

Renowned Swiss-Peruvian lawyer, Claudia Josi, joins Guernica37

Guernica37 is proud to announce that Claudia Josi has joined Guernica37 as Senior Associate Member. We are convinced that Josi's professional experience and expertise in International Human Rights Law, Humanitarian Law and Transitional Justice will constitute a fundamental asset for our team's current projects, particularly, in Latin-America.

Josi has worked for more than 15 years with civil society organizations, international organizations and governmental institutions in three different continents to search for truth and justice for international crimes and human rights violations.

From 2008 to 2010, she worked as an attorney at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, where she researched and analysed complex legal issues of international law and drafted judgments and orders for the Court's consideration in contentious cases. Since 2010 she teaches International Humanitarian Law and Transitional Justice at Santa Clara University School of Law, was the Co-Director of the Costa Rica Summer Abroad Programme on International Human Rights Law, and is currently the Director of the Geneva Summer Abroad Programme on International Law.

She has also worked as expert consultant on human rights and international justice for different organisations, such as the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA/EDA), the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP), the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), and the Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA).

Claudia has worked in numerous jurisdictions and transitional contexts around the Globe. In Peru, she worked on behalf of victims of the Fujimori dictatorship who seek reparations and justice for the crimes committed by the state during the armed conflict and assisted in the creation of good governance protocols aimed at developing more responsive and participatory public administrations. In Venezuela and Bolivia, she engaged with representatives of the state institutions as well as opposition leaders regarding the creation of direct democracy mechanisms and the implementation of the newly adopted Constitution. She also worked as consultant to local human rights groups and victims' organizations in Tunisia and Algeria in the context of the "Arab Spring" advising them on international legal venues and other transitional justice strategies.

After finishing her Masters of Law degree in the University of Fribourg Law School, she completed her studies with a Graduate-Diploma on Transitional Justice, Human Rights and Democratization (summa cum laude) from the Human Rights Center of the University of Chile Law School. She also earned a Master in International Studies with a specialization in International Law from the renowned Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.

Claudia Josi has extensively lectured on human rights, transitional justice and international criminal law –recently, about the Special Jurisdiction for Peace in the Colombian Peace Agreement— at several prestigious universities, including Stanford University and the World Peace Academy. Additionally, she has authored more than fifteen publications on international justice in which she exposed comparative analyses on fundamental rights regulations, constitutional provisions and transitional mechanisms. Her publications cover key and diverse topics such as the right to identity of the disappeared in the jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, legal pluriculturalism, accountability for war crimes in the Latin-American context, and key case studies of the Peruvian transitional process.

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Josi, who is fluent in five languages, is also director of the working group on “Transitional Justice” of the Latin-American Society for International Law (LASIL); member of the Swiss Society for International Criminal Law, TRIAL; and member of the working groups on “International Human Rights Law” and “Teaching International Law” of the American Society of International Law (ASIL).

For the entire Guernica Group is an honour to welcome Claudia Josi to our team. She is not only an excellent researcher and professor; but also, a devoted human rights defender that has accompanied victims and civil society organizations in their pursuit of justice. We are convinced that her tireless efforts to transform post-conflict societies and her legal experience in the judicial defence of victims’ rights will become a pivotal part of our work and projects.

Guernica37 International Justice Chambers in London, the non-profit organization Guernica Centre for International Justice in the United States and G37 Despacho Internacional in Madrid, form the Guernica Group. Our international team of lawyers specialize in International Criminal Law and strategic transnational litigation to obtain accountability for international crimes and human rights violations. The Guernica Group seeks to contribute to national processes of accountability by designing legal strategies in partnership with key actors in countries experiencing transitional processes after conflict or post-conflict situations.

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