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## Education

- Aug. 2023- Aug. 2028 (Expected)      Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Social Work  
The University of Alabama, School of Social Work  
Doctoral dissertation: TBD
- Aug. 2021 – Aug. 2023      Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW)  
Families and Children concentration  
The University of Stavanger, Norway (Erasmus Mundus  
Mobility Program)  
MSW Thesis: *Challenging the Colorblind Curriculum:  
Addressing Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity in Social Work  
Education in Portugal*
- Feb. 2016 – Dec. 2019      Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Relations  
The University of Vale do Itajaí, Brazil  
BA Thesis: *Childhoods and Dreams Behind Bars in the  
“Promised Land”: An Analysis of Human Rights Violations  
of Migrant Children Imprisoned in Canada Between 2010  
and 2016*

## Certifications

- Issued Feb. 2024      Excellence in Online Teaching (4 hrs.)  
The University of Alabama, Faculty Development Program
- Jan. 2020 – Sep. 2020      Graduate Cert. in International Human Rights Law (400  
hrs.)  
EBRADI - Brazilian School of Law / Una University  
Center, Brazil

## Research interests

- Public Policy and Macro Social Work Practice
- Immigrant & Minority Health
- Social Work with Migrants and Refugees
- Human Rights Law & Human Rights-Based Practice

## Research experience

- Fall 2024      Graduate Research Assistant  
The University of Alabama School of Social Work  
<https://socialwork.ua.edu/>  
Principal Investigators: Dr. Brian Bride (0.25 FTE) and Dr.  
Luciana C. Giorgio (0.25 FTE).

- Summer 2024 Graduate Research Assistant  
The University of Alabama School of Social Work  
<https://socialwork.ua.edu/>  
Principal Investigators: Dr. Hee Yun Lee (0.25 FTE) and Dr. Nicole Ruggiano (0.25 FTE).  
Funders: UA, and NSF, among others.
- Sep. 2023 – Present Affiliated Researcher / Volunteer Research Assistant  
The Initiative on Social Work & Forced Migration  
Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis  
<https://forcedmigration.wustl.edu/>  
Principal Investigator: Mitra Naseh, PhD  
Funders: RSF and WashU
- Sep. 2023 – Present Volunteer Graduate Research Assistant  
Sleep Health Equity (SHE) Research Lab  
<https://she-research.ua.edu/>  
The University of Alabama, School of Social Work  
Principal Investigator: Luciana Giorgio, PhD  
Funders: UA
- Oct. 2023 – Present Student Co-Principal Investigator  
Project title: Experiences of Racism and Discrimination  
Among Latinx Patients in Primary Healthcare Settings  
In collaboration with Thomas Jefferson University  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Shane' Gill  
Funders: Unfunded Research Project
- Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2023 Affiliated Researcher / Research Assistant  
ERC Human Rights Nudge  
<https://www.humanrightsnudge.com/>  
University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Veronika Fikfak  
Funders: ERC, UKRI, and others
- Mar. 2018 – Feb. 2021 Undergraduate Research Assistant  
Human Rights & Citizenship Research Group  
The University of Vale do Itajaí, Brazil  
Principal Investigator: Malu Zanatta, PhD  
Funders: Unfunded Research Project

### **Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards, and Funding (misc.)**

- August 2023 Capstone Graduate Council Fellowship  
Amount: 58,492 USD (2023-2024)  
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.  
Graduate School.
- August 2020 Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree Scholarship  
Amount: 49,000 EUR (≈USD 53,000)  
Granted by the European Commission/European Union

January 2016	<u>University for All Scholarship Program (ProUni)</u> Amount: 71,000 BRL (≈USD 14,000) Granted by the Brazilian Ministry of Education
Fall 2023	<u>Doctoral Funding for National Conference Travel</u> Amount: 700 USD The University of Alabama, School of Social Work
Fall 2023	<u>Doctoral Funding for International Conference Travel</u> Amount: 1,600 USD The University of Alabama, Graduate School & SSW
June 2023, Fall 2022, & Fall 2021	<u>Open Access Journal Publication Fee Awarded</u> Amounts: 410 USD, USD 2,500 (2x) The University of Stavanger & Sikt - Norwegian Agency for Education and Research
April 2022 & June 2022	<u>Travel Award for National Conference</u> Amounts: 70 EUR, 60 EUR The University of Stavanger

## Publications I (in English)

### Peer-reviewed journal articles

33. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (Forthcoming 2024). Anti-Racist Values in Portuguese Baccalaureate Social Work Education: A Content Analysis Study. Accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Social Work Values & Ethics*. Publisher: International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW).
32. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2024). Addressing Discrimination and Healthcare Disparities for Sexual and Gender Minorities in South Africa: A Human Rights-Based Perspective. *Journal of Health Management*, Ahead-of-Print. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09720634231216025>
31. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Viana da Silva, M. V. (2023). Brazil's Yanomami Health Disaster: Addressing the public health emergency requires advancing criminal accountability. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 11, 01–05. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2023.1166167>
30. **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>
29. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Viana da Silva, M. V. (2023). Oil giant, climate savior, or somewhere in between? Human rights and the Norwegian climate paradox. *International Journal of Public Law and Policy*, 10(3), 227-243. <https://www.inderscienceonline.com/doi/abs/10.1504/IJPLAP.2024.139509>
28. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, Alves Lima Zanatta, M. de, Viana da Silva, M. V., & Da Silva, J. E. (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), 01–22. <https://doi.org/10.47820/jht.v1i4.25>

27. **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>
26. **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>
25. **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>
24. 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>
23. 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>
22. 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>
21. 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>
20. 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

19. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2022). Critical Perspectives on Social Work and Social Policy Practice with Vulnerable Migrants in an Era of Emergencies. In Andy Jolly, Ruggero Cefalo, and Marco Pomati (Eds.), *Social Policy Review 34*, Bristol University Press/Policy Press, UK (pp. 134-157). <http://dx.doi.org/10.46692/9781447365815.008>
18. **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>

17. **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 review

16. **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>

### Publications II (in Portuguese, all titles have been translated)

#### Peer-reviewed journal articles

15. **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>
14. 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>
13. **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>
12. 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>
11. **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>
10. 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>
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>
8. **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>

7. 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>
6. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2019). The principle of minimum criminal intervention and the incarceration of minors in Brazil: From violations to the role of the Inter-American Human Rights System. *Revista Jus Navigandi*, 24(5790), 1-8. <https://jus.com.br/artigos/67916>
5. **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 the Lomé Peace Accord. *Conjuntura Global*, 7(2), 170-188. <https://doi.org/10.5380/cg.v7i2.59393>
4. **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>
3. 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](https://es.mpsp.mp.br/revista_esmp/index.php/RJESMPSP/article/view/337)
2. Hall, C.C., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2017). The Failure of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights: The Case Cosme Rosa Genoveva, Evandro de Oliveira and Others v. Brazil. *(Re)Pensando Direito*, 7(14), 55-70.

### Book chapter

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>

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### Manuscripts submitted or under review

3. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (Submitted April 2024). Book Review: Matthew, D. B. Just Health: Treating Structural Racism To Heal America. New York University Press. Under review in *Families, Systems, & Health* (Publisher: APA).
  2. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (Re-submitted March 2024). Addressing Diversity and Anti-Racism in the Social Work Undergraduate Curriculum in Portugal: A Qualitative Pilot Study. Under review in *Social Work Education: The International Journal* (Publisher: CSWE).
  1. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (Submitted December 2023). Immigration Policy as a Social Determinant of Health among Brazilian Immigrants in the United States: A Narrative Review. Under review in *Health Care Analysis* (Publisher: Springer).
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## Under preparation

### Edited book

6. **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Baikady, R. (Eds.). *Global South Narratives on Global Social Problems: Exploring Alternatives to a World in Crisis*. Phase: Book Proposal Under Review with Routledge India.

### Manuscripts

5. Lee, H. Y., Malele-Kubanga, K., Won, C.R., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** Service Provision During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Insights and Challenges Faced by Rural Community Health Workers in Alabama. Phase: Manuscript revision and preparation for submission.
4. Lee, H. Y., Won, C.R., Luo, Y., Hao, Z., Lidbe, A., Jones, S., & **da Luz Scherf, E.** Addressing Transportation Challenges and Proposing Improvements in Alabama's Black Belt Region During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Phase: Manuscript revision and preparation for submission.
3. Naseh, M., **da Luz Scherf, E.**, Tutlam, N., and others TBC. Migration Policies as Social Determinants of Health Among International Graduate Students in the United States. Phase: Data analysis and writing up.
2. Gill, S., & **da Luz Scherf, E.**, and others TBC. Experiences of Racism and Discrimination Among Afro-Latinx Patients in Primary Care Settings: A Scoping Review (provisional title). Phase: Phase I of screening and PRISMA protocol development.
1. Giorgio, L. C., **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & Ruggiano, N. Unveiling the Association between Social Isolation and Sleep Disturbances among Latinx Older Women and Men Living in the United States. Phase: Writing up.

## Refereed presentations at academic conferences

### Paper presentations

15. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (Forthcoming October 2024). "Immigration Policy as a Social Determinant of Health among Brazilian Immigrants in the United States." In *Council on Social Work Education's 70th Annual Program Meeting*. Sponsored by CSWE. Kansas City, MO. [In person]
14. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (March 2024). "Investigating the (non-)place of race and ethnicity in undergraduate social work education in Portugal." In *Infusing Resilience, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Big Easy, BPD 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference*. Sponsored by The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Inc. (BPD). New Orleans, Louisiana. [In person] <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.34523.58402>
13. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (May 2023). "Challenging the colorblind curriculum: addressing race, ethnicity, and diversity in Social Work education in Portugal." In *European Social Work Conference 2023: Against all odds, a social Europe is possible where no one is left behind!* Organized by IFSW – European Chapter. Prague, Czech Republic. [Remote/Online]

12. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (March 2023). “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. [Remote/Online] <https://youtu.be/jTP36bdXy3M>
11. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (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 the University of Oslo. [In person] <https://youtu.be/reGJggtW-pk>
10. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (April 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. [In person]
9. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (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. [Remote/Online]
8. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (November 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. [Remote/Online]
7. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (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. [Remote/Online]
6. **da Luz Scherf, E., & Morales, P.A.** (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). [In person]
5. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (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). [In person]
4. **da Luz Scherf, E., & Morales, P.A.** (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). [In person] <https://online.unisc.br/acadnet/anais/index.php/sidspp/article/view/15782>

## Posters



3. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (April 2024). “Understanding the Health and Social Needs of Older Brazilian Adults in the United States: A Needs Assessment Pilot Study.” In *16<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Universities Graduate Research Symposium*. Sponsored by the University of Alabama and the University of Georgia. Tuscaloosa, AL [In person]
2. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (April 2024). “International and Comparative Social Work Research in Latin America: Tapping into the Untapped Potentials.” In *SWSD 2024 – Joint Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development*. Sponsored by the International Association of Schools of Social Work, the International Council on Social Welfare, and the International Federation of Social Workers. Panama City, Panama. [In person]
1. da Silva, M.V.V., **da Luz Scherf, E.**, & da Silva, J.E. (October 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. [In person]  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.14208.05123>

## Direct practice experience

- May 2024 – Aug. 2024      University Medical Center (UMC)  
 Department of Social Services  
 The University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa, AL  
<https://umc.ua.edu/>  
 Role: *Healthcare social work intern, post-MSW level.*  
 Part-time (0.5 FTE).
- Sep. 2022 – Oct. 2022      Internationella Engelska Skolan  
 [International English School]  
 Gothenburg, Sweden  
<https://engelska.se/>  
 Role: *Social work intern, MSW-level.*  
 Part-time (0.25 FTE).
- Dec. 2021 – Dec. 2021      Field Placement at Different Organizations  
 (Lisbon, Portugal)  
 Role: *Social work intern, MSW-level.*  
 Part-time (0.5 FTE)  
 Non-profits visited: Child Protection Institute,  
 Portuguese League Against AIDS, and Salvador Association.
- Mar. 2018 – Dec. 2019      Intergenerational Law & Transversality Community Project  
 The University of Vale do Itajaí, School of Legal and  
 Social Sciences  
 (Itajai, Brazil)

Role: *Community Outreach Intern, undergrad/BA-level.*  
Part-time (0.5 FTE).

## Teaching experience

- Fall 2024 Graduate Teaching Assistant  
The University of Alabama School of Social Work  
Course: Social Work Education. Description: Teaching Practicum.
- April 2024 Guest Lecturer  
The University of Vale do Itajaí (Brazil)  
International Program  
Course: Human Rights (Theoretical and Normative Foundations)  
Topic: Global Migration and Human Rights  
Remote (Online Learning).
- Spring 2017 & Fall 2017 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (TA)  
The University of Vale do Itajaí (Brazil)  
Department of International Relations  
Course: Introduction to the Study of International Relations  
In-person. Part-time (0.5 FTE).

## Service

### Journal editor roles

April 2024 – Present Frontiers in Political Science, International Studies section.  
Role: Editorial Board Member / Review Editor.

### Committee work

April 2024 – Present Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Doctoral Student Committee (DSC), Mentoring Sub-Committee. Role: Committee Member.

### Peer-review

13. 2024 - *BMC Global and Public Health* (Springer Nature), *Ad hoc* reviewer
12. 2024 - *Biodemography and Social Biology* (Taylor & Francis), *Ad hoc* reviewer
11. 2024 – *Discover Global Society* (Springer Nature), *Ad hoc* reviewer
10. 2024 – *Annual Program Meeting (2024) - Council on Social Work Education,*  
Conference proposals reviewer
9. 2023 – *Social Work in Public Health* (Taylor & Francis), *Ad hoc* reviewer
8. 2023 – *Advances in Social Work* (Indiana University School of Social Work), *Ad hoc*  
reviewer
7. 2023 – *Critical and Radical Social Work* (Bristol University Press), *Ad hoc* reviewer
6. 2023 – *European Social Work Research* (Bristol University Press), *Ad hoc* reviewer

5. 2023 – *International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare* (Emerald Group Publishing),  
*Ad hoc* reviewer
4. 2022 – *Springer Book Series in International Social Work* (Springer Nature),  
Book proposal reviewer
3. 2022 – *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* (Emerald Group Publishing), *Ad hoc* reviewer
2. 2022 – *Globalizations* (Taylor & Francis), *Ad hoc* reviewer
1. 2020 – *Asian Journal of Education and Social Sciences* (SCIENCEDOMAIN International), *Ad hoc* reviewer

### **Invited Talks or Speaking Engagements (*Not Refereed*)**

5. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (March 2024). *Leading a Career in Academia as a Macro Social Work Researcher*. Speaking Engagement with Social Work Students In Celebration of Social Work Month. Organized by Monmouth University School of Social Work and the IFSW. Mode of delivery: Remote. <https://youtu.be/64hJmIfJQhM?si=1v6BEFrnxMZTdI9->
4. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (Recorded November 2023, Forthcoming March 2024). Video Interview. SAGE: An Introduction to Diversifying and Decolonizing Research. SAGE Research Methods Series. Mode of delivery: Remote. <https://methods.sagepub.com/video/race-ethnicity-and-diversity-in-social-work>
3. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (November 2023). Speaking Engagement about Immigration Policy as a Social Determinant of Health. Event: *Beyond Borders: The Challenges of Refugees and Migrants Around the World*. Research Colloquium organized by the University of Minho, Center for International Relations Area Studies (CECRI) (Portugal). Mode of delivery: Remote.
2. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (August 2023). Speaking Engagement about Pathways to an International Research Career, at the University of Vale do Itajai, School of Legal and Social Sciences (Brazil). Event: *Alumni Week*. Mode of delivery: In person.
1. **da Luz Scherf, E.** (November 2022). *Alumni Session on Ph.D. Opportunities for Erasmus Mundus Graduates in Social Work*. Role: Moderator. Hosted by Gothenburg University (Sweden), Department of Social Work. Mode of delivery: In person.

### **Mentoring**

- Tide Together Graduate Mentor Program August 2023 – April 2024  
Role: Mentee. Graduate School at The University of Alabama.  
Purpose: The Tide Together Graduate Mentor Program helps traditionally underrepresented students in graduate programs reach personal and professional success as they navigate the higher education journey.
- Brazilian Student Association (BRASA) Fall 2023  
Role: Mentor/Grad School Admissions Consultant (Volunteer).

Purpose: To help and guide Brazilian students throughout their application process to graduate school in the United States, providing them with tips, advice, and guidance regarding admissions to various degree programs.

### Volunteering and Civic Engagement

- Advocacy Day, The University of Alabama and NASW-AL Chapter March 07, 2024  
Montgomery, AL (In person). Role: Participant. We spent the day advocating on behalf of Criminal Justice Reform, Social Work Reinvestment, and Medicaid Expansion.
- Aurora Institute for Human Rights Education Jul. 2021 – Aug. 2021  
Curitiba, Brazil (Remote). Role: Writing contributor. I helped the Institute strengthen its mission by providing short articles for its online blog platform.
- Eshet Children and Youth Development May 2021 – July 2021  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Remote). Role: Project proposal and grant writing volunteer.  
I was responsible for identifying potential donor organizations and for revising funding proposals.

### Other publications (not peer-reviewed)

- **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2021). Lei Maria da Penha completa 15 anos com conquistas e desafios [Maria da Penha Law celebrates 15 years with achievements and challenges]. *Instituto Aurora*. <https://institutoaurora.org/lei-maria-da-penha-completa-15-anos-com-conquistas-e-desafios/>
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- **da Luz Scherf, E.** (2019). As liberdades fundamentais e o lugar das lutas por direitos no longa-metragem “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri” [Fundamental freedoms and the place of struggles for rights in the movie Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri]. *Revista Avant*. <https://repositorio.ufsc.br/handle/123456789/235575>
- **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/>

### Languages spoken

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

### Research skills

Established qualitative skills:

One-on-one and group interviewing; focus groups; interpersonal and people skills.

Very familiar with thematic coding and analysis.

Software: Dedoose and NVivo (Good knowledge).

Quantitative skills in development:

Software: Familiar with SPSS, and R (Fair knowledge).

Simple and multiple linear regression; logistic regression.

Other research software:

Covidence (Good knowledge)

## **Academic and professional memberships**

2024 – Present    The Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), US, Doc Student Member.

2022-Present    Social Policy Association (SPA, UK), International Early Career Scholar.

2020-2023        Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA), Erasmus Master Student.

## **References**

Available upon request.