

# Mariana Duque Díez

Political Scientist - MA. in International Security

## PROFILE

- Three years of experience working on public and humanitarian affairs; one and a half years of experience in undergraduate teaching.
- Researcher and analyst in topics related to humanitarian action, safety and security, internal forced displacement, urban violence, international cooperation, and climate change.

**Fields of interest:** Complex emergencies, humanitarian action, mixed migration flows and forced displacement.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Humanitarian Outcomes

12/2022 - present

London - United Kingdom

Project on Coverage, Operational Reach and Effectiveness (CORE)  
Quantitative evidence on humanitarian access, coverage and security, and empirical analysis on the state of secure access and humanitarian coverage in a select number of challenging security environments.

- Primary research, database maintenance, data entry and the creation of visual data products.

### RESEARCHER AND FACILITATOR

EAFIT - Área Metropolitana del Valle de Aburrá

05/2022 - present

Valle de Aburrá Metropolitan Area  
(Medellín), Colombia

Metropolitan Climate Governance Project

- Create and develop spaces for the recognition and reduction of asymmetries between actors, and the understanding of the Metropolitan Climate Governance's challenges.
- Develop and facilitate spaces for the collaborative co-construction of the action plan and the operational plan and the monitoring system.

### LOCAL RESEARCHER

Harvard Humanitarian Initiative - Norwegian Refugee Council

06/2022 - present

Venezuela

Research project "People's Access: Enabling Principled Humanitarian Access"

- Exploratory literature and desk review of relevant sources, agency documentation, and policy materials focusing on the current ambitions, approaches, and challenges of engaging with local actors (global analysis).
- Qualitative interviews focusing on the Venezuelan contexts, as well as globally, seek the perceptions of key actors on trends, challenges, dilemmas, opportunities, and recommendations on humanitarian access.

### FIELD INFORMATION ASSISTANT

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - UNOCHA

02/2022 - 05/2022

Cúcuta (Venezuelan border), Colombia

- Management, feeding and updating of the systems, tools and websites (Monitor, 345W, salahumanitaria.co, among others) established to consolidate the situation information and humanitarian response, with a differential approach (gender, age and ethnic).
- Consolidation and processing of data, analysis of information from the border, reflected in key messages, emergency information products and context (Flash update, Situation Report, infographics, presentations, factsheet), which make visible both the situation, humanitarian response and gaps.
- Information management to support situational monitoring and awareness, response monitoring and decision-making processes for the Local Coordination Team.

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## LANGUAGES

Spanish - native

English - C1 (Academic IELTS)

French - B2 (Sciences Po Paris)

Portuguese - B1 (Sciences Po Paris)

## PROJECTS

### HARVARD HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVE 2022

Regional facilitator of the course Foundational Framework for Humanitarian Negotiations, through the partnership between the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative and UNOCHA.

### ES DE POLITÓLOGOS

2018 - Present

Media analyst and blog-post contributions about global risks in Es De Polítólogos platform (digital political communication)

### ACI MEDELLÍN & WORLD BANK (International Cooperation Agency)

2017 & 2018

Local guide and translator for the World Bank's visit to Medellín. Medellín Lab: Model of local Security management.

### CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS DE POLÍTICA Y RELACIONES INTERNACIONALES (CEPRI) (Think tank)

2016 - 2017

- Review and edition of publications/papers
- Coordination of contents
- Data mining and brief papers

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### ÉMILE-BOUTMY SCHOLARSHIP

€10,000 scholarship for each year for outstanding international students, Sciences Po.

### FUNDED PARTICIPANT FOR GLOBAL PEACE SUMMIT: TURKEY 2020 AND KURDISTAN 2019

Selected and funded by Global Peace Chain to represent Colombia.

### TOP 5 BEST SABER-PRO NATIONAL TEST

Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT 2017 & 2016

Political Science faculty - Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### RESEARCHER ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND MIGRATION

International Protection Program (PPI) - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

09/2021 - 12/2021 *Darien Gap, Urabá Region, Colombia*

- Researcher of the International Protection Project (Programa de Protección Internacional), about vulnerabilities and human rights of the migrants in transit located at the Urabá-Darién region, in Colombia. Research project in partnership with UNHCR.

### ASSOCIATE LECTURER

Universidad de Medellín & Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana

08/2020 - 12/2021 *Medellín, Colombia*

- Lecturer of International Cooperation, Human Rights and Multiculturalism for Political Science undergraduate program (6 hours per week)

### GLOBAL FELLOW - SAFE RETURN PROGRAM

Heartland Alliance International (NGO) - Iraq office

09/2020 - 01/2021 *Kurdistan Region, Iraq*

- Qualitative analysis for the annual report of the Safe Return Program for USAID.
- Quantitative data systematization and analysis.
- Assist in monthly meetings and doing reports of the Peace and Reconciliation Working Group (PRWG) in the Ninewa governorate.
- Researching and preparing tools about security assessment and women in peacebuilding traineeships for field personal in Ninewa governorate.

### ANALYST AND RESEARCHER

Estrategia DC (public affairs consultancy firm)

07/2018 - 10/2019 *Medellín, Colombia*

- Coordination of "Perceptual Study of Tourism," developed within a consultancy process for the Economic Development Secretariat of Medellín municipality.
- Write publications and reports.
- Lobbying activities in events such as OAS 49th General Assembly and the Medellín Lab.

## EDUCATION

### MASTER'S IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Sciences Po - Paris School of International Affairs

2019 - 2021 | *Paris, France*

*Specializations: Diplomacy & Global Risks.*

### POLITICAL SCIENCES BACHELOR

Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana

01/2015 - 11/2018 | *Medellín, Colombia*

*Best student of the cohort (GPA: 4,73/ 5,00) | Thesis: "Urban violence and the right to the city: Medellín case"*

### ACADEMIC EXCHANGE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Université Jean Moulin - Lyon III

08/2017 - 12/2017 | *Lyon, France*

## SOFT SKILLS

- Adaptability
- Interpersonal skills
- Analytical skills and critical thinking
- Time management
- Empathy
- Negotiation
- Resilience
- Patience

## IT SKILLS

- Microsoft Office Suit - advanced
- Google apps - advanced
- STATA & SPSS - basic

## CERTIFICATIONS

### Personal Safety and Security

*Disaster Ready | 2020*

### Women, power and politics

*Universidad Nacional de Colombia | 2020*

### Big Data basics

*InterAmerican Development Bank - EdX | 2018*

### Certificate in Urbanism: Medellín, transformation of a city

*Universidad EAFIT | 2016*

## REFEREES

### Julian Watkinson

Humanitarian Affairs Officer - UNOCHA

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*Languages: English, Spanish, and German.*

### Lorenzo Kihlgren Grandi

City Diplomacy and Branding Strategist -

Lecturer, SciencesPo & École Polytechnique

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*Languages: English, French, Italian*

## LAST PUBLICATIONS

### Violencia urbana y derecho a la ciudad: análisis del caso Medellín. (2021).

*Duque Díez, M.*

*Ciudades, Estado y Política Journal - Instituto de Estudios Urbanos, Universidad Nacional de Colombia.*

doi: <https://doi.org/10.15446/cep.v8n2.92016>

### Implicaciones ambientales de la guerra: el papel de las instituciones y los tratados internacionales en los conflictos que involucran al medio ambiente (2020)

*Duque Díez, M. & Piedrahita Sierra, S.*

*Book: Perspectivas de las relaciones internacionales a 100 años del Tratado de Versalles de 1919.*