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Areas of Specialisation and Competence

Areas of Specialisation: Biomedical Ethics; Philosophy of Medicine; Science & Technology Ethics

Areas of Competence: Environmental Ethics; Philosophy of Race; Medical Law (Mexican)

Employment and Education

2018 - Career Development Fellow in Practical Ethics

Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics
Faculty of Philosophy
Oxford University

2016-2018 Postdoctoral Researcher

Wellcome Trust funded project: The Donation and Transfer of Human Reproductive Materials (grant no: 097897/Z/11/Z)
Centre of Medical Law and Ethics
The Dickson Poon School of Law
King's College London

2012-2016 PhD in Science Ethics

Institute for Science, Ethics and Innovation
The University of Manchester, UK
Dissertation: Human/Nonhuman Chimeras: Dignity, Organs, Gametes and Pregnancy
Supervisors: Prof John Harris and Dr Sarah Chan

2009-2012 MPhil in Philosophy (with honours)

National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico
Dissertation: Jürgen Habermas and Liberal Eugenics
Supervisor: Prof Jorge Linares Salgado

2004-2008 B.A. in Philosophy

Universidad Panamericana, Mexico

Dissertation: The concept of biological species and genre in Aristotle and Darwin

Supervisor: Prof Héctor Velázquez Fernández

Publications

1. Cavaliere, Giulia, César Palacios-González. 2017. “Lesbian Motherhood and Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques: Reproductive Freedom and Genetic Kinship”, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, (Forthcoming), [doi: 10.1136/medethics-2017-104450](https://doi.org/10.1136/medethics-2017-104450).
2. Palacios-González, César. 2017. “Does Egg Donation for Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques Generate Parental Responsibilities?” *Journal of Medical Ethics*, (Online First), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/medethics-2017-104400>.
3. Palacios-González, César. 2017. “Are there moral differences between maternal spindle transfer and pronuclear transfer?” *Medicine, Health Care, and Philosophy*, 20 (4): 503-5011, [doi: 10.1007/s11019-017-9772-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11019-017-9772-3).
4. Ishii Tetsuya, César Palacios-González. 2017. “Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques: Genetic Relatedness, Gender Implications, and Justice” *Gender and the Genome*, 1(4): 129-134, [doi: 10.1089/gg.2017.0016](https://doi.org/10.1089/gg.2017.0016).
5. Chan, Sarah, César Palacios-González and María de Jesús Medina Arellano. 2017. “Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques, Scientific Tourism, and the Global Politics of Science.” *Hastings Center Report*, 47 (5): 7-9, [doi: 10.1002/hast.763](https://doi.org/10.1002/hast.763).
6. Palacios-González, César and Medina-Arellano María de Jesús. 2017. “Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques and Mexico’s Rule of Law: On the Legality of the First Maternal Spindle Transfer Case.” *Journal of Law and the Biosciences*, 4 (1): 50-69, [doi:10.1093/jlb/lsw065](https://doi.org/10.1093/jlb/lsw065).
7. Palacios-González, César. 2017. “Ethics of Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques: A Habermasian Perspective.” *Bioethics*, 31 (1): 27–36, [doi:10.1111/bioe.12307](https://doi.org/10.1111/bioe.12307).
8. Palacios-González, César. 2017. “Resource Allocation, Treatment, Disclosure, and Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques: Some Comments on de Melo-Martin and Harris.” *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, 2 (26): 278-287, [doi:10.1017/S0963180116000876](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0963180116000876).
9. Palacios-González, César and María de Jesús Medina-Arellano. 2017. “Author’s Response to Peer Commentaries: Mexico’s Rule of Law and MRTs” *Journal of Law and the Biosciences*, 4 (3): 623-629, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jlb/lsw031>.
10. Palacios-González, César. 2017. “Chimeras intended for human gamete production: an ethical alternative?” *Reproductive BioMedicine Online*, 35 (4): , <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.rbmo.2017.06.007>
11. Palacios-González, César. 2016. “Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques: Egg Donation, Genealogy and Eugenics.” *Monash Bioethics Review*, 34 (1): 37–51, [doi:10.1007/s40592-016-0059-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40592-016-0059-x).

12. Palacios-González, César. 2016. "The Ethics of Killing Human/Great-Ape Chimeras for Their Organs: A Reply to Shaw et al." *Medicine, Health Care, and Philosophy*, 19 (2): 215–25, [doi:10.1007/s11019-015-9658-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11019-015-9658-1).
13. Palacios-González, César. 2015. "Ethical Aspects of Creating Human–Nonhuman Chimeras Capable of Human Gamete Production and Human Pregnancy." *Monash Bioethics Review*, 33 (2-3): 181–202, [doi:10.1007/s40592-015-0031-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40592-015-0031-1).
14. Palacios-González, César. 2015. "Human Dignity and the Creation of Human–nonhuman Chimeras." *Medicine, Health Care, and Philosophy*, 18 (4): 487–99, [doi:10.1007/s11019-015-9644-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11019-015-9644-7).
15. Palacios-González, César, John Harris, and Giuseppe Testa. 2014. "Multiplex Parenting: IVG and the Generations to Come." *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 40 (11): 752–58, [doi:10.1136/medethics-2013-101810](https://doi.org/10.1136/medethics-2013-101810).
16. Palacios-González, César. 2015. "Epilepsy, Decisional Vulnerability, and the Nature of Predictive Brain Implants." *AJOB Neuroscience*, 6 (4): 18–19, [doi:10.1080/21507740.2015.1094542](https://doi.org/10.1080/21507740.2015.1094542).
17. Palacios-González, César, and David R. Lawrence. 2015. "Enhancing Sisyphus." *AJOB Neuroscience*, 6 (1): 26–27, [doi:10.1080/21507740.2014.995320](https://doi.org/10.1080/21507740.2014.995320).
18. Palacios-González, César. 2015. "The Ethics of Clinical Photography and Social Media." *Medicine, Health Care, and Philosophy*, 18 (1): 63–70, [doi:10.1007/s11019-014-9580-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11019-014-9580-y).
19. Palacios-González, César, and David R. Lawrence. 2015. "Substance over Style: Is There Something Wrong with Abandoning the White Coat?" *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 41 (6): 433–36, [doi:10.1136/medethics-2013-101900](https://doi.org/10.1136/medethics-2013-101900).
20. Giordano, Simona, César Palacios-González, and John Harris. 2015. "Sex Change Surgery for Transgender Minors: Should Doctors Speak Out?" In *Pioneering Healthcare Law: Essays in Honour of Margaret Brazier*, edited by Catherine Stanton, Sarah Devaney, Anne-Maree Farrell, and Alexandra Mullock, 1st ed., 181–88. Routledge.
21. Lawrence, David R., César Palacios-González, and John Harris. 2016. "Artificial Intelligence: The Shylock Syndrome." *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, 25 (2): 250–61, [doi:10.1017/S0963180115000559](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0963180115000559).
22. Translation into Spanish of: Nicholas Agar. 1998. "Liberal Eugenics." *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 12 (2), 137-155. In: Nicholas Agar. 2012. "Eugenics Liberal." *Signos Filosóficos*, XIV (28): 143-68. [ISSN: 1665-1324](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0963180115000559).

Teaching

Markers of Teaching Excellence

2017 Nominated for the Teaching Excellence Awards, King's College London, MA in Medical Law and Ethics.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate teaching experience

I have designed and taught courses and tutorials on Ethics and Introduction to Philosophy. I have supervised undergraduate projects, marked exam scripts, and provided pastoral care.

Graduate teaching experience

I have designed and taught a course module on Reproductive Ethics. I have marked exam scripts, and provided pastoral care.

- 2017** Module leader - Centre of Medical Law and Ethics, Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London. MA in Medical Ethics and Law.
Subject: Ethics of Reproduction (PG, 1st-term - 20 credits - 2017).
- 2016** Module leader - Centre of Medical Law and Ethics, Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London. MA in Medical Ethics and Law.
Subject: Ethics of Reproduction (PG, 1st-term - 20 credits - 2016).
- 2014** Guest Lecturer, The University of Manchester, Faculty of Life Science.
Subject: The ethics of creating human-nonhuman chimeras.
- 2011** Part-Time Lecturer, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Faculty of Engineering.
Subject: Culture and Communication. 2011.
- 2009-2012** Part-Time Lecturer, Universidad Panamericana (Mexico), Faculty of Humanities. Subjects: Ethics, Philosophical Anthropology.
- 2008-2012** Junior High and High School Teacher, Bachillerato Colegio Cedros Norte (Mexico) Subjects: Logic, History of Philosophy, Ethics.
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Grants

- 2015** **Complementary PhD Studentship**
Granting body: Mexican Secretariat of Public Education
Amount: £ 3,474.04
- 2012-2015** **PhD Studentship**
Granting body: Institute for Science Ethics and Innovation
Amount: £ 30,000.00
- 2012-2015** **PhD Studentship**
Granting body: The Mexican National Council for Science and Technology
Amount: £ 66,168.00
- 2010** **Studentship for International Research Stay**
Granting body: The Mexican National Council for Science and Technology
Amount: £ 4,166.79
- 2009-2011** **MPhil Studentship**
Granting body: The Mexican National Council for Science and Technology
Amount: £ 8,337.18
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Visiting Positions

- 2017** **2017 UK-Mexico Visiting Chair Mobility Grants**
Universidad Iberoamericana/Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana
- 2010** **Short-Term Research Stay**
Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
The School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations
Academic Host: Prof Nicholas Agar
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Honours/Awards

- 2016** 1st prize, Premio Anual de Bioética 2016, Fundación Dr. Jaime Roca
(<https://issuu.com/premiobioetica>).
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Conferences Organized

- 2017** The Ethics and Regulation of In Vitro Gametogenesis (IVG), King's College London, Thursday 14th - Friday 15th September 2017.
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Impact - Outreach and Policy-Making

- 2016** I co-wrote, with Dr. Diana Escalante and Dr. María de Jesús Medina-Arellano, an open letter to the Mexican Senate and Chamber of Deputies. The letter was co-signed by the main scientific organisations in Mexico, and it was published in the newspaper El Universal on the 25th October 2016. The letter opposed a modification to the General Health Law, a federal level legislation, that involved the restriction of access to assisted reproductive techniques, and would have banned all embryonic research.
- As a result of this letter and the opinion pieces that other scientists and I wrote, the Federal Deputy in charge of the amended bill decided not to submit it to a vote.
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Media - English (Opinion pieces)

- “Mitochondrial replacement therapies in Mexico and the USA - and the FDA”, *BioNews*, August 2017. http://www.bionews.org.uk/page_879135.asp
- “Mitochondrial replacement techniques, Mexico and the legal unknowns”, *BioNews*, April 2017. http://www.bionews.org.uk/page_824168.asp
- “The Mexican mitochondrial fiasco”, *BioNews*, September 2016. http://www.bionews.org.uk/page_707056.asp
- “Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques, the Mexican Case”, *The Niche*, September 2016. <https://ipscell.com/2016/09/mitochondrial-replacement-techniques-mexican-case/>

- “Would the creation of chimeras with human intelligence violate human dignity?”, *AEON* Viewpoint, June 2015. <https://aeon.co/conversations/would-creation-of-chimeras-with-human-intelligence-violate-human-dignity>

Media - Spanish (Opinion pieces)

- “Donar órganos, un paso en la dirección correcta” (Opt-out Organ Donation: A Step in the Right Direction), *Animal Político*, April 2018. <https://www.animalpolitico.com/blogueros-blog-invitado/2018/04/06/donacion-de-organos-un-paso-en-la-direccion-correcta/>
- “Un conciencioso regalo para los conservadores” (Conscientious Objection: A Merry Gift for the Conservatives), *Animal Político*, March 2018. <https://www.animalpolitico.com/blogueros-blog-invitado/2018/03/29/un-conciencioso-regalo-para-los-conservadores/>
- “Objeción de conciencia e incompetencia legislativa” (Conscientious objection and legislative incompetence), *Animal Político*, October 2017. <http://www.animalpolitico.com/blogueros-blog-invitado/2017/10/16/objecion-de-conciencia-y-la-incompetencia-legislativa/>
- “El Estado mexicano, la lectura del huevo y la homeopatía” (Mexico, future-telling and homeopathy), *Animal Político*, April 2017. <http://www.animalpolitico.com/blogueros-una-vida-examinada-reflexiones-bioeticas/2017/04/05/estado-mexicano-la-lectura-del-huevo-la-homeopatia/>
- “Una ley que prohíbe embarazos y trasplantes” (A law that prohibits pregnancies and transplants), *Animal Político*, December 2016. <http://www.animalpolitico.com/blogueros-una-vida-examinada-reflexiones-bioeticas/2016/12/14/una-propuesta-ley-prohibe-embarazos-trasplantes/>
- “Embriones triparentales en México: una mala noticia” (Tri-parental embryos in Mexico: they are bad news), *Animal Político*, September 2016. <http://www.animalpolitico.com/blogueros-una-vida-examinada-reflexiones-bioeticas/2016/10/05/embriones-triparentales-en-mexico-una-mala-noticia/>
- “Estudiantes de la salud y ‘selfies’. ¿Una mala combinación?” (Healthcare students and ‘selfies’: a bad combination?), *Animal Político*, September 2015. <http://www.animalpolitico.com/blogueros-una-vida-examinada-reflexiones-bioeticas/2015/09/01/estudiantes-de-la-salud-y-selfies-una-mala-combinacion/>

References to My Work in Mainstream Media and Professional Outlets (selected):

- **Animal Político**
Vega, A. (2017, November 13). Objeción de conciencia, la apuesta de la agenda conservadora: organizaciones. Retrieved May 27, 2018, from <https://www.animalpolitico.com/2017/11/objecion-conciencia-medicos/>
- **CBC Radio**
CBC Radio. (2018, March 26). Scientists say it’s time to make “3-parent baby” technology legal in Canada. Retrieved from <https://www.cbc.ca/amp/1.4588671>
- **Excelsior**
De Alba Ulloa, J. (2014, May 1). Multiplex parenting. Retrieved May 27, 2018, from <http://www.excelsior.com.mx/opinion/foro-internacional-anahuac/2014/05/01/956778>

- **National Post**
Kirkey. (2017, August 22). No moral reason not to create chimeras capable of making human eggs, ethicist argues. Retrieved May 27, 2018, from <http://nationalpost.com/health/no-moral-reason-not-to-create-chimeras-capable-of-making-human-eggs-ethicist-argues>
- **New Scientist**
Pearlman, A. (2018, March 7). Allow lesbians to use “three-parent” baby IVF to have children. Retrieved May 27, 2018, from <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2163140-allow-lesbians-to-use-three-parent-baby-ivf-to-have-children/>
- **Svenska Dagbladet**
Svenaesus, F. (2014, June 17). En revolution för reproduktionen. Retrieved May 27, 2018, from <https://www.svd.se/en-revolution-for-reproduktionen>
- **Scientific America**
Zohny, H. (2015, July 7). The Problem with Artificial Willpower. Retrieved May 27, 2018, from <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-problem-with-artificial-willpower1/>
- **theBMJ**
Howard, S. (2018). Fear and infertility research. *BMJ*, 360, k434. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.k434>
- **Vice**
Horne, A. (2014, June 10). Scientists Are Working Out Whether You Can Have a Baby with Yourself. Retrieved May 27, 2018, from https://www.vice.com/en_uk/article/av4j8p/scientists-are-working-out-how-to-make-a-baby-with-yourself

Conference Presentations

Peer-reviewed:

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| June, 2017 | “Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques and Lesbian Motherhood.” Institute of Medical Ethics Conference 2017, Liverpool. |
| April, 2017 | “Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques and Mexico’s Rule of Law.” Annual Conference of the Socio-Legal Studies Association. Newcastle University, UK. |
| Sept, 2016 | “Ethics of Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques: A Habermasian Perspective.” EACME. Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. |
| June, 2016 | “Vasconcelos and the erasure of race in Mexico.” Philosophy of race and racism. University of Oxford. Oxford. (co-authored with Adriana Clavel-Vázquez) |
| June, 2016 | “In vitro gametogenesis, the New Natural Lawyers and Same Sex Marriage.” 13th World Congress of Bioethics, Edinburgh. |

- June, 2016 “Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques: A Habermasian Perspective.” Institute of Medical Ethics Conference 2016, Edinburgh.
- Aug, 2014 “Do cognitive enhancers cause epistemic harm?” Cognitive Enhancement Conference. Delft University of Technology, Netherlands.
- June, 2014 “The Ethics of Clinical Photography and Social Media.” 12th World Congress of Bioethics, Mexico City.
- June, 2013 “The Ethics of Creating Human-Nonhuman Chimeras.” Zagreb Applied Ethics Conference, University of Zagreb.
- April, 2013 “Contesting Eugenics: Race in the Aftermath of the Mexican Revolution.” Society for Latin American Studies Annual Conference (SLAS2013), The University of Manchester.
- Aug, 2012 “Are you having the best offspring? The role of prejudice in liberal eugenics.” III Coloquio de Filosofía de la Tecnología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.
- Feb, 2012 “Philosophy and Geoengineering: Possibilities and Dangers.” I Coloquio de Estudios Sobre Ciencia, Tecnología y Sociedad: “Pensar la era Tecnocientífica. Una Visión desde las Humanidades.” Instituto Politécnico Nacional, Unidad Profesional Interdisciplinaria en Ingeniería y Tecnologías Avanzadas.
- April, 2011 “Is taking Smart Drugs Smart?” Exploring Human Enhancement: A Symposium. The Center for Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology, The University of Texas at Dallas.

Invited talks:

- Jan 2018 “What is Biological Reproduction?” Institute of Philosophical Research, National Autonomous University of Mexico.
- Jan 2108 “Are There Moral Differences Between Maternal Spindle Transfer and Pronuclear Transfer.” Faculty of Philosophy, Universidad Panamericana.
- Jan 2018 “State Sponsored Homeopathy: A Bad Idea.” Faculty of Social Work, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León.
- Jan 2018 “The Ethics of Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques.” College of Medicine, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana.
- Jan, 2018 “Homeopathy and the Burden of Proof.” Colegio de Bioética.
- Jan, 2018 “Mexican Legislation and Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques.” Law Faculty, Universidad Iberoamericana.
- Dec, 2017 “Mexico and Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques: What a Mess.” Progress Education Trust Annual Conference 2017.
- June, 2017 “Remplazo Mitocondrial en México.” Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

- March, 2017 “Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques and Mexico’s Rule of Law.” Usher Institute for Population Health Sciences and Informatics, University of Edinburgh.
- Jan, 2017 “Are there moral differences between maternal spindle transfer and pronuclear transfer?” Centre for Ethics in Medicine, University of Bristol.
- Nov, 2016 “Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques and Mexico’s Rule of Law.” National Autonomous University of Mexico.
- Nov, 2016 “Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques and Mexico’s Rule of Law.” Mexico’s National Council on Bioethics
- Aug, 2016 “Is There a Moral Difference Between Maternal Spindle Transfer and Pronuclear Transfer?” Seminario de Investigacion del Programa Universitario de Bioética, National Autonomous University of Mexico
- Aug, 2016 “Ethics of Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques.” Diplomado de Bioética, National Autonomous University of Mexico
- July, 2016 “In vitro gametogenesis, the New Natural Lawyers and Same Sex Marriage.” Reproductive Futures: Reproductive Choices? University of Southampton.
- March, 2016 “Mitochondrial Replacement Techniques: A Habermasian Perspective.” Centre for Social Ethics and Policy, The University of Manchester.
- March, 2016 “Mexico, Secularism and ARTs.” Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, National Autonomous University of Mexico.
- June, 2014 “The Ethics of Clinical Photography.” Workshop on Development of Ethics Education in Universities. The British Council. Nayarit, Mexico.
- June, 2013 “Can Human-Nonhuman Chimeras Have Human Dignity?” Manchester-Münster Workshop in Bioethics. Centre for Advanced Studies in Bioethics. Westfälische Wilhems-Universität Münster.

Referees

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