the rule of law (RoL), sanctions, cybersecurity, diplomacy and international terrorism, as well as international organizations.

She has consistently sought to link the theoretical aspects of her work with international practice. For example, she has participated in international **electoral observation missions** for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Organization of American States (OAS) from 2005 to 2024 (e.g., Azerbaijan, Albania, Belarus, El Salvador, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru and Mexico). This electoral background allows her to better approach the analysis about disinformation in electoral processes with a special focus on new technologies.

She obtained a *Salvador de Madariaga Senior Research* Fellowship that she held for 5 months (2023) at the University of California (UC) at Berkeley. There she had the opportunity to be enriched by the perspective of artificial intelligence (AI) and big techs, at the Silicon Valley. She has also been **visiting scholar** at UC Berkeley in 2010 and 2004 with public and competitive scholarships, as *Del Amo Complutense* research grant.

Prof. Pérez Bernárdez has been a **co-leading investigator** of a national project funded by the Ministry of Science, Innovation, and Universities about '*The External Action of the European Union and the Rule of Law*' (ACEXDE) (2019–2022). Other research achievements include her participation in five national research projects and an Excellence Project under the Andalusian Plan. She has also led a **Jean Monnet** Action through a competitive European Commission program and co-led a research group on '*Terrorism and International Legality*' at the UCM, where she previously worked. These research activities have resulted in a rich scientific output, including the coordination of several monographs (e.g., Edward Elgar: *Enhancing the RoL in the EU's External Action*, 2023), book chapters (in publishers such as Hart Publishing, Martinus Nijhoff, Tirant lo Blanch, Marcial Pons, and Tecnos), articles in journals (RDCE, RGDE, *Cuadernos Europeos de Deusto*, and *REEI*, among others), the organization of various conferences, and dissemination activities through presentations and lectures at conferences and courses.

She has explored another research line linked to the rule of law and its erosion in some European states, producing papers about EU responses from a legal perspective (*Revista General de Derecho Europeo*, book chapters in Spanish and English—Thomson-Reuters-Aranzadi—and participation in conferences and courses). A topic (RoL) profoundly related to misinformation. Also she has conducted analyses about EU's sanctioning regime in various thematic areas (human rights and cybersecurity), in comparative perspective (USA, with the foreign interference election OFAC thematic or cyber-related sanction programs).

She has integrated youth associations and gender-sensitive papers presentations into the international conferences she has directed (see ACEXDE international conference [program](#) or to collaborate with them through social networks or as academic advisor for young researchers as *Foro X for the future of Europe*). She also gives visibility to her research, as shown in the [podcast](#) Borderlines from Berkeley Law, UC, about 'Sanctions in comparative perspective'.

She has directed a **PhD** in co-direction with Università degli Studi di Ferrara (Italy) about 'the EU and the responsibility to protect' and is currently supervising a doctoral thesis about 'EU sanctions in relation to the use of facial recognition technologies in violation of human rights'.

Prof. Pérez-Bernárdez shows a dynamic spirit on other areas: serving on the ordinary tribunal of the selection process for entry into the Spanish Diplomatic Service (2010/2011) and was a board member of the Spanish Association (AEPDIRI) promoting research projects and organizing activities. She has also contributed to the editorial committees of *RDCE* and *REEI*, continues to evaluate scientific works for these and other journals and she is on the list of evaluators for the Spanish Research Agency. From an institutional perspective, she has held different **academic positions** (as Vice Dean at Law School in the University of Granada) and is currently a member of the Law doctoral program committee at the University of Granada.

PART C. RELEVANT MERITS

C.1. Publications

- Pérez Bernárdez, C. (2024). "Una aproximación a las sanciones de la Unión Europea ante los ciberataques", in *La Unión Europea, Principios Democráticos y Orden Internacional. Liber Discipulorum en homenaje al profesor Diego J. Liñán Noguera*, De Faramiñán Gilbert, J.M., Roldán Barbero, J. & Del Valle Gálvez, A. (coord.), pp. 545-585, Tirant lo Blanch. ISBN 9788411977425.
- Pérez Bernárdez, C. & Hinojosa Martínez, L. M. (eds.) (2023), *Enhancing the Rule of Law in the European Union's External Action*, 374 pp., Edward Elgar Publishing. ISBN 9781035312313.
- Pérez Bernárdez, C. (2023). 'The human rights sanctions regime and the rule of law: towards a stronger European Union?' *Enhancing the Rule of Law in the European Union's External Action*, Pérez Bernárdez, C. & Hinojosa Martínez, L.M. (eds), Edward Elgar Publishing, Cheltenham, pp. 132-161. ISBN 9781035312313.
- Pérez Bernárdez, C. (2023). 'Las sanciones internacionales de la UE: el caso de Rusia', in *Retos y Oportunidades de la Presidencia Española del Consejo de la Unión Europea*, in Aldecoa, F. & Esteve, J.E. (dirs.), pp. 35-61, Tirant Lo Blanch. ISBN: 9788411696272.
- Pérez Bernárdez, C. (2020). 'La participación de la Unión Europea en Organizaciones Internacionales en tiempos de Brexit', *Revista de Derecho Comunitario Europeo*, nº 67, 9630-1005. ISSN 1138-4026.

- Pérez Bernárdez, C. (2019). 'A new Rule of Law Mechanism for the European Union Budget: An effective negative conditionality for respect for EU's fundamental values?', in *International Markets Regulation and the erosion of the European Political and Social Model*, Hinojosa, L.M. & Martín Rodríguez, P.J. (dirs.), pp. 263-302, Thompson-Reuters Aranzadi. ISBN: 9788491976028.
- Pérez Bernárdez, C. (2016). 'La promoción profesional en las Organizaciones Internacionales y las Tecnologías de la Información y la Comunicación (TIC)', *Docencia del Derecho y TIC: innovación y experiencias metodológicas*, Delgado García, A. M. & Beltrán de Heredia Ruiz, I. (coords.), pp. 105-116, Huygens. ISBN 978-8415663553.
- Pérez Bernárdez, C. (2016). 'La Unión Europea frente a la Erosión del Estado de Derecho: Las respuestas jurídico-políticas al caso polaco', *Revista General de Derecho Europeo* nº 40, pp. 48-94, ISSN 1696-9634.
- Pérez Bernárdez, C. (2016). 'The Consistency of the European Union's Human Rights Policy at United Nations', *The European Union's External Action in Times of Crisis*, P. Eeckhout, M. López Escudero (eds.), Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2016, pp. 325-373. ISBN 9781509928798.
- Pérez Bernárdez, C. (2007). 'Towards the complex establishment of the European External Action Service: The European Union Embassies', in *La Proyección exterior de la Unión Europea: Desafíos y Realidad*, Pérez Bernárdez, C (ed.) Tirant lo Blanch, 483, Valencia, pp. 57-114. ISBN 978-8484567653.

C.2. Congress

- 'Smart Sanctions against Human Rights violations: a comparative perspective', *Seminar on European Sanctions and Human Rights*, University of California at Berkeley, Institute of European Studies & Miller Institute for the Global Challenges and the Law, 31 October 2023. (Invited conference).
- 'La autonomía estratégica de la UE: claves para la Cumbre de Granada', ponencia, Curso El refuerzo de la autonomía estratégica y la relaciones con América Latina y El Caribe en la V Spanish Presidency of the EU Council, UCM, El Escorial, 20 July 2023. (Oral presentation).
- 'EU's External Action & the Rule of Law: Counterterrorism and other restrictive measures' Seminar, Università degli Studi di Ferrara, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza, Ferrara (Italy), 27 February - 9 March 2023. (Invited conference).
- 'El nuevo régimen de sanciones de la UE', Congress 'Retos y Oportunidades de la Presidencia española del Consejo de la UE: aportaciones de la Conferencia sobre el Futuro de Europa', School of Law, University of Valencia, 29 November 2022. (Oral presentation).
- 'El nuevo régimen sancionador en materia de derechos humanos: una Unión Europea más contundente?', *Seminar in Diritti fondamentali, poteri pubblici, fiscalità nelle politiche di coesione*, Università degli studi di Bari Aldo Moro (Italy), 21 November 2022. (Invited conference).
- 'El Estado de Derecho y el nuevo régimen sancionador de la UE en materia de derechos humanos' International Conference. *Enhancing the Rule of Law in the EU's External Action*, University of Granada, 17 March 2022.
- 'The EU role in the protection of Democracy and the Rule of Law in the Member States', Seminar in the Menéndez Pelayo International University (UIMP), Santander, 4 September 2019. (Invited conference).
- 'Latest developments about the European External Action Service, EEAS', IV International Studies Summit, University of Lisbon (Portugal), 23 November 2009. (Oral presentation).

C.3. Research projects

- PID2024-159534OB-I00. 'The international legal and political challenges of disinformation and artificial intelligence' (*Disinfor-AI*) funded by the Ministry of Science, Innovation, and Universities and cofinanced by the European Union. R&D programme. University of Granada. Duration: 01/09/2025-01/09/2028. Budget: 50.000 €. Co-principal investigator.
- PRX22/00457. Individual research about 'the effectivity and legitimacy of sanctions against human rights violations in comparative perspective: US & EU'. Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities. University of California at Berkeley, USA. Senior Research Grant Salvador de Madariaga. Duration: 13/08/2023-30 12/2023. Budget: 10.704 €. Researcher.
- RTI2018-101041-B-I10. 'The European Union External Action and the Rule of Law' (ACEXDE). Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities: research challenges, R&D programme. University of Granada. Duration: 01/01/2019-30/06/2022. Budget: 18.150 €. Co-principal investigator (with prof. Hinojosa Martínez).
- A-SEJ-299-UGR18. 'The redefinition of the EU's external action after *Brexit*' (EU-EXTERNAL), R&D project, FEDER Junta de Andalucía. Lead researchers: D. J. Liñán Nogueras & Pablo J. Martín Rodríguez. University of Granada. Duration: 01/12/2019-30/06/2022. Budget: 10.400 €. Researcher.
- DER204-57213-R. 'Governance and institutional reform after the economic and financial crisis: The role of the European Unión', R&D national plan. Lead researchers: L. M. Hinojosa Martínez y P. Martín Rodríguez. University of Granada. Duration: 01/01/2015 to 31/12/2017. (First year: part-time). Budget: 42.350 €. Researcher.
- DER2010-21083. 'The Articulation of the European Union's External Action after the Lisbon Treaty', Education and Science Ministry, R&D national plan. Lead researcher: M. López Escudero. Universidad de Granada. Duration: 01/01/2011 to 01/01/2014. Budget: 96.800 €. Researcher.
- DER2010-20414-C02-02 (SUB JURI), 'Governance and institutional reform after the economic and financial crisis: The role of the European Unión', Education and Science Ministry, R&D national plan. Lead researcher: F. Aldecoa Luzárraga. University Complutense of Madrid (UCM). Duration: 01/01/2011 to 01/01/2014. Budget: 20.000 €. Part-time researcher.
- P08-SEJ-04082. 'Economic Globalization and European Integration: Legal Analysis from International Law', Project of excellence of the andalusian research plan. Lead researcher: D. J. Liñán Nogueras. University of Granada. Duration: 01/01/2009 to 01/01/2013. Budget: 48.000 €. Researcher.
- SEJ2005-02124/JURI, 'Fight against terrorism, International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law', Education and Science Ministry, R&D national plan project. Lead researcher: Manuel Pérez González. Duration: 31/12/2005 to 30/12/2008. Budget: 32.000 €. Researcher.
- N° 941060, 'Terrorism and International Legality'. Consolidated research group. University Complutense – Santander Bank. C. Pérez Bernárdez and E. Conde Pérez, Duration: 01/01/2007 to 01/01/2011. Budgets: 7.100 € (2007), 4.810 € (2009), 1.773,75 € (2010). Lead co-researcher from 01/01/2007 to 30/12/2008 and researcher.
- Line 15.02.01.06. 'External Action of the European Union: Challenges and Reality'. European Commission (European Union), *Jean Monnet* Action, UCM (2005-2006). Lead researcher.

C.4. Contracts, technological or transfer merits

- Contract: Scientific study on public policies to promote work-life balance, European Social Fund (EU) and Comunidad Valenciana, Cardenal Herrera University. Prof. Abril Stoffels (coordinator), 08/10/2009. Budget: 20.000 €. Researcher.