



# CURRICULUM VITAE

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*Brief review: I am originally from Senegal and grew up in the Gambia. I have been living in Spain since 2008, in Asturias and Madrid. I have a multidisciplinary background and my academic interests revolve around Philosophy, African studies, Migration, Diplomacy and Geopolitics, Environmental studies, and Theology.*

## ACADEMIC RESEARCH AREAS

A.) **PHILOSOPHY:** Moral & Political Philosophy. Philosophy of Technology. Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Anthropology. B.) **AFRICAN STUDIES:** African Philosophy, Cosmovision and Epistemologies. Black History and African migrations. Colonialism, Post-independence, and African Sociologies. African Political Thought: Precolonial and postcolonial era. C.) **GEOPOLITICS, GEOSTRATEGY & SECURITY:** Geopolitical Dimension of Natural Resources. International Relations & Environmental Diplomacy. Geopolitics of the Sacred: Religion as a geopolitical element. Terrorism, Peace, and Conflict Resolution. D.) **ENVIRONMENT (ECOLOGICAL):** Environmental Ethics and Religion in Africa. Ethics & Environmental Philosophy. Theology and religious dimension of environmental protection.

## ACADEMIC TRAINING

2024-2027 (2019-2022): **PhD Candidate in Philosophy**, PhD Program in Philosophy: National University of Distance Education (UNED), Spain. Areas of Research: Ethics, Aesthetics and Political Philosophy. Research topic: **“Rethinking the African State and identity dilemmas: Secessionism and terrorism in the Sahel. Proposals from African philosophy.”**

2019-2022: **PhD/Doctor in History, Culture and Thought**: University of Alcalá. **Outstanding. Thesis director:** Dr. Emilio Chuvieco Salinero, Regional Geographic Analysis and Awardee of the Jaime I Prize for Environmental Protection 2022.

2018-2019: **Master’s in Diplomacy and International Relations (MSc)**: Diplomatic School of Spain. **Specialization: Geopolitics and Security** (Higher Center for National Defense Studies, CESEDEN). Dissertation: “Immanuel Kant: A philosophical study of the Libyan conflict,” **Outstanding.** Awarded by the Diplomatic School and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2017-2018: **Master in Theoretical and Practical Philosophy (MPhil)**: UNED. Dissertation: “Miguel de Unamuno: Socialism, liberalism and anarchism,” **Honors.**

2016-2018: **Theology and Religious Sciences**: Metropolitan Seminary of Oviedo / Pontifical University of Salamanca. (Year and a half).

2011-2016: **Bachelor’s in Philosophy (BPhil)**: University of Oviedo, Asturias.

2002-2006: **West African Examination Certificate** (literary Baccalaureate equivalent): St. Augustine High School and Minor Seminary of the Diocese of Banjul, The Gambia.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

- January 2021-present: **Philosopher / Consultant** (Self-employment / Consulting activities in the field of migrations, environment, international relations, and African issues. I teach courses, conduct conferences and seminars). <https://filosofo-consultor.jimdosite.com/>
- July 2019-Current: Audiovisual Sector, **Extras and figuration in Cinema, TV, and Advertising**: Various Artistic Agencies in Madrid (Temps Show Business, Bendita Profesión, MakingOf, Yael Moreno Casting...).
- Nov. 2021-Feb. 2022: **Professor**, online course Introduction to African Philosophy. VOICES Center for African Studies, Seville.
- December 17, 2021: **Professor**, in-person course “Forced Migrations: Psychosocial Accompaniment Strategies”, organized by the Community Action Group and the Complutense University of Madrid.
- Sept.- Dec. 2021: **Public attention / Exhibition Galleries**, Círculo de Bellas Artes / UNIMUM Events Company.
- Jun-July. 2021: **Professor**, African Studies course, Master’s African Studies, and Black Societies, led by the Complutense University of Madrid and CIDAF-UCM.
- Dec. 2020 – July 2021: **Internship/Junior Researcher (PDI)**, Chair of Environmental Ethics at the University of Alcalá.
- Jul – Nov 2020: **Internship/Junior Researcher (PDI)**, Chair of Environmental Ethics at the University of Alcalá.
- Oct. 2019 – Feb. 2020: **Auxiliary-Public Attention**, Círculo de Bellas Artes / UNIMUM. Functions: Translations, event organization, coordination, virtual cinema, etc.
- Aug. – Dec. 2016: **Janitor**, San Juan El Real Parish of Oviedo, Oviedo.
- Sept. 2014 – Oct. 2015: **Administrative Assistant**, Princess of Asturias Foundation, Oviedo. Functions: Translations, organization of events, administrative tasks, etc.
- Mar – Jul 2015: **Final year Degree in Philosophy Internship**. Association of Philosophy for Children of the Principality of Asturias, Gijón.
- Apr – Dec. 2008: **Metallic Welder**. Alqui Metal (the Metal Race), Noreña, Asturias.

### SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS (THINK TANK)

- Ubuntu Pachamama Strategic Think Tank (2020-Current):  
<https://www.ubuntupachamamastrategicthinktank.com/>
- Academia: <https://uah-es.academia.edu/MAURICESAMB>
- ResearchGate: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Maurice-Samb-2>
- Dialnet: <https://dialnet.unirioja.es/servlet/tesis?codigo=314076>
- Digital library of the University of Alcalá (PhD dissertation):  
<http://hdl.handle.net/10017/56011>
- Library Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2 monographs, dissertations of Immanuel Kant and the idea of “Culture” in Zygmunt Bauman and Terry Eagleton, 2019):  
<https://biblioteca.exteriores.gob.es/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl?q=an:%2278801%22>

### RECENT CONFERENCES

1. “Ubuntu, lecciones de sabiduría africana para vivir mejor”, Seminario Ubuntu, organizado por el Editorial Bwato y Asociación Kivuvu, Espacio cultural Rift Valley, Madrid, 22 de marzo de 2024.
2. “Climate change, plundering of natural resources and climate migration in Africa: Mechanisms to implement climate justice?” III World Forum on Human Rights (CIPDH-UNESCO), Faculty of Architecture, Urbanism and Design (FADU) (03/22/2023), Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 20-24, 2023. <https://fmdh23.org/programa/actividad/cambio-climatico-expoliacion-de-los-recursos-naturales-y-migraciones-climaticas-en-africa-que-mecanismos-implementar-para-fomentar-la-justicia-climatica/>
3. “Cross-border conflicts: Cooperation mechanisms between Senegal, Gambia, and Guinea Bissau. The MFDC and the illegal exploitation of natural resources,” Colloquium International Seminar on (In)stability in Guinea Bissau, Autonomous University of Madrid / Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal. October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. <https://autonoma.pt/en/international-seminar-colloquium-on-instability-in-guine-bissau/> ; <https://observare.autonoma.pt/seminarguineabissau/>
4. “Tradition and modernity in Present day Africa.” 4 hours, Complutense University of Madrid, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
5. “African Philosophy: Analyzing the future of the African Continent from its ancient traditions.” Public Talk, Ubuntu Pachamama Strategic Think Tank, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
6. “Religion and Spirituality in Africa: ecology and animism in African societies,” organized by the Asociación Social y Culturas Unidas de Madrid. Casa Árabe, May 20, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fv8S8JX7yvM> (Part one) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-ift0ap4uQ> (Part two)
7. "Ubuntu and Teranga: two African philosophies as a way of thinking about decoloniality", organized by the Center for Asian and African Studies, Colegio de México, Mexico. May 4, 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8TqhvDgSLQ>
8. “Environment, Political Ecology and Climate Change,” organized by Ubuntu Pachamama Strategic Think Tank, November 28, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJ7a0PsiRW4>
9. "CICA-Nebrija Conference on Defense Culture for Young People 2019", organized by the Nebrija Santander Global Chair in Risk and Conflict Management at Nebrija University. Escuela de Guerra, Madrid. November 6-7, 2019. <https://atalayar.com/content/militares-y-civiles> <https://atalayar.com/content/militares-y-civiles-debaten-en-las-jornadas-cica-nebrija-sobre-la-cultura-de-seguridad>

### EXTRACURRICULAR COURSES

Summer course, “Geopolitical Trends: Where is the world heading?” Complutense University of Madrid / Spanish Institute of Strategic Studies, San Lorenzo de El Escorial, 07/01/2019-07/05/2019, 30 hours.

Specialization Course, Diplomatic studies, “Geostrategy and Security,” Higher Center for National Defense Studies (CESEDEN), 2019.

“Challenges to promote sustainable consumption,” 2 ECTS, University of Alcalá, 2018.

“World Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition,” October 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Madrid.

“University Day on the Death Penalty,” 5.5Hrs, organized by Helsinki-Spain (Diplomatic School, Madrid), February 22, 2019.

“The International Criminal Court 20 years later”, AEPDIRI / Diplomatic School, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

“VIVES Emplea: Development of Personal and Professional Skills for Employment,” European Social Fund Program of the POISES framework 2014-2020, Fundación Acción Contra el Hambre / Oviedo City Council, 02/05/2018 – 06/08/2018.

“Initial Basic Training for Volunteering,” Oviedo, Cáritas Asturias, February 15-19, 2016. 8 hours.

Employment Training No. 786 specialization in English Business Management of 195 hours, taught at Bray School (Siero, Asturias), 12/02/2009 – 02/05/2010. Employment Service of the Principality of Asturias.

### **SKILLS**

Teaching. Conferences and seminars. Polyglot. Negotiation and conflict resolution. Social network management. Creation of social projects. Data analysis and preparation of scientific documents. Interpreter. Organization of sociocultural events. Group management.

### **VOLUNTEERING**

“Alba Project,” Cáritas Oviedo: Educational project that provides educational support to children/families at risk of social exclusion. September 2017-June 2018.

Primary Assistance, Cáritas Parish, San Juan el Real Parish of Oviedo. 2017-2018.

Convergence of Cultures, Lavapiés, Madrid. Academic support, Philosophy, Religion and Humanities: Saturdays, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. September 2018-May 2019.

### **LANGUAGES**

Spanish and French: Professional level – Bilingual.

Greek, Latin and Italian: Basic level (reading and comprehension).

Wolof and Serer: Native (Senegal/Gambia).

### **REFERENCES**

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