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OVERVIEW

Dr. Torres Camprubí is Adjunct Professor on International Climate Change Law at IE Law School and also lectures on International Litigation at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid since 2023. As a senior attorney specialized in public international law and international investment arbitration, she is admitted to the Madrid Bar (*Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid*) since 2008 and to the Paris Bar (*Barreau de Paris*) as an EU lawyer since 2015. In her legal practice, she exclusively represents sovereign States and State-owned entities, both in inter-State cases before the International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (in border disputes and cases involving violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law), and in arbitration proceedings administered by the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes and the Permanent Court of Arbitration (in matters relating to the energy and aeronautical industries). Her areas of research include international environmental law, with a particular focus on international climate change law and policy, and the interaction of this field with the international law of the sea and the law on statehood. She acted as legal counsel in the United Nations climate change negotiations and has been a post-doctoral research fellow at the Fridtjof Nansen Institute in Oslo. She is also an active member of the ILA Committee on International Law and Sea-Level Rise since its foundation in 2012.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Ph.D in Law and Political Science, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, *Summa cum laude* with mention “International doctorate”, Spain (2014)
- Master in Public International Law (LL.M), University College London, *Distinction* & Cheng-Chen Nan Prize for best postgraduate Public International Law student, United Kingdom (2009)
- Bachelor in French Law (double degree in Spanish and French law), Université Paris I- Sorbonne, *Mention Assez-Bien*, France (2008)
- Bachelor in Spanish Law (double degree in Spanish and French law), Universidad Complutense de Madrid, *Sobresaliente* (Honors), Spain & France (2008)

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Adjunct Professor of International Climate Change Law, IE Law School, Spain (since 2023)
- Adjunct Professor on International Litigation, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (since 2003)
- Adjunct Professor of Public International Law, Université Catholique de Lille, France (2017-2018)
- Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Project “Climate Change and Sea-Level Rise in the Anthropocene: Challenges for International Law in the 21st Century”, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway (2014-2019)
- Teaching and Research Fellow in Public International Law, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain (2009 – 2013)

(See List of Publications & Selected Legal Trainings)

CONTACT

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid
(since 2008)

Barreau de Paris (EU Lawyer)
(since 2015)

LANGUAGES

- 🇪🇸 Spanish (native)
- 🇬🇧 English (proficiency)
- 🇫🇷 French (proficiency)
- 🇮🇹 Italian (intermediate)



INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION AND ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

- Founder of *Torres Iuris*, International Legal Counsel, Public International Law & International Investment Arbitration, Madrid (Spain) (since 2023)
- Senior Attorney, Foley Hoag AARPI/LLP, International Litigation & Arbitration Department, Paris (France) (2025-2023).

(See List of Cases)

HONORS

- Full-time doctoral scholarship (*Beca FPI-UAM*), Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (2009-2013)
- Cheng-Cheng Nan Prize, Best post-graduate Public International Law Student (University College London, 2009-2010)
- Bourse d'Excellence-Major (French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2004-2008).

LIST OF CASES

International Court of Justice

- ***Republic of The Gambia v. Republic of Myanmar***. Represents The Gambia before the International Court of Justice in a dispute seeking to hold Myanmar responsible for the genocide perpetrated against the Rohingya minority.
- ***Republic of Equatorial Guinea v. Republic of Gabon***. Represents Equatorial Guinea before the International Court of Justice against Gabon in a dispute concerning their territorial and maritime border, and sovereignty over the islands in the Bay of Corisco.
- ***Democratic Republic of Congo v. Republic of Uganda***. Represented Uganda before the International Court of Justice in the reparations phase for damages derived from the armed activities carried out by Uganda in the territory of the DRC.
- ***Federal Republic of Somalia v. Republic of Kenya***. Member of the team that represented Somalia before the International Court of Justice in a dispute against Kenya relating to the Parties' maritime boundary in the Indian Ocean.

International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

- ***Request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (Request for Advisory Opinion submitted to the Tribunal)***. Member of the team that represented the Republic of Mozambique and the Republic of Sierra Leone in the advisory proceeding concerning the adverse consequences of climate change to the marine environment.
- ***Swiss Confederation v. Federal Republic of Nigeria***. Represented Nigeria in the provisional measures phase of the proceedings before the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea relating to the detention of a vessel with Swiss flag in the exclusive economic zone of Nigeria.
- ***Republic of Ghana v. Republic of Côte d'Ivoire***. Represented Ghana in a dispute concerning the delimitation of the maritime boundary with Côte d'Ivoire in the Gulf of Guinea, in an arbitration initiated under Annex VII of UNCLOS before a Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

International Investment Arbitration

- ***Latin American Regional Aviation Holding v. Oriental Republic of Uruguay.*** Represented Uruguay in an arbitration initiated before the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes under the Panama-Uruguay Bilateral Investment Treaty in relation to the collapse of PLUNA, Uruguay's national airline company.
- ***Represented a Latin American State*** in an ICSID arbitration relating to an airport concession.
- ***Ritika Mehta, Vinita Agarwal, and Prenay Agarwal v. Oriental Republic of Uruguay.*** Represented Uruguay in an UNCITRAL arbitration before the Permanent Court of Arbitration initiated under the Bilateral Investment Treaty between Uruguay and the United Kingdom, concerning a large-scale iron ore extraction project scale which Claimants valued at \$3.47 billion.
- ***Niko Exploration (Block 9) Ltd. v. Bangladesh and Bangladesh Oil and Gas Mineral Corp.*** Counsel to Bangladeshi State-owned oil and gas company in a contract-based ICSID arbitration proceedings.
- ***Niko Resources v. Republic of Bangladesh, Bapex & Petrobangla.*** Represented Bangladesh and its state-owned entities in an ICSID contract-based arbitration against a Canadian company regarding two gas explosions that resulted in unprecedented environmental and public health damages in Bangladesh's history.
- ***Niko Resources (Bangladesh) Ltd. v. Bangladesh Oil Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla), Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company Limited (Bapex).*** Represented Petrobangla and Bangladesh in an ICSID annulment proceeding in respect of a payment claim award rendered in favor of Niko Resources Ltd.
- ***Louis Dreyfus Armateurs v. Republic of India.*** Represented India in an UNCITRAL initiated by a French investor under the bilateral investment treaty between France and India, concerning the supply and cargo handling contract at the Port of Kolkata.
- ***Representation of the Corporación Dominicana de Empresas Eléctricas Estatales (CDEEE)*** in response to claims presented by a consortium led by a Brazilian company relating to the construction and operation of a thermoelectric plant. Member of the team that participated in a parallel mediation process that managed to resolve the controversy and ensure the delivery of the plant under favorable conditions for the Corporation.

National Proceedings & Pro-bono Cases Relating to Human Rights

- ***Representation of asylum seekers in France before the Cou Nationale du Droit d'Asile.*** 'Pro-bono' project in collaboration with Amnesty International France.
- ***Representation before the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the United States of America.*** Counsel to a private person affected by the sanctions imposed by the United Nations Security Council.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS & INTERNATIONAL LEGAL TRAININGS

Books

- **Torres Camprubí, A.** (2016). *Statehood under Water: Challenges of Sea-Level Rise to the Continuity of Pacific Island States*, Brill/Nijhoff.

Articles and Chapters in Collective Works

- **Torres Camprubí, A.**(2023). “The Concept of Security: Brief Genealogy of an Ambiguous Symbol”, in J. Hillebrand Pohl et al eds. *The Investment Weapon*, Springer Studies in Law and Geoeconomics.
- **Torres Camprubí, A.** (2022). “Les impacts de l’élévation du niveau de la mer sur la sécurité internationale: une reconstruction du ‘récit sécuritaire’ du changement climatique” [The Impacts of Sea-level Rise on International Security: a Reconstruction of the “Security Narrative” on Climate Change], in V. Boré-Éveno ed. *Elévation du droit de la mer et droit international: de l’adaptation à l’action* [Sea-Level Rise and International Law : from Adaptation to Action], Editions Pedone.
- Hioureas C. **Torres Camprubí, A.** (2020). “Legal and Political Considerations with respect to the Disappearance of States”, in T. Heidar ed. *New Knowledge and Changing Circumstances in the Law of the Sea*, Brill.
- **Torres Camprubí, A.** (2019). “Challenges of Sea-Level Rise to the Continuity of Low-Lying Island States and Measures to Address the Loss of Maritime Spaces”, 112th Annual Conference of the *American Society of International Law*, Cambridge University Press.
- **Torres Camprubí, A.**, Schimmel, D. (2019). “Commerce international et responsabilité sociale et environnementale: des référentiels aux normes?” [International Trade, Social and Environmental Responsibility : a Normative Reference System?], chapter in Encyclopedic volume *Le Lamy Contrats Internationaux*, Tome 1, sections 101-104, Wolters Kluwer.
- **Torres Camprubí, A.** (2018). “Securitization of Climate Change: the Inter-regional Institutional Voyage”, *Oxford Yearbook of International Environmental Law*, pp. 1-24.
- Freestone D., Vidas D., **Torres Camprubí, A.**. (2017). “Sea Level Rise and Impacts on Maritime Zones and Limits: the Work of the ILA Committee on International Law and Sea Level Rise”, *Korean Journal of International and Comparative Law*, vol. 5: 1, pp. 5-35.
- Prost M., **Torres Camprubí A.** (2012). “Against Fairness? International Environmental Law, Disciplinary, Bias and Pareto Justice”, *Leiden Journal of International Law*, vol. 25 (2012): n° 2, pp. 379-396.
- Espósito C., **Torres Camprubí A.** (2011). “Cambio climático y derechos humanos : el desafío de los ‘nuevos refugiados’” [Climate Change and Human Rights: the Challenge of the ‘New Refugees’], *Relaciones internacionales* (GERI-UAM), vol. 17, pp. 64- 87.
- **Torres Camprubí, A.** (2010). El mecanismo para la reducción de la deforestación y la degradación forestal y para el fomento de los sumideros de carbono (REDD+): Nota sobre un innovador instrumento de mitigación” [The Reduction of Deforestation and Forest Degradation Mechanism (REDD+): Note on an Innovative Mitigation Tool], *Revista Catalana de Dret Ambiental*, vol.1 (octubre de 2010): n°2, pp. 1-24.

Selected International Legal Trainings & Speaking Engagements

- **Diplomatic Academy of Guatemala Antonio José de Irisarri**, Invited Lecturer on “La estatalidad frente al desafío del cambio climático y el aumento del nivel del mar” [Statehood in the Face of the Climate Change and Sea-Level Rise Challenge], as part of the III Module of the Special Diplomatic Course “AJPACH 'WAAL” (2023).
- **Podcast “Hablemos de Derecho Internacional”**, Episode No. 77: “El naufragio de la estatalidad: los impactos del aumento del nivel del mar en la condición de Estado” [Sinking Statehood: the Impacts of Sea-Level Rise] (2022), available at: <https://lnkd.in/efT-48ux> .
- **Common European Law on Investment Screening (CELIS Institute)**, presentation on “Delimiting the Concept of National Security”, as part of the roundtable on “National Security as a Limit to Sovereign-Driven Investment” (2021).
- **Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam & Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and British Embassy in Hanoi**, 7th Ocean Dialogue, presentation on “Securing the Continuity of Low-lying Island States through the Protection of Maritime Entitlements: a Reflection on Latest Development (2021).
- **Centre de Droit Maritime et Océanique de l’Université de Nantes**, presentation on “Les impacts de l’élévation du niveau de la mer sur la sécurité internationale” [The Impacts of Sea-Level Rise on International Security] (2021).
- **Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein before the United Nations & Princeton University**, presentation on “Loss of Statehood due to Sea-Level Rise” as part of the Series “Climate, State and Sovereignty: Self-Determination and Sea-Level Rise” (2020).
- **Academy of European Law, ERA High-Level Conference on Investment Screening in the European Union**, presentation on “The Concept of Security: Reconstructing the Origins, Scope and Meaning of an Ambiguous Symbol” (2020).
- **Université Libre de Bruxelles**, post-graduate lecture on “Droit international et crise climatique” [International law and the Climate Crisis] (2020).
- **Organization of American States (OAS)**, course on “La condición de Estado frente al desafío del cambio climático” [Statehood in the Face of the Climate Change Challenge], as part of the 2019 edition of the Summer Course on Public International Law organized by the Inter-American Juridical Committee (2019).
- **Nippon Programme of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea**, Guest Lecturer on “Climate Change and the Law of the Sea” (2019).
- **Queen Mary University of London (Center for Small States)/Wilmerhale**, presentation on “Dispute Resolution and Sinking Island States”, as part of the panel on Environmental Dispute Resolution and Small States Conference (2018).
- **Law of the Sea Institute of Iceland**, co-speaker on “Legal and Political Considerations with respect to the Disappearance of States”, as part of the International Conference on New Knowledge and Changing Circumstances in the Law of the Sea (2018).
- **American Society for International Law**, presentation on “Rising Sea Levels and Disappearing Territories: Implications for Statehood, Migrants and International Law”, 112th Annual Meeting on International Law in Practice (2018).