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Research Interests

Critical Social Work, Critical Policy Studies, Vulnerable Populations, Family Policy, Poverty and Inequality, Human Rights, International Migration

(This is not an exhaustive list)

Education

- European Joint Master's Degree in Social Work, Families and Children concentration

University of Stavanger, Norway (coordinating institution), (2021-2023)
University of Gothenburg, Sweden
Makerere University, Uganda
University Institute of Lisbon/ISCTE, Portugal

- BA International Relations

University of Vale do Itajaí, Brazil (2016-2019)

Academic & Research Experience

- Master of Social Work research thesis, University Institute of Lisbon-ISCTE, School of Sociology and Public Policy (November 2022 – July 2023)

Main activities conducted: writing; data collection; data analysis and interpretation; designing techniques and approaches; discipline-specific literature review; sample collection and cataloging; content analysis; dissemination and presentation of results.

Description of the experience: drafting of a research proposal; designing and writing a research thesis at the Master's degree level; data collection; review of literature; results and discussion; presenting the results on a final viva-voce examination.

Research topic: "Where is Race and Ethnicity in the Portuguese Social Work Curricula? A Content Analysis" (Provisional title). Supervisor: TBC.

- Affiliated Researcher (Research Traineeship), University of Copenhagen (January 2022 – November 2022)
ERC *Human Rights Nudge* (Redesigning the Architecture of Human Rights Remedies)

Human Rights Nudge is an ERC-funded project coordinated by Prof. Veronika Fikfak; it looks at past cases of human rights violations and studies when and why states changed their practice. My main task at the Nudge was to actively research the role of Norway at the European Court of Human Rights, by looking at all cases where a violation was found by the Court. Through the "coding tree" methodology, I collected both quantitative and qualitative data on human rights cases involving Norway and looked at how the Norwegian Government implemented the judgments (if there is or not any legislative change, change in jurisprudence, redress at the individual level, etc.).

- Junior Research Fellow, University of Vale do Itajaí (Univali) (March 2018 – February 2021)
Human Rights & Citizenship Research Group, coordinated by Prof. Maria de Lourdes Alves Lima Zanatta, emerita.

This research group is registered with the School for Legal and Social Sciences of The University of Vale do Itajaí and is also part of the Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) research directory. As a result of my participation, I have co-authored several papers that got published in peer-reviewed journals in Brazil, the US, Spain, and elsewhere. This research group is composed of students at all levels (undergrads, grad students) and research professors, who actively collaborate on a myriad of topics related to human rights, citizenship, and participation.

- Study group member, University for Peace and RESAMA (South American Network for Environmental Migrations) (July 2021 – December 2021)

Study Group on Environmental Migration

We met on a monthly basis to discuss previously selected literature in the field of environmental migrations with a regional focus on Latin America. This study group is part of the MOVE-LAM initiative (Latin American Observatory on Human Mobility, Climate Change, and Disasters), coordinated by Dr. Erika Pires Ramos.

- Research Assistant to Prof. Marcos Vinicius Viana da Silva (JD/Ph.D.), University of Vale do Itajaí, School of Legal and Social Sciences (June 2019 – August 2021)

Main activities conducted: writing; data analysis and interpretation; designing techniques and approaches; discipline-specific literature review; preparation of manuscripts; dissemination and presentation of results.

Description of the experience: For 2 years and 2 months I assisted Prof. Silva on several of his research projects, which ultimately resulted in eight co-authored papers/publications across different fields, on themes related to human rights, law, public policy, and migration.

- Undergraduate Research Thesis, University of Vale do Itajaí, Department of International Relations (August 2018 – December 2019)

Description of the experience: For two and a half semesters I designed and wrote a 145-page long research monograph, which counted as a partial requirement for obtaining a Bachelor of International Relations degree. After a successful defense, I scored the highest grade (10 out of 10), and then later I divided the project into four separate articles, all published by now in Brazilian peer-reviewed journals. The undergraduate thesis was originally written in Brazilian Portuguese and supervised by Professor Marcos Vinicius Viana da Silva, Ph.D./JD.

Research title: *Infâncias e sonhos atrás das grades na terra prometida: Uma análise das violações dos direitos humanos das crianças migrantes aprisionadas em centros de detenção no Canadá no período de 2010 a 2016* [Childhoods and dreams behind bars in the promised land: An analysis of human rights violations of migrant children held in detention centers in Canada from 2010 to 2016]. Publications: 4 peer-reviewed articles. Presentations: 1.

- Community Outreach Intern, University of Vale do Itajaí (March 2018 – December 2019)
“*Intergenerational Law & Transversality*” Community Project.

For two consecutive years, I held a paid internship position in this Community Outreach Project. The project aimed at developing interdisciplinary actions related to the role of schools and civil society in defending children's rights. I was responsible for giving lectures on specific academic themes (such as children's rights, gender studies, and sociology of childhood) to schoolteachers and volunteers, and I was also in charge of the administrative routine of the project, producing metrics and reports related to our activities. Occasionally I would also deliver educational activities to underprivileged children in elementary schools around the City Campus area.

- Undergrad Teaching Assistant / Classroom Tutor, University of Vale do Itajaí (March 2017 – December 2017)
Tutorship for the course *Introduction to the Study of International Relations* (Code: 3819 on Transcripts).

Working closely with the Professor, I helped develop learning materials for this course, in addition to grading a few assignments throughout the year. Starting with the syllabus, I helped the professor come up with ideas for assignments, quizzes, and exams to meet the learning objectives of the course set by the administration of the University. This helped me gain experience and understanding of course design, teaching, and evaluation. This experience has also ignited my passion for academia in general.

Publications

1. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (Forthcoming 2022). Latin American perspectives on Indigenous social work: in search of mind, body, and soul. *AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples* (online-first). <https://doi.org/10.1177/11771801221140460> [research article]
2. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2022). Critical Perspectives on Social Work and Social Policy Practice with Vulnerable Migrants in an Era of Emergencies. In *Social Policy Review* 34, Bristol University Press/Policy Press, UK (pp. 134-157). <http://dx.doi.org/10.46692/9781447365815.008> [book chapter]
3. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2021). Challenges in making school social work a reality in Brazilian schools. *International Social Work* (online-first). <https://doi.org/10.1177/00208728211031965> [research article]
4. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, Viana da Silva, M., & S. Fachini, J. (2021). The management (or lack thereof) of COVID-19 in Brazil: implications for human rights and public health. *International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare*, 14(2), 158-174. <https://doi.org/10.1108/ijhrh-09-2020-0085> [research article]
5. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2020). Mary Mee-Yin Yuen, Solidarity and Reciprocity with Migrants in Asia: Catholic and Confucian Ethics in Dialogue. *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal*, 29(4), 553-555. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0117196820983983> [book review]
6. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, Alves Lima Zanatta, M. de L., & Tumenas Mello, E. (2020). Gender-Awareness amongst Brazilian Children Enrolled in Primary Education: Implications for Women's Rights & Equality. *Multidisciplinary Journal of Gender Studies*, 9(1), 25–50. <https://doi.org/10.17583/generos.2020.4865> [research article]
7. Zanatta, M.L.A.L., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2019). The Role of Rights-Based Social Work in Contemporary Latin American Diasporas: The Case of Venezuelan Migrant Children. *Journal of Human Rights and Social Work*, 4(4), 238-247. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41134-019-00104-1> [research article]
8. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, Viana da Silva, M.V., & da Silva, J.E. (2021). Indigenous Rights, Necropolitics and the 'Daily Genocides' of Brazil's Native and Traditional Peoples. In T. Ribeiro Teles (Ed.), *Língua(gens), Literaturas, Culturas, Identidades e Direitos Indígenas no Brasil* (1st ed., pp. 172-180). Curitiba: Bagai Publishing. <http://dx.doi.org/10.37008/978-65-89499-57-2.23.04.21> [book chapter]
9. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Zanatta, M.L.A.L. (2021). Health care access by transgender persons in South Africa: gender-based discrimination, human rights violations, and the role of the African human rights system. In *Conference on Responsiveness of the African human rights system to sexual and gender-based violence* (pp. 1-22). Stellenbosch, SA; Stellenbosch University. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3969424> [conference paper]

10. Viana da Silva, M.V., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2020). Dream the impossible dream? An ecosocialist account of the human right to a healthy environment. *Direito Ambiental & Sociedade*, 10(2), 35-60. <https://doi.org/10.18226/22370021.v10.n2.02> [research article]
11. Viana da Silva, M.V., **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & da Silva, J.E. (2020). The Right to Data Protection Versus “Security”: Contradictions of the Rights-Discourse in the Brazilian General Personal Data Protection Act (LGPD). *Revista Direitos Culturais*, 15(36), 209-232. <https://doi.org/10.20912/rdc.v15i36.18> [research article]
12. da Silva, J.E., **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Viana da Silva, M.V. (2019). In Tech We Trust? Some General Remarks on Law in the Technological Era from a Third World Perspective. *Journal Juridical Opinion*, 17(25), 107-123. <https://doi.org/10.12662/2447-6641oj.v17i25.p107-123.2019> [research article]
13. Souza, I.F., Leme, L.R., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2018). Creating bridges between international relations theory and international human rights law: constructivism and the role of Brazil in the Inter-American system of human rights. *Brazilian Journal of International Law*, 15(3), 179-197. <https://doi.org/10.5102/rdi.v15i3.5653> [research article]
14. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2018). Manaus' massacre as a result of the crisis in the Brazilian penitentiary system: an analysis in the light of international human rights law. In A. Jobim do Amaral et al (Eds.), *Anais do 8º Congresso Internacional de Ciências Criminais – PUCRS* [Annals of 8th International Congress on Criminal Sciences – Global Criminology Section], Vol. 3 (1st ed., pp. 121-140). Brazil: Tirant lo Blanch. [book chapter]

Manuscripts accepted for publication:

1. None so far.

Manuscripts under review:

1. **da Luz Scherf, Erick**, and Maria de Lourdes Alves Lima Zanatta. Health care access by transgender persons in South Africa: gender-based discrimination, human rights violations, and the role of the African human rights system. Under review in *Journal Health and Technology*. Submitted in November 2022. [research article]
2. **Erick da Luz Scherf**. Human Rights and Sustainability vis-à-vis the Norwegian Oil Industry: An Early Assessment of Greenpeace Nordic and Others against Norway. Under review in *Laws*. Submitted in November 2022. [research article]

Manuscripts under preparation:

1. **Erick da Luz Scherf**. In Progress. Public Management, Populism, and the Evidence-Policy Gap: A Case Study of Brazil (2019-2022).
2. **Erick da Luz Scherf**. In Progress. Why Europe Needs an Antifascist Social Work Education: A Critical Appraisal.

Other Publications

Peer-reviewed publications in Portuguese (please note that all titles have been translated for convenience)

3. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, Viana da Silva, M.V., & da Silva, J.E. (2021). A Few Considerations on Human Rights in the Biotechnological Era: Normativity Versus Dignity. *Revista Direito e Justiça: Reflexões Sociojurídicas*, 21(41), 195-210. <https://doi.org/10.31512/rdj.v21i41.636> [research article]

4. Viana da Silva, M.V., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2020). Advances and Challenges in Implementing Public Policies for the Protection of the Social Rights of Older Migrants in Brazil. *Revista Eletrônica da Faculdade de Direito de Franca*, 15(1), 215-228. <https://doi.org/10.21207/1983.4225.951> [research article]
5. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Viana da Silva, M.V. (2020). "The Canadian Citizenship is a Privilege, Not a Right": Migration and Securitization in the Promised Land. *Interfaces Brasil/Canadá* [Brazilian Review of Canadian Studies], 20, 1-36. <https://doi.org/10.15210/interfaces.v20i0.19069> [research article]
6. Viana da Silva, M.V., da Silva, J.E., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2020). The Role of the Canadian Supreme Court in Defending the Rights of Migrant Persons: Subverting the State of Exception by the Routes of Judicial Activism. *Journal of Contemporary Public Law*, 1(2), 85-110. <http://www.rdpc.com.br/index.php/rdpc/article/view/124>. [research article]
7. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Viana da Silva, M.V. (2020). Child Migration and International Relations: Theoretical Neglect versus Child Protagonism. *Revista Relações Internacionais no Mundo Atual*, 28(3), 269-297. <http://revista.unicuritiba.edu.br/index.php/RIMA/article/view/4138>. [research article]
8. Viana da Silva, M.V., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2020). The Justiciability of the Right to Education in the Inter-American System of Human Rights: A Possible Way Out for the Dismantling of the Brazilian Public Education System?. *Revista Humanidades & Inovação*, 7(7), 350-367. <https://revista.unitins.br/index.php/humanidadeseinovacao/article/view/2574>. [research article]
9. Zanatta, M.L.A.L., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2019). Child Migration and the United Nations Regime for the Protection of Human Rights. *Caderno de Relações Internacionais*, 9(17), 105-134. <https://doi.org/10.22293/2179-1376.v9i17.989> [research article]
10. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Zanatta, M.L.A.L. (2019). Human rights and corporate social responsibility in the context of international commerce: the Barrick Gold miner and sexual violence against women in Papua New Guinea between 2006 and 2010. *Revista Vertentes do Direito*, 6(1), 161-181. <https://doi.org/10.20873/uft.2359-0106.2019.v6n1.p161-181> [research article]
11. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Rocha Leme, L. (2019). A theory of international justice for whom? Failures in the restrictive concept of human rights in Rawls' The Law of Peoples. In M. Leal & A. Custódio (Eds.), *Fundamentos Constitucionais das Políticas Públicas* [Constitutional Foundations of Public Policy], Vol. 1 (1st ed., pp. 186-198). Brazil: EDUNISC. <http://hdl.handle.net/11624/2723>. [book chapter]
12. de Oliveira, A.C.D.C., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2019). Rights-Based Social Work as a Tool for Realizing the Human Rights of Venezuelan Migrant Children in Latin American Countries. *Revista TOMO*, 34, 241-286. <https://doi.org/10.21669/tomo.v0i34.9933> [research article]
13. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Milindre Gonzalez, R. (2018). Civil society and the fight for the recognition of fundamental liberties during peace negotiation processes: lessons from the civil war in Sierra Leone and from the Lomé Peace Accord. *Conjuntura Global*, 7(2), 170-188. <https://doi.org/10.5380/cg.v7i2.59393> [research article]
14. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Milindre Gonzalez, R. (2018). Forced migration and humanitarian crisis in Myanmar: Rohingya – no territory, nation, or rights. *Revista de Iniciação Científica em Relações Internacionais*, 5(10), 37-73. <https://doi.org/10.22478/ufpb.2318-9452.2018v5n10.37368> [research article]
15. de Souza, M.C.S.A., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2017). Business Management Towards Sustainable Development: The Dialogue Between Climate Change and Human Rights. *Revista Jurídica da Escola Superior do MP-SP*, 12(2), 68-86. https://es.mpsp.mp.br/revista_esmp/index.php/RJESMPSP/article/view/337. [research article]

Academic Conferences & Presentations

1. (8-10 June 2022). Climate Litigation, Human Rights, and the Norwegian Oil Industry: An Early Assessment of Greenpeace Nordic and Others against Norway. In *Conference on the Intersection between Human Rights and Sustainability as an Evolving and Justiciable Concept*. Oslo, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights at University of Oslo. <https://youtu.be/reGJggtW-pk>
 2. (April 20-22, 2022). Critical perspectives on social work and social policy practice with vulnerable migrants: exploring anticolonial human rights narratives. In *CCNY's Second Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Conference*. New York; CCNY's Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, City University of New York.
 3. (September 2021). Unwanted and overlooked: barriers to transgender persons' access to health care in South Africa and the role of the African human rights system. In *Conference on Responsiveness of the African human rights system to sexual and gender-based violence*. Stellenbosch, SA; Stellenbosch University.
 4. (November 13-14, 2020). Judicialization of the Right to Mental Health: A Pathway to Mental Health Care in Brazil?. In *Global Mental Health: Today and Tomorrow*, First Edition. Michigan, USA; University of Michigan.
 5. (October 2020). Impunity and Human Rights Violations Amid and After the Covid-19 Pandemic: Questioning the Future of State Responsibility under International Human Rights Law. In *Pandemic & International Responsibility Conference*. Porto, PT; Portucalense University.
 6. (October 23-25, 2019). The unconventionality of the dismantling of public education policies in Brazil and the jurisdiction of the Inter-American Human Rights System (translated from Portuguese). In *II Congresso Internacional de Políticas Públicas para a América Latina [II International Conference on Public Policies for Latin America]*. Itajaí, BR; University of Vale do Itajaí.
 7. (2018). Human rights, corporate social responsibility and international business: looking for coherence through the experience of Papua New Guinea (translated from Portuguese). In *XIII Congresso Direito UFSC [XIII Law Conference at the Federal University of Santa Catarina]*. Florianópolis, BR; Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC).
 8. (2017). Manaus' massacre as a result of the crisis in the Brazilian penitentiary system: an analysis in the light of international human rights law. In *8th International Conference on Criminal Sciences – Global Criminology Section*. Porto Alegre, BR; Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS).
 9. (2016). Reform of the judiciary and the democratization of access to justice: an analysis on the influence of the judicial reform secretariat and its contributions to the realization of fundamental rights (translated from Portuguese). In *XIII Seminário Internacional Demandas Sociais e Políticas Públicas na Sociedade Contemporânea [XIII International Seminar on Social Demands and Public Policies in Contemporary Society]*. Santa Cruz do Sul, BR; University of Santa Cruz do Sul (UNISC).
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Awards & Accolades

- *Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree Scholarship Recipient* (August 2020)

University of Stavanger (NO) through funding provided by the European Commission on behalf of the EU.

I received a full scholarship for this Master-level study program that funded both tuition fees and living costs at three different European countries.

- *University for All Program Recipient* (Programa Universidade para Todos-PROUNI) (January 2016)

University of Vale do Itajaí (BR) through funding provided by the Brazilian Ministry of Education (MEC). I was awarded with complete coverage of all tuition fees during undergraduate studies in a private university in Brazil.

Volunteering & Civic Engagement

- *Writing contributor, Aurora Institute for Human Rights Education* (Curitiba, Brazil). (July 2021 – August 2021)

Instituto Aurora is a Brazilian NGO dedicated to human rights education (HRE) and to promoting the National Plan on HRE in Brazil. The Institute is funded by different organizations including private companies and educational institutions. I helped the Institute strengthen its mission by providing short articles for its online blog platform.

- *Project Proposal and Grant Writing Volunteer, Esbet Children and Youth Development* (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) (May 2021 – July 2021)

I was responsible for identifying potential donor organizations to provide financial support for this grassroots organization working on Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health, Gender Equality, youth leadership, child health and protection in Ethiopia. In addition, I performed writing and editing of funding proposals submitted to different Government Agencies in Africa, Europe, and North America.

Professional Experience

- *Social Work Intern, Internationella Engelska Skolan* (September 2022 – October 2022)
Part-time. Gothenburg, Sweden.
 - *Mandatory Social Work Placement, Different Organizations* (December 2021)
Full-time. Lisbon, Portugal.
 - *Commercial Analyst, Prontmed Health Data Technology S.A* (March 2021 - August 2021)
Full-time. São Paulo, Brazil.
 - *Legal and Admin. Assistant, Viana & Silva Attorneys at Law* (July 2019 - January 2021)
Part-time. Itajaí, Brazil.
 - *Customer Support Representative, Taglog - Trust Group* (December 2020 - January 2021)
Full-time. Itajaí, Brazil.
 - *Commercial Assistant, Nelson Heusi Group* (January 2020 - October 2020)
Full-time. Itajaí, Brazil.
 - *English as a Second Language teacher, KNN Languages* (February 2017 - December 2017)
Full-time. Camboriú, Brazil.
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Academic & Professional Memberships

1. Social Policy Association, UK. International early scholar membership. Member since February 2022.
2. Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA). Erasmus Master Student. Member since August 2020.

Non-Scholarly Publications

1. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (June 13, 2021). Re-Assessing the Promises and Possibilities of Human Rights. *The Wall of Justice*. Retrieved 3 January 2022, from <https://thewallofjustice.com/re-assessing-the-promises-and-possibilities-of-human-rights/>.
2. da Silva, J.E., **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Viana da Silva, M.V. (2019). In Tech We Trust? Law, Technology and the Third World. *Machine Lawyering* (Chinese University of Hong Kong). Retrieved 3 January 2022, from <https://www.legalanalytics.law.cuhk.edu.hk/post/2019/05/06/in-tech-we-trust-law-technology-and-the-third-world>.
3. da Luz Scherf, E. (Winter 2018). Ought to kill or ought to heal? The importance of medicine in the history of warfare. *Hektoen International: A Journal of Medical Humanities*. Retrieved 3 January 2022, from <https://hekint.org/2018/03/05/kill-heal-importance-medicine-history-warfare/>.

Peer-review record

2020 - Asian Journal of Education and Social Sciences (SCIENCEDOMAIN International), *Ad hoc* reviewer

2022 - Globalizations (Taylor & Francis), *Ad hoc* reviewer

2022- International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy (Emerald Group Publishing), *Ad hoc* reviewer

2022 - Springer Book Series in International Social Work (Springer Nature), *Ad hoc* reviewer