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Education

- Incoming student, Fall 2023 – Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. School of Social Work.
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Social Work
Dissertation: TBD
- Aug. 2021 – Aug. 2023 - The University of Stavanger, Norway (coordinating institution)
Master of Science in Social Work, Families and Children concentration
Thesis: Challenging the colorblind curriculum: addressing race, ethnicity, and diversity in Social Work education in Portugal

Partner universities: Gothenburg University (Sweden); Makerere University (Uganda); University Institute of Lisbon/ISCTE (Portugal)
- Feb. 2016 – Dec. 2019 – University of Vale do Itajaí, Brazil
Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Relations
Thesis: 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 (translated from Portuguese)

Research Experience

- Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2022 - University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law. ERC Human Rights Nudge (Redesigning the Architecture of Human Rights Remedies)
Role: Affiliated Researcher, Research Traineeship
- Mar. 2018 – Feb. 2021 – The University of Vale do Itajaí, School of Legal and Social Sciences. “Human Rights & Citizenship” Research Group.
Role: Junior Research Fellow, Research Assistant (RA)
- Jun. 2019 – Aug. 2021 – The University of Vale do Itajaí, School of Legal and Social Sciences. Office of Prof. Marcos Vinicius Viana da Silva (JD/Ph.D.)
Role: Research Assistant (RA)

Academic activities

- Jul. 2021 – Dec. 2021 - University for Peace and RESAMA (South American Network for Environmental Migrations). Study Group on Environmental Migration
Role: Study group member

- Mar. 2018 – Dec. 2019 - The University of Vale do Itajaí, School of Legal and Social Sciences. “Intergenerational Law & Transversality” Community Project
Role: Community Outreach Intern
 - Mar. 2017 – Dec. 2017 - The University of Vale do Itajaí, Department of International Relations. Introduction to the Study of International Relations (Code: 3819 on Transcripts).
Role: Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (TA)
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Peer-reviewed publications (in English)

Journal articles

15. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2023). Latin American perspectives on Indigenous Social Work: In search of mind, body, and soul. *AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples*, 19(1), 155–165. <https://doi.org/10.1177/11771801221140460>
14. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Viana da Silva, M. V. (2023). Oil giant, climate saviour, or somewhere in between? Human rights and the Norwegian climate paradox. *International Journal of Public Law and Policy*, Online First. <https://doi.org/10.1504/ijplap.2023.10054627>
13. **da Luz Scherf, E.** et al. (2022). Health care access by transgender persons in South Africa: gender-based discrimination, human rights violations, and the role of the African human rights system. *Journal Health and Technology - JHT*, 1(4) e1425, 1-22. <https://doi.org/10.47820/jht.v1i4.25>
12. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2021). Challenges in making school social work a reality in Brazilian schools. *International Social Work*, 66(2), 590–596. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00208728211031965>
11. **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>
10. **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>
9. 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>
8. 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 [Environmental Law & Society]*, 10(2), 35-60. <https://doi.org/10.18226/22370021.v10.n2.02>
7. 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 [Cultural Rights Review]*, 15(36), 209-232. <https://doi.org/10.20912/rdc.v15i36.18>

6. 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>
5. 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>

Book chapters

4. **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>
3. **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* [Languages, Literature, Culture, Identity, and Indigenous Rights in Brazil] (1st ed., pp. 172-180). Curitiba: BAGAI. <http://dx.doi.org/10.37008/978-65-89499-57-2.23.04.21>
2. **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* [Proceedings of the 8th International Congress on Criminal Sciences – Global Criminology Section], Vol. 3 (1st ed., pp. 121-140). Brazil: Tirant lo Blanch.

Book reviews

1. **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>

Manuscripts under review:

1. **Erick da Luz Scherf**. Discriminatory practices in healthcare affecting Sexual and Gender Minorities in South Africa: implications for health and human rights. *Journal of Health Management*. SAGE Journals. Status: Accepted with revisions (March 2023).

Manuscripts under preparation:

1. **Erick da Luz Scherf**. In Progress. International and Comparative Social Work Research in Latin America: Tapping into the Untapped Potentials.
2. **Erick da Luz Scherf**. In Progress. Climate Change and Green Social Work: An Ecosocialist Critique.
3. **Erick da Luz Scherf**. In Progress. Hunger and Climate (In)Justice in Latin America and the Caribbean: Challenges for the Social Work Profession in an Era of Intersecting Emergencies.

Peer-reviewed publications (in Portuguese)

Journal articles

13. **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* [Journal Law and Justice: Sociolegal Reflections], 21(41), 195-210. <https://doi.org/10.31512/rdj.v21i41.636>

12. 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* [Journal of the Franca Law School], 15(1), 215-228. <https://doi.org/10.21207/1983.4225.951>

11. **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>

10. 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>

9. **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* [International Relations in the Actual World], 28(3), 269-297. <http://revista.unicuritiba.edu.br/index.php/RIMA/article/view/4138>

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* [Journal Humanities & Innovation], 7(7), 350-367. <https://revista.unifins.br/index.php/humanidadesinovacao/article/view/2574>

7. 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* [Card of International Relations], 9(17), 105-134. <https://doi.org/10.22293/2179-1376.v9i17.989>

6. **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* [Journal Strings of the Law], 6(1), 161-181. <https://doi.org/10.20873/uft.2359-0106.2019.v6n1.p161-181>

5. 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* [TOMO Journal of Sociology], 34, 241-286. <https://doi.org/10.21669/tomo.v0i34.9933>

4. **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* [Global Conjecture], 7(2), 170-188. <https://doi.org/10.5380/cg.v7i2.59393>

3. **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* [Journal of Scientific Initiation in International Relations], 5(10), 37-73. <https://doi.org/10.22478/ufpb.2318-9452.2018v5n10.37368> [research article]

2. 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* [Law Journal of the Sao Paulo Public Prosecutor's Office], 12(2), 68-86. https://es.mpsp.mp.br/revista_esmp/index.php/RJESMPSP/article/view/337

Book chapters

1. **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>

Academic conferences and presentations

10. (March 2023, Forthcoming). Climate Change and Green Social Work: An Ecosocialist Critique. In *Injustice in a World of Uncertainty: Finland World Convention 2023*. Stream 1: Climate Change, Insecurity, and Danger. South-Eastern Finland University (Xamk). Mikkeli, Finland.
9. (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>
8. (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.
7. (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.
6. (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.
4. (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.
3. (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).
2. (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).
1. (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).

Awards and distinctions

- March 2023 – The University of Alabama School of Social Work/ UA Graduate School, Ph.D. Admission and Nomination to Graduate Council Fellowship (<https://graduate.ua.edu/prospective-students/graduate-school-scholarships-fellowships/>)
- February 2023 – Rutgers University School of Social Work, Ph.D. Admission with GA appointment
- August 2020 – Erasmus Mundus Joint Master’s Degree Scholarship Recipient, European Commission/European Union (<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/opportunities/opportunities-for-individuals/students/erasmus-mundus-joint-masters-scholarships>)
- January 2016 - University for All Program Recipient (ProUni), Brazilian Ministry of Education (https://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Programa_Universidade_para_Todos)

Volunteering and civic engagement

- Jul. 2021 – Aug. 2021 (Online). Aurora Institute for Human Rights Education (Curitiba, Brazil). Role: Writing contributor. I helped the Institute strengthen its mission by providing short articles for its online blog platform.
- May 2021 – July 2021 (Online). Eshet Children and Youth Development (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia) Role: Project proposal and grant writing volunteer. I was responsible for identifying potential donor organizations and for revising funding proposals.

Professional Experience

- Feb. 2023 – Present. Udey Online Learning Platform (Remote) Role: Online Instructor, MOOC. Freelance.
- Sep. 2022 – Oct. 2022. Internationella Engelska Skolan (Gothenburg, Sweden) Role: Social work intern. Part-time.
- Dec. 2021 – Dec. 2021. Mandatory Placement at Different Organizations (Lisbon, Portugal) Role: Social work intern. Full-time.
- Mar. 2021 – Aug. 2021. Prontmed Health Data Technology S.A (Sao Paulo, Brazil) Role: Commercial Analyst. Full-time.
- Jul. 2019 – Jan. 2021. Viana & Silva Attorneys at Law (Itajai, Brazil) Role: Legal and Admin. Assistant. Part-time.
- Dec. 2020 – Jan. 2021. Taglog - Trust Group (Itajai, Brazil) Role: Customer Support Representative. Full-time.
- Jan. 2020 – Oct. 2020. Nelson Heusi Group (Itajai, Brazil) Role: Commercial Assistant. Full-time.
- Feb. 2017 – Dec. 2017. KNN Languages (Camboriu, Brazil) Role: English as a Second Language Teacher. Full-time.

Academic and 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

Online blog

2. **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.in/re-assessing-the-promises-and-possibilities-of-human-rights/>

Magazine

1. **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*.
<https://hekint.org/2018/03/05/kill-heal-importance-medicine-history-warfare/>
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Languages spoken

Portuguese – Native Speaker, English – Advanced/Fluent, Spanish – Upper Intermediate, French – Basic/Beginner

Research skills

Qualitative: Strong writing skills, Semi-structured Interviewing, Focus Groups, People Skills, NVivo (Beginner)

Quantitative: Simple and Multiple Linear Regression, Logistic Regression, Survey Methodologies, SPSS (Beginner)

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

2023 – International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare (Emerald Group Publishing), *Ad hoc* reviewer

References

Available upon request