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Positions held

- Director, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, Florence (2001-2009)
- Director, Division of Evaluation, Policy and Planning, UNICEF, New York, (1997-2001)
- Rapporteur of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (1991-1997)
- Vice-Chairman of the Coordinating Committee on Childhood Policies and Member of the Steering Committee on Human Rights of the Council of Europe

- Special Advisor to the UN Study on Violence against Children
- Special Advisor for the Machel Study on children affected by armed conflict
- Member of the Portuguese Commission for the Promotion of Human Rights and Equality

- Adviser to the Portuguese delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (1988 - 1996)
- Adviser to the Portuguese delegation before the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- Visiting Professor International University, Lisbon, Portugal on International System of Human Rights
- Senior Adviser for Human Rights and Legal Affairs, Head of Human Rights Unit, Attorney-General's Office, Office of Documentation and Comparative Law, Portugal (since 1980)
- Adviser for Legal Affairs of the Minister of Justice (1978 - 1980)
- Legal Adviser of the Secretary of State for the Public Administration (1978)
- Legal Adviser of the Secretary of State for Justice (1977)
- Legal Adviser of the Secretary of State for Finance (1976)

Membership of Professional Societies

- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the International Journal of Children's Rights
- Member of the Advisory Board of the International Inter-disciplinary Course on Children's Rights (Ghent University Children's Rights Centre and University of Antwerp)
- Member of the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates
- Member of the Scientific Council of the World Organization against Torture (OMCT)
- Member of the Advisory Committee of Human Rights Watch (1993-2005)
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Child Centre, Paris
- Member of the International Commission of Jurists (and member of the Board of the Portuguese section until 1997)

Participation in International Standard-setting Activities

- Member of the United Nations drafting group of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1987 – 1989)
- UNICEF Representative to the drafting group of the two Optional Protocols to the CRC
- Member of the United Nations drafting group of the “Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms” (Geneva, 1990-1992)
- Member of the United Nations drafting group of the "Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities"
- Member of the United Nations drafting group of the Declaration on the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance
- Member of the drafting expert group of the Convention on the Illicit Traffic of Drugs (United Nations, Vienna, 1987)
- Member of the Committee of Experts of the Council of Europe to exchange views on standard-setting activities of the United Nations in the field of human rights (1989-1992)
- Participation in the development of the European Strategy for Children; Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, 1995

Studies and publications

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2. "The Committee on the Rights of the Child." The Review, International Commission of Jurists, No.47, December 1991.
3. "The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child," Bulletin of Documentation and Comparative Law, 1988.
4. "The Convention on the Rights of the Child: a challenge to the future", Bulletin of Documentation and Comparative Law, 1990.
5. "The Convention on the Rights of the Child -A new approach to children's rights", Infância e Juventude, vol. 4, 1990.
6. "The Judicial Protection of the Child in the Convention on the Rights of the Child", Bulletin of Documentation and Comparative Law, 1991.
7. "The Convention on the Rights of the Child -A new charter of children's rights," published by the Canadian Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, July 1992.
8. "The Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Role of the Committee", Israel Law Review, Vol. 26, 1992.
9. "The Committee on the Rights of the Child - its activities and the role of non-governmental organizations." International Commission of Jurists, 1993.
10. "The monitoring system of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the role of national institutions," June 1992.
11. "The child in the administration of justice in the light of the Convention on the Rights of the Child," Bulletin of Documentation and Comparative Law, 1991.
12. Strasbourg Lectures: "New Human Rights -the Rights of the Child in the Judicial Proceedings," organized by the Canadian Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, Strasbourg, France, 1992.
13. "The United Nations Body of Principles for the Protection of all Persons under any Form of Detention or Imprisonment," Bulletin of Documentation and Comparative Law, 1988.

14. "States of emergency and constitutional law," submitted to the International Congress on Comparative Law, *Bulletin of Documentation and Comparative Law*, 1989.
15. "The economic, social and cultural rights," *Bulletin of Documentation and Comparative Law*, 1993.
16. "Violence against women," published by the Portuguese Commission for Equality and the Rights of Women, the Catholic University and the Ministry for Justice, 1994.
17. "Children in trouble -standards concerning children in conflict with the law: theory, achievements and shortcomings," submitted to the United Nations expert meeting on Children and Juveniles in Detention: application of human rights standards; published by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Youth and Family, 1995.
18. "Human Rights: An agenda for the next century -Rights of children and the family," published by the American Society of International Law, 1994.
19. "Evolution of the role of children in family life: participation and negotiation," published by Council of Europe, 1995.
20. "Building small democracies -the implications of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child for respecting children's civil rights within the family," published by United Kingdom Children's Rights Office, 1995.
21. "Refugee children and the Convention on the Rights of the Child," *Bulletin of Documentation and Comparative Law*, 1995.
22. "Enfants déplacés – comment garantir leur droit à une vie de famille," in *Children on the Move*, published by Kluwer Law International, 1995.
23. "Monitoring Children's Rights: A View from Within," E. Verhellen (ed.) Kluwer Law International.
24. "The Convention on the Rights of the Child," in *Manual on Human Rights Reporting*, UN Staff College, UNITAR, OHCHR, Torino, 1997.
25. "The question of child labour in a child rights perspective" – submitted to the Oslo Conference on Child Labour (1997) and published in the *Bulletin of Documentation and Human Rights and Development Comparative Law*, 1998.
26. "Role of Advisory Services and Technical Assistance," published by *Osterreichische Aussenpolitische Dokumentation*, special issue, (1997).
27. *A Human Rights Conceptual Framework for UNICEF*. Innocenti Essays, No. 9, 1998.
28. *From Territorial Sovereignty to Human Security – The Convention on the Rights of the Child (1999)* – Published by Kluwer Law International, 1999.
29. "A Vision for Children: the Convention on the Rights of the Child." *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond*. Published for the United Nations by Baywood Publishing Co., Inc.
30. *Children's Rights - Turning Principles into Practice- Political will for children's rights*. Published by UNICEF and Save the Children, 2000.
31. *Children's Rights and Wrongs*. Submitted to the pre-millennium conference for the evaluation of the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Child. Nicosia, November 1998.
32. "A Human Rights Approach in Development Activities and the Requirements for its Operationalization." Conference on Human Development, Oslo. Published by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR; the United Nations Development Fund, UNDP; and the Norwegian Development Corporation.
33. "The political participation of children" – *Child Participation and the Convention on the Rights of the Child*. Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard School of Public Health, 2000.

34. Human Rights Approach to UNICEF Programming for Children and Women: What it is, and some changes it will bring. UNICEF paper, April 1998.
35. Monitoring Children's Rights. UNICEF paper, 1999.
36. The Right to Education as called for by the Convention on the Rights of the Child. UNICEF, 1999.
37. "International protection of childhood." Paper submitted to the International Seminar on the protection of childhood, hosted by the Universidad de Bilbao, November 1998.
38. "Ten Years Later: Reflections on Progress for Children's Rights." Paper submitted to the City University of New York.
39. "The Challenge of monitoring the observance of the Convention on the Rights of the Child" submitted to the International Statistical Institute. Helsinki, August 1999.
40. "Protection of Children's Rights in Situations of Armed Conflict." Submitted to the Symposium on Children in Armed Conflict. Tokyo, November 1999.
41. "The CRC 10 years later: a report card." Submitted to the Conference Children's Rights in the new Millennium - McGill University, 1999.
42. "The Administration of Juvenile Justice." Submitted to the Symposium Roundtable of Jurists, May 2000.
43. "A New Vision for a Non-Violent World: Justice for each Child." International Recognition of the Rights of the Child, éditions Yvon Blais Inc.
44. Les Droits de l'enfant dans le processus judiciaire, éditions Yvon Blais Inc., 1993.
45. UNICEF and the Establishment of an International Criminal Court – UNICEF working paper, 1998.
46. "Children's Rights – Caribbean Realities" – "Foreword", 2001 – Ian Randle Publishers, Edited by Christine Barrow.
47. "Children as Equals – Exploring the Rights of the Child" – "Foreword", 2002, University Press of America, edited by Kathleen Alaimo and Brian Klug (University Press of America).
48. "Mainstreaming of human rights in the UN agenda – Centre of Attention", CRIN Newsletter, March 2002.
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51. "General Measures of Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child" in Swiss Human Rights Book II: Realizing the Rights of the Child" (2007).
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53. The Lancet Child Maltreatment Series, December 2008, developed in collaboration with the Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health in the UK
54. Eradicating violence against children, published by the Council of Europe, in September 2008
55. "I Minori e il nuovo diritto – garanzie, diritti, responsabilità", published by Kluwer, Italy, December 2008
56. Children's Rights to be heard and effective protection, Foreword, published by Save the Children Sweden. 2010
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58. The United Nations legislative framework for the protection of children from sexual violence, including sexual abuse and exploitation, in "Protecting Children from Sexual Violence", Council of Europe, November 2010
59. Every Right for Every Child: Governance and Accountability, Foreword, published by Taylor & Francis Books India Private Limited, 2011

Working Papers and Contributions

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2. "The Convention on the Rights of the Child -- its origins, principles, relevance to education and impact." Submitted to the Comparative and International Education Society 45th annual meeting. Washington, DC, March 2001.
3. "Child-Friendly Democratic Governance" submitted to the International Workshop on "Enhancing Democratic Governance in East Asia – Empowering People and Institutions for Building Sustainable Society", Tokyo, March 2004.
4. "The Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Child's Right to an Identity in Adoption and Post Adoption", paper presented to the European Seminar on Post Adoption, submitted to the European Network of National Observatories on Childhood, January 2006
5. "An Independent Ombudsman for Children", paper presented to the IPU Regional Seminar on Developing a Protective Framework for Children: the Role of Parliaments" Hanoi, Viet Nam, February 2006
6. "Legislating for Child Protection: Implementing International Instruments", paper presented to the IPU Regional Seminar on Developing a Protective Framework for Children: the Role of Parliaments" Hanoi, Viet Nam, February 2006
7. "The Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the process of legal reform" paper presented to the "Innocenti Seminar on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including legal mechanisms for child protection", April 2006
8. "International standards on inter-country adoption and the protection of children's rights", Istanbul, May 2006
9. "Monitoring the Realization of Children's Rights including the Role of Ombuds and Children's Observatories", also submitted to UNICEF meeting Istanbul, May 2006
10. "National Independent Institutions for Children and the Promotion of Children's Rights" paper presented to the Committee on Social, Health and Family Affairs of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2006.
11. "Children's Rights in Industrialized Countries, a Strong Dimension of UNICEF's Work", paper presented to the Annual Meeting of UNICEF National Committees, Dakar, May 2006.
12. "General Measures of Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child", keynote to the Third Intergovernmental Conference on Making Europe and Central Asia Fit for Children, Palencia, Spain, on June 2006.
13. "South Asia in Action, Preventing Child Trafficking", paper presented to the Innocenti Seminar on Child Trafficking in South Asia, June 2006.
14. "La Convención sobre los derechos del Niño – sus orígenes y principios básicos", Keynote to the Inaugural Session of the Escuela de Verano Rosa Sensat, Barcelona, Spain, July 2006.
15. "Elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child" paper presented to the UN Expert Gender Expert Meeting, Florence, September 2006.
16. "All Children - All Rights" paper presented to the Special Olympics Research Symposium, Europe/Eurasia, Rome, 1 October 2006.
17. "Understanding Child Poverty in South Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States" paper presented at the Finnish Parliament at the Launch of the Innocenti Social Monitor 2006, Helsinki, October 2006.
18. "Implementation of the Convention of the Rights of the Child and the European Communication on the Rights of the Child" paper presented to the UN/Euronet Meeting, Florence, November 2006.
19. "The UN Study on Violence Against Children, Law Reform and the Juvenile Justice System", paper presented at the launch of the UN Study in Germany, Berlin, November 2006.
20. "Advancing Children's Rights and Building a Europe for and with Children", paper presented to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Florence, December 2006.

21. "Violence against Children and the Role of Parliamentarians in Europe" paper presented to the Social, Health and Family Affairs Committee of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Florence, December 2006.
22. "Knowledge, Information and Policy Advocacy", The African Policy Forum Roundtable Meeting of Experts on the African Child Knowledge and Information Centre, Lagos, January 2007.
23. "Child poverty in perspective: An overview of child well-being in rich countries" presented at the Launch of the Innocenti Report Card 2007 with EU Institutions February 2007.
24. "General Measures of Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child", The Human Rights and Education Centre and the Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section University of Ottawa, March 2007.
25. "Children's Rights and Child Protection", paper presented to the Human Security Network 9th Ministerial Meeting May 2007, Slovenia.
26. "EU Guidelines for the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of the Child" submitted to the European Council Experts of Human Rights.
27. "European Forum on the Rights of the Child", paper submitted at the Launch of the European Forum in Berlin, June 2007.
28. "National Conference on the five year review of the implementation of the United Nations Declaration and an Plan of Action of A World Fit for Children", Baku, July 2007.
29. "Progress toward a World fit for Children", presented at San Rossore Conference, Pisa, July 2007.
30. "The situation of children's rights in India", Keynote to Parliament of India, New Delhi, August 2007.
31. "International law and children's rights: a critical review and a wish list", paper delivered at the Council of Europe Conference on International Justice for Children September 2007.
32. "Congresso Nazionale Società Italiana di Pediatria", keynote address, Pisa, September 2007.
33. "EU Roundtable on Poverty and Social Exclusion", paper presented, October 2007, Azores, Portugal.
34. "Second Annual Caribbean Research Conference on Child Rights", Keynote speech, Jamaica, October 2007.
35. "Conference on the Promotion of the integration of child rights in higher education", Orebro, Swedish Academy of the Rights of the Child, Sweden, November 2007.
36. "18 velitas para conmemorar el 18º aniversario de la CDN", Barcelona, November 2007.
37. "Congreso sobre los Derechos de la Niñez y la Adolescencia", Barcelona, November 2007.
38. "Expert Consultation Meeting on Climate Change and Children: a Human Security Challenge – the future is in our hands", Florence, January 2008.
39. "Birth Registration and the Rights of the Child", Committee on Development, Subcommittee on Human Rights, European Parliament, Brussels, February, 2008.
40. "O acolhimento de Crianças e Jovens em instituição: perspectivas, desafios e paradigmas", Instituto de Segurança Social, Departamento de Desenvolvimento Social, Porto, Portugal, March 2008.
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42. "Research and data collection challenges in the protection of children's rights", ISPCAN Global Summit, International Expert Panel, The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Chicago, April 2008.

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44. "Child Poverty and social inclusion in countries in transition and in OECD countries", Third International Policy Conference on the African Child, Addis Ababa, May 2008.
45. "National Conference on "Getting South Africa ready to implement the Children's Act", Johannesburg, May 2008.
46. "Children and Transitional Justice", Expert Discussion, Florence, June 2008.
47. "Legal Frameworks and Enforcement for Preventing and Responding to Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents", Expert Consultation in preparation for the World Congress III, Bern, October 2008.
48. "International Cooperation for Preventing and Responding to Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents: the Role of International Actors and Donors", Expert Consultation, Florence, October 2008.
49. "Seminario di Studi Verso il III Congresso Mondiale sullo Sfruttamento sessuale dei Bambini e degli Adolescenti", Rome, October 2008.
50. "The EU and the Promotion of Children's Rights", Regional Management Team Meeting – CEE/CIS, Montreux, November 2008.
51. "Strategies for International Cooperation, The Role of International Cooperation", World Congress III against Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents, Rio de Janeiro, November 2008.
52. "The Innocenti Report Card 8: The Child Care Transition", London, November 2008.
53. "Protecting children from violence, safeguarding human rights and consolidating peace and democratic institutions", 9th World Summit of the Nobel Peace Laureates', Paris, December 2008.
54. "Legislation as a tool to promote behaviour change", High Level Meeting Cairo Declaration on FGM+5, Cairo, December, 2008.