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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Political scientist and international relations specialist with more than ten years of experience in strategic analysis, applied research, project management, institutional communications, and development of decision-support products. Track record in risk assessment, sensitive information handling, coordination with institutional stakeholders, complex context analysis, and executive report production.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Geopolitical and country risk analysis	OSINT/HUMINT collection and analysis
Strategic intelligence and early warning	Foresight (horizon scanning)
Scenario planning and foresight	Executive briefings and decision-maker analysis
Transnational organized crime analysis	Academic and applied research
Intergovernmental relations and diplomacy	Technical, editorial, and academic writing
Regional integration and multilevel governance	Project management (PM4R, Agile, Leadership)
Strategic communications and media	Languages: Spanish (native), English (C1), French (B2)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Independent Advisor on Public Policy and Human Security

Feb 2022 – Present

Freelance | Latin America / USA

- Advises civil society and research clients on geopolitics, governance, human security, and strategic risk, producing analytical products, threat-informed guidance, and decision-support materials.
- Led a nationally-scoped NED-funded mixed-methods research project combining OSINT monitoring, surveys, focus groups, and in-depth interviews to map anti-rights narratives and profile critical audiences across five cities.
- Developed content production processes for international relations and political science outreach, and has provided organizational advisory to Tinta Digital since 2022.
- Developed protection guides and risk assessment tools for activists within a consultancy with Akila Dignidad, integrating threat analysis into practical security protocols.
- Delivers training in university diploma programs and to companies on geopolitics, strategic intelligence, and political analysis; collaborating institutions include UTPL – EDES Business School.
- Recurring media expert with more than 50 radio and television interviews and more than 35 citations in print media, translating complex political and geopolitical developments into accessible analysis.

Guest Lecturer and Strategic Advisor

Mar 2022 – Feb 2026

Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas (ESPE) | Quito, Ecuador (hybrid)

Center for Strategic Studies and Thought (CESPE)

- Led the Project "Implementation of an Observatory for the Analysis of International Conflicts and Their Consequences for the Region and Ecuador," February 2022 to February 2024.
- Member of the Project "Effect of the Level of Linkage of Oceanopolitics in State Institutions, covering the period 2002–2024: Design Proposal for Policies, Strategies, and Institutional Framework for Ecuador's Maritime Development and Security," August 2024 to February 2026.
- Published and co-edited multiple books and chapters on strategic intelligence, geopolitics, U.S.–China competition, the Russo-Ukrainian war, the Middle East, Latin American dynamics, and global oceanopolitics, strengthening the center's research output and institutional positioning in international security and strategic affairs.
- Produced classified and public research to inform national defense policy and foreign policy formulation.

- Applied OSINT tools to generate a substantial share of research and advisory products, including analysis delivered to military authorities and institutional stakeholders.
- Delivered executive briefings, seminars, and decision-support analysis for technical and non-technical audiences, including the Armed Forces and the Ministry of Defense of Ecuador.
- Designed and delivered seminars on geopolitics, strategy, and intelligence.
- Advised the Ministry of Defense, the Joint Command of the Armed Forces, and the Armed Forces' G2 on international relations, geopolitics, and political science.
- Participated in the planning, organization, and moderation of the events "Perspectives and Challenges for Ecuador 2023" (February 2023, CESPE's 11th anniversary); "International Seminar on Security and Defense: Perspectives and Challenges for Ecuador 2023" (ESPE's 101st anniversary); and the 23rd Regular Meeting of the Binational Border Commission (COMBIFRON) Ecuador-Peru 2023.

Project Director Aug 2020 – Aug 2025

QUID (NGO) | Ecuador (hybrid)

- Led comprehensive project design, fundraising, implementation, and evaluation of humanitarian and social impact initiatives in complex operational environments, building links with more than 10 strategic partners, including NGOs, government entities, and universities.
- Led rotating teams of 3 to 6 people for task execution, including interns, with whom project proposals were planned and drafted, implementation actions coordinated, and digital communication strategies developed.
- Directed the research area, generating awareness notes and academic articles on Ecuador's development landscape.
- Built a database of 1,097 households for aid targeting; coordinated humanitarian relief operations reaching approximately 400 families during the COVID-19 emergency.
- Managed approximately USD 30,000 in financial and in-kind support through humanitarian and digital inclusion initiatives.
- Recovered, repaired, and distributed more than 75 technological devices to at-risk youth; coordinated distribution of 50 tablets through IOM.
- Trained more than 20 young people in transformational leadership, project design, and environmental sustainability.
- Coordinated emergency humanitarian response after the April 25, 2025 earthquake and floods in Esmeraldas, delivering emergency kits to 100 affected families.
- **'Together Against COVID-19'** project recognized at the United Nations SDG Awards 2020 as a sustainable initiative.

Executive Director Jan 2020 – Jun 2020

QUID (NGO) | Ecuador

- Founded the organization and established its operational structure, strategic direction, and work plan.
- Led operational planning and developed implementation strategies to guide program delivery and organizational growth.
- Co-led the #TogetherAgainstCOVID19 initiative in coordination with allied organizations to expand donation capacity and strengthen emergency response.
- Developed a vulnerability methodology for the effective distribution of aid to families and individuals requesting assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Provided on-the-ground support delivering emergency food kits to approximately 450 vulnerable families who had not received government assistance during lockdown.
- Contributed to a humanitarian response by attracting resources from strategic allies, including Ecuador's Ministry of Transportation and community and youth organizations, for the distribution of food and essential goods to underserved segments during the pandemic.

International Relations and Intelligence Analyst Jul 2021 – Feb 2022

Centro de Inteligencia Estratégica (CIES) | Quito, Ecuador

- Produced timely intelligence analysis and monitoring products on migration, international threats, organized crime, and public policy developments to support situational awareness.
- Supported horizon scanning cycles, early warning monitoring, and strategic assessments related to regional and international threats.
- Provided internal and external advisory on political and strategic planning in response to high-impact events.
- Coordinated information exchange with international counterparts, contributing to liaison and inter-institutional cooperation processes through secure channels.

Director of External Relations Jan 2019 – May 2019

Bridge Europe | Maastricht, Netherlands

- Managed institutional contacts and relationship building with youth policy and civic organizations across Europe.
- Coordinated events, communications, and engagement strategies that increased participation by 60%.

Editor-in-Chief May 2017 – Aug 2018

Political Science and International Relations Journal, UDLA | Quito, Ecuador

- Led academic publishing and peer-review processes for one of Ecuador's few political science journals.
- Increased journal visibility through new academic collaborations and inclusion in reference indexes.
- Coordinated the editorial team, overseeing content planning and review in line with established editorial objectives.

Faculty Administration Assistant, School of Law and Social Sciences Sep 2017 – Aug 2018

Universidad de Las Américas (UDLA) | Quito, Ecuador

- Provided direct administrative and academic support to the Dean, facilitating institutional operations.
- Led undergraduate curriculum development for the new Political Science program.
- Served as assistant to the School's Research Committee, collaborating in project coordination, meeting organization, and document management.

Electoral Technician Jan 2017 – Apr 2017

National Electoral Council of Ecuador | Quito / Esmeraldas, Ecuador

- Led and managed the deployment of electoral observation missions across the province of Esmeraldas, ensuring full operational capacity.
- Provided high-level protocol support and logistical assistance to international electoral experts during their stay in Ecuador.
- Ensured compliance with observation protocols and contributed to accurate, transparent reporting on electoral activities.

Instructor, UN Club, Public Speaking and Debate Sep 2016 – Jan 2017

Universidad de Las Américas (UDLA) | Quito, Ecuador

- Instructed students on the UN and UNASUR systems, conflict resolution, and public speaking techniques in simulations and debates.

Editorial Assistant Jun 2014 – Oct 2016

Political Science and International Relations Journal, UDLA | Quito, Ecuador

Editorial Team Member | Dec 2013 – Jun 2014

- Supported editorial processes: selection, review, proofreading, and coordination of academic articles.
- Assisted the Editor-in-Chief in coordinating the Editorial Team, leading student peers in article review and editing tasks.

Project Assistant — "Quito, Safe City for Women and Girls" Nov 2013 – Jan 2014

CEPLAES / UN Women | Quito, Ecuador

- Supported urban security and inclusion initiatives within the UN Women program.

C O N S U L T A N C I E S

Research on Anti-Rights Actors and Agendas in Ecuador (NED) Aug 2024 – Oct 2025

Tinta Digital | Ecuador

- Designed and managed a nationally-scoped mixed-methods research project integrating surveys, focus groups, in-depth interviews, and social media listening across five cities, coordinating a multidisciplinary technical team from design through delivery.
- Oversaw quantitative analysis using NLP and machine learning clustering to identify narrative patterns, segment audiences, and produce actionable audience profiling across demographic, psychographic, and behavioral dimensions.
- Synthesized qualitative and quantitative findings into two decision-support deliverables — a Perception and Attitudes Mapping and an Audience Profiling report — serving as strategic inputs for a national educommunication campaign.
- Developed a proof of concept for a disruptive educommunication campaign to counter anti-rights narratives through evidence-based, audience-targeted messaging.

Security Manual for Human Rights and Environmental Defenders Jan 2024 – Aug 2024

Akila Dignidad | Ecuador

- Gathered information and drafted a technical guide enabling organized civil society members to access protection mechanisms against state and non-state threats.
- Integrated intelligence and threat analysis tools into practical security protocols for Ecuadorian activists.
- Socialized findings and trained activists on risk protection measures.

Content Production and Organizational Advisory 2022 – Present

Tinta Digital | Ecuador

- Content production in international relations, political science, and human security for broad dissemination.
- Organizational advisory to the company and its leadership team.

Training for Companies and University Diploma Programs 2022 – Present

Various Institutions | Ecuador / Virtual

- Training in geopolitics, strategic intelligence, and political analysis for companies and organizations.
- Teaching in university diploma programs; collaborating institutions include UTPL – EDES Business School.

E D U C A T I O N

International Diploma in Geopolitics of Organized Crime and Violence in Latin America Feb 2025 – Apr 2025

Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas – ESPE | Sangolquí, Ecuador

160 hours. Registered ESPE, Center for Continuing Education, No. 399 (04/28/2025).

Master's Degree in Public Policy and Human Development — Double Degree Sep 2018 – Aug 2019

Maastricht University / UNU-MERIT | Maastricht, Netherlands

Specialization: Regional Integration and Multilevel Governance. GPA: 3.7/4.0.

Advanced Course "Regional Integration and Governance in Latin America" Apr 1 – Jul 9, 2016

Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar (UASB) – Germánico Salgado Chair | Quito, Ecuador

120 academic hours. Certificate 08/30/2016.

Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and International Relations Sep 2011 – Jun 2016

Universidad de Las Américas (UDLA) | Quito, Ecuador

Top Graduate of the class. GPA: 4.0/4.0.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Books

Gortaire Morejón, B. (2024). América Latina, la región que se niega a ser [Latin America: The Region That Refuses to Be]. Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas-ESPE. Sangolquí, Ecuador.

Gortaire Morejón, B. (2024). La guerra nunca se fue: Cómo el conflicto ruso-ucraniano revivió la historia [The War Never Left: How the Russo-Ukrainian Conflict Revived History]. Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas-ESPE. Sangolquí, Ecuador.

Gortaire Morejón, B. (2023). Dragón ascendente, águila desafiante. Desentrañando la competencia hegemónica entre China y EE.UU. [Rising Dragon, Defiant Eagle: Unraveling the Hegemonic Competition Between China and the United States]. Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas-ESPE. Sangolquí, Ecuador.

Gortaire Morejón, B. & Montalvo, M. (2020). El camino a la integración desde la identidad. Una aproximación suramericana [The Path to Integration Through Identity: A South American Approach]. UDLA Ediciones. Quito, Ecuador.

Compiled and Co-Authored Peer-Reviewed Books

Gortaire Morejón, B. (comp.), Guerrero, G., Lapeña, R., Fernández, M., Lozada, P., & Camino, J.F. (2023). Ecuador hacia el 2025: escenarios, conflictos y oportunidades [Ecuador Toward 2025: Scenarios, Conflicts, and Opportunities]. Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas-ESPE. Sangolquí, Ecuador.

Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Books

Gortaire Morejón, B. (2023). "Límites de la inteligencia estratégica en América Latina" ["Limits of Strategic Intelligence in Latin America"]. In Ordóñez, M. D. (Ed.), Inteligencia estratégica del futuro: Pensamiento crítico e interconectado en un mundo global [Strategic Intelligence of the Future: Critical and Interconnected Thinking in a Global World]. Marcial Pons. Madrid, Spain.

Edited Peer-Reviewed Books

Gortaire Morejón, B. (ed.), Barham, S., Guerrero Salgado, G. A., Lapeña Sanz, R., Córdova-Arauz, D., & Muñoz-Miño, F. A. (2025). ¿Qué pasa en Gaza? Una mirada desde la mitad del mundo [What Is Happening in Gaza? A View from the Middle of the World]. Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas-ESPE. Sangolquí, Ecuador.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Gortaire Morejón, B. & Gómez, M. H. (2026). Oceanopolítica y crimen transnacional organizado en el Pacífico Sur Oriental: Desafíos para la gobernanza marítima y la seguridad regional [Oceanopolitics and Transnational Organized Crime in the Eastern South Pacific: Challenges for Maritime Governance and Regional Security]. Revista Relações Internacionais do Mundo Atual, 2(52), 229–250.

Basantes, S. & Gortaire Morejón, B. (2025). Migración venezolana en Ecuador: Una mirada al antes y después de la pandemia [Venezuelan Migration in Ecuador: A Look Before and After the Pandemic]. Comentario Internacional, (22), 11–32.

Gortaire Morejón, B. et al. (2022). La situación del tercer sector en Ecuador: supervivencia de las ONG en un entorno adverso [The State of the Third Sector in Ecuador: NGO Survival in an Adverse Environment]. Íconos-Revista de Ciencias Sociales, (72), 205–228.

Camino, F. & Gortaire Morejón, B. (2021). Covid-19 en el Ecuador, ¿Cómo perciben los ciudadanos las respuestas del Sistema Político a la gestión de la emergencia sanitaria? [COVID-19 in Ecuador: How Do Citizens Perceive the Political System's Responses to the Management of the Health Emergency?]. Democracias, 9(9), 41–66.

Gortaire Morejón, B. (2016). Comunidad Andina: un proceso sin ciudadanía real [Andean Community: A Process Without Real Citizenship]. Comentario Internacional, (16), 89–110.

Gómez Polanco, A. & Gortaire Morejón, B. (2014). Transnacionales: una amenaza para el medio ambiente y los derechos humanos [Transnational Corporations: A Threat to the Environment and Human Rights]. LÍNEASUR, (7), 56–73.

Gortaire Morejón, B. (2013). La identidad como sustento para la integración [Identity as the Foundation for Integration]. Revista de Ciencias Políticas y RRII, (2), 11–20.

EXECUTED PROJECTS (QUID)

Project	Year	Description	Key Results	Budget
Esmeraldas Earthquake — Emergency Humanitarian Response	2025	Emergency response after the April 25, 2025 earthquake and floods in Esmeraldas.	Delivery of emergency kits to 100 affected families.	USD 900
Leading My Way: Transforming Myself Into My Own Leader	2022	Transformational leadership school for adolescents and young adults.	Training of 20+ young people. Planting of 70+ native plants and trees. Support for 10 social projects.	USD 10,000

Project	Year	Description	Key Results	Budget
A Computer for a Promising Future	2020-21	Recovery of second-hand equipment and distribution of tablets to vulnerable communities.	Delivery of 25 reconditioned devices. Distribution of 50 tablets donated by IOM.	USD 10,000
Together Against COVID-19	2020	Distribution of food kits during pandemic lockdown. Recognized at the United Nations SDG Awards 2020.	Database of 1,097 families. Assistance to ~400 families. Scale-up to the Ministry of Social Inclusion.	USD 30,000

COURSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Apr 2026. **"Introduction to Claude Cowork".** Anthropic

Sep 2025. **"Prompt Engineering for ChatGPT".** Vanderbilt University (18h)

Oct 30, 2025. **"Seminar: Current Challenges of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in the Face of Armed Conflicts and Contemporary Violence".** Inter-American Defense Board – Casa del Soldado, Washington, D.C. (5h)

Oct 25, 2023. **"PM4R Expert (Professional, Agile, and Leadership)".** Inter-American Development Bank – AcademiaBID

Oct 2023. **"International Cooperation Expert".** Doinglobal

Jun–Nov 2022. **"Leadership School – 2022 Program".** Fundación FIDAL / Hanns Seidel Stiftung / Universidad Técnica del Norte (240h)

Nov 15, 2021 – Jan 9, 2022. **"Methodology for Intelligence Generation at the Strategic Level (STRATINT) – 10th ed.".** Campus Internacional para la Seguridad y la Defensa (CISDE), Seville (200h)

Dec 10, 2021. **"Strategies and Methodologies in the Geopolitical Field".** Centro de Inteligencia Estratégica (CIES-Ecuador) / National Directorate of Intelligence of Colombia (30h)

Nov 30, 2021. **"Foresight and Strategic Analysis Course (Level 1)".** LISA Institute, Madrid (50h)

Jul 10, 2021. **"Latin American Youth Program on Sustainable Finance".** GFLAC and Flacso Argentina (34h)

Feb 29 – Jun 13, 2020. **"Third Edition of the Anti-Corruption School".** PUCE / Embassy of Canada in Ecuador / Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo (40h)

Jun 28, 2018. **"Modules 1 and 2, Service School 2018".** Universidad de Las Américas (UDLA) (8h)

Sep 9, 2017. **"Latin American Macroeconomic Reality".** Inter-American Development Bank (49h)

Jun 1, 2017. **"Strengthening Civil Society: Participation Tools".** Corporación Participación Ciudadana / Pacto Ético

Dec 10, 2016. **"New Trends in Trade Agreements in Latin America & the Caribbean".** Inter-American Development Bank (48h)

Jul 14–15, 2016. **"Seminar: Social Value Chains: An Agenda to Overcome the Crisis".** UNASUR – Mitad del Mundo Headquarters, Quito (16h)

May–Oct 2016. **"Social Innovation Certificate".** Chamber of Industries and Production / Global Shapers Quito Hub / IMPAQTO

Oct 20–21, 2015. **"Seminar: Citizen Security Policies of UNASUR Member Countries".** UNASUR – Mitad del Mundo Headquarters, Quito (16h)

Sep 3–4, 2015. **"Regional Seminar on Mainstreaming Human Rights".** IPPDH-MERCOSUR / UNASUR / OHCHR – Mitad del Mundo Headquarters, Quito (16h)

Mar 25–26, 2015. **"WOBI on Leadership 2015".** World of Business Ideas (WOBI) / Laureate International Universities, Mexico City

Nov 27, 2014. **"I Latin American Parliamentary Forum: Beijing 20 Years Later".** National Assembly of Ecuador (4h)

Nov 21, 2014. **"Workshop: Interviews in Social Science Research".** UDLA (2h)

May 27, 2014. **"Workshop: Foundations of the UNASUR Constitutive Treaty, Achievements and Advances of the Institutional Structure".** UNASUR Secretariat-General

Apr 6–7, 2014. **"Colloquium: The European Crisis, EU-Latin America Relations, and the Ecuador-EU Agreement".** Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar – CAEI (13h)

Jun 3–5, 2013. **"International Seminar: Governance and Regional Integration in Latin America and Europe: Problems and Prospects".** Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar / Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Ecuador (FES-ILDIS) (15h)

Apr 26 – Jun 21, 2012. **"Conference Cycle: Ecuador's Policy Toward the World: In Search of a Roadmap".** UDLA / Chamber of Industries and Production (8h)

PRESENTATIONS

"Security Techniques and Protocols for Human Rights and Environmental Defenders"
Workshop organized by Akila Dignidad and Quick Learn Academia Virtual. June 14, 2024.

"2023 Municipal Elections: Democracy, Transparency, and Citizen Participation"
Youth electoral mission organized by Centro de Innovación Disruptive and IRI. February 2, 2023.

"Strategic Inter-Institutional Games 2021"
Simulation organized by Universidad de los Andes, the National Intelligence School, and the Colombian Navy. Participation as advisor. December 3, 2021.

"Ecuador Perspectives 2021–2025"
"Desamárrate" Campaign, organized by Codeis and IRI. April 14, 2021.

"State of Democracy in Ecuador"
Invited speaker at the Disruptive Ideas Laboratory. Centro de Innovación Disruptive, U.S. Embassy and Consulate in Ecuador. October 1, 2020.

EDITORIAL REVIEW AND ARBITRATION

- Peer reviewer for Política Internacional. Temas de análisis 13 [International Politics: Analysis Topics 13]. Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). 2025.
- Peer reviewer for the article "Las ONG y las dificultades en el proceso de gestión administrativa, económica y financiera" ["NGOs and the Challenges in Administrative, Economic, and Financial Management"]. Revista Finanzas y Política Económica, Universidad Católica de Colombia. 2022.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2020. **SDG Awards — United Nations.** Recognition of QUID's 'Together Against COVID-19' project as a sustainable initiative for the SDGs.

2016. **Top Graduate.** Universidad de Las Américas (UDLA). GPA 4.0/4.0.

Model United Nations and Regional Bodies — Participation and Recognition

Year	Model	Role / Award	Committee	Observations
2015	MUNUDLA 2015	**Committee President**	UNEP	Organized by UDLA
2015	MUNLEAI 2015 (IX)	**Committee President**	General Assembly, First Committee: DISEC	Organized by PUCE
2014	MUNASUR 2014	**Founder and Secretary-General**	—	Organizer of the model endorsed by the UNASUR Secretariat-General
2014	MUNLEAI 2014 (VIII)	**Best Delegation at the Model**		UDLA Delegation — representing Ecuador
2014	MUNLEAI 2014 (VIII)	**First Honorable Mention**	Security Council	Organized by PUCE — representing Ecuador
2014	MUNUDLA 2014	**Council President**	General Assembly	Organized by UDLA
2013	MUNASUR 2013	**Distinguished Delegation**	Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs	Organized by USFQ — representing Chile
2013	UDAMUN IV 2013	**Best Delegation at the Model**		UDLA Delegation — representing the United States
2013	UDAMUN IV 2013	**First Honorable Mention**	General Assembly	Organized by U. del Azuay — representing the United States
2013	MUNLEAI 2013	**Best Delegate**	Historical Committee	Organized by PUCE — representing the United Kingdom
2013	MUNUDLA 2013	**Second Honorable Mention**	General Assembly	Organized by UDLA — representing Azerbaijan

VOLUNTEERING

- Educational support during the COVID-19 crisis — 13 certified hours (August 2020). Certified by Voluntar.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (Native) **English** (C1 — IELTS certified) **French** (B2 — Alliance Française certified) **Portuguese** (basic reading comprehension)