
PERSONAL PROFILE

- Expert on security and criminal justice. Research and consulting areas: crime, organized crime, drug trafficking, corruption, institutional effectiveness, and policy formulation.
 - Problem-solving and data-driven analytical skills developed over years consulting for think tanks and institutions such as the IDB, the London Drug Commission, GI-TOC, DCAF, IOM and UCL.
 - Advanced research skills with quantitative and qualitative methods. Including conducting literature reviews across disciplines and statistical analysis (data manipulation, visualization, and analysis in R), with several publications of high academic standard.
 - Experience managing and motivating teams to timely deliver projects with meticulous attention to detail.
 - Bilingual proficiency in English and Spanish, with French working knowledge.
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EDUCATION

- UCL (University College London), PhD in Security and Crime Science**, London, United Kingdom. *2018-2022*
- Research: Towards an institutional perspective for understanding and reducing crime in Latin America. Supervisors: Prof. Laycock & Prof. Chainey.
- Yale University, School of Management, Visiting Scholar**. Supervisor: Prof. Canales. *2019*
- Oxford University, St. Antony's College, MSc in Latin American Studies**, Oxford, United Kingdom. *2016-2017*
- Thesis: Insecurity and Violence in Latin America: Case study of Mexico and Venezuela. Supervisor: Prof. Doyle.
- Hertie School of Governance, Master of Public Policy (MPP)**, Berlin, Germany. *2014-2016*
- Thesis: The rise of xenophobic violent crime in Germany: an empirical study of the effect of the number of asylum seekers. Supervisor: Prof. Traxler.
- Universidad ORT, Bachelor's in International Studies**, Montevideo, Uruguay. *2005-2010*
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CONSULTING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (last ten years)

- The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Washington DC, United States: *Consultant Security and Justice*** *10/23-Present*
- In this position I work on understanding the dynamics of organized crime and illegal markets. Further, I investigate how organized crime impacts society and what type of policies can be implemented to prevent and reduce its activities. I also help improve the design and effective implementation of the bank's loans.
- Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC), London, United Kingdom: *Expert on Organized Crime*** *12/19 – Present*
- Qualitative and quantitative research on illegal markets, criminal actors, state resilience, violence, and corruption. I write the country profiles of several countries for the Global Organized Crime Index and other specific projects.
- The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) - London Drug Commission, London, United Kingdom: *Consultant Organized Crime*** *04/22-08/23*
- Researched the impact of cannabis prohibition in the UK and in London. More specifically, how this illegal market affects society, crime, organized crime, and the human and economic cost for public institutions, particularly for the police, the judiciary, the prison system, and the health system. I further compared these results with countries that have implemented other legal frameworks.

<p>UCL Institute of Security and Crime Science, London, United Kingdom: <i>Researcher</i> I worked on a variety of projects using qualitative and quantitative methods, for e.g., with CREST on preventive measures for terrorist activities and with the Home Office on developing and validating a risk prediction model for missing persons.</p>	<p>03/22- 06/23</p>
<p>DCAF -Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, London, United Kingdom: <i>Consultant</i> I consulted for International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT). In this position, I researched the police participation of Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, and Italy in different UN peace keeping operations. It required secondary research as well as interviewing several government authorities, stakeholders and previously or currently deployed police officers.</p>	<p>01/22- 06/22</p>
<p>Leapwise, London, United Kingdom: <i>Associate on Crime Science</i> Mapped the security policies, crime and victimization trends, citizens fears and safety challenges of Hounslow borough in London. Revised the budget of the community safety program and compared it with the “cost of crime”, I further evaluated its efficiency and impact. Compared the results with the rest of London boroughs and proposed new security priorities and framework.</p>	<p>09/20- 02/21</p>
<p>International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London, United Kingdom: <i>Researcher</i> Monitored security, economic and political developments in Latin American for the Armed Conflict Database (ACD). Drafted periodical analytical reports and briefed on the security and political situation of Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico. Authored the Colombia chapter of the Armed Conflict Survey 2019 and 2020.</p>	<p>07/18 - 11/19</p>
<p>Google, Lima, Peru: <i>Public Policy Fellow, South America</i> Produced studies on Peru’s public security policies. Including analysis of the use of technology for the improvement of local security and the comparison of Peru’s security policies with neighbouring countries. Reviewed and commented on laws that affect the promotion of human rights in digital environments.</p>	<p>07/17 - 11/17</p>
<hr/> <p>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</p> <hr/>	
<p>Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany, <i>Guest Lecturer</i>: In this position I teach the course of ‘Organized Crime, Illegal Markets and Public Policy’. I prepared the syllabus, classes, and evaluations, and delivered the weekly teaching of up 25 students per term.</p>	<p>02/23 - Present</p>
<p>El Centro de Estudios Latinoamericanos sobre Inseguridad y Violencia (The Center for Latin American Studies on Insecurity and Violence - CELIV), UNTREF, Buenos Aires, Argentina, <i>Senior Fellow</i>: In this position, I regularly research issues relevant to the centre, mainly: crime, violence, and drug policies in South America, with a particular focus in Argentina. I further contribute by teaching seminars and supervising master thesis projects.</p>	<p>06/22 - Present</p>
<p>Universidad ORT Uruguay, Montevideo, Uruguay, <i>Associate Professor</i>: I teach the courses of ‘Contemporary International System’, ‘Public Policy’ and ‘Organized Crime’ for the bachelor’s in international relations. Prepared the syllabus, evaluations, exams and delivered the weekly teaching of up 80 students per semester. Further, I supervise and grade thesis projects.</p>	<p>03/19-Present</p>
<p>UCL (University College London), Jill Dando Institute, London, United Kingdom. <i>Postgraduate Teaching Assistant (PGTA)</i>: I assisted in the teaching and marking of the courses of ‘Foundation of Crime Science’, ‘Situational Crime Prevention’, and ‘Perspectives on Terrorism’, and on the grading of master thesis.</p>	<p>08/20 -06/22</p>

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Dammert, L., Croci, G. y Frey, A. (2024). “¿Por qué tanta violencia homicida ¿Por qué tanta violencia homicida en América Latina? Caracterizando el fenómeno y expandiendo su marco de interpretación”, Documentos de trabajo nº 94 (2ª época), Madrid, Fundación Carolina.
- Croci, G. (2023). Effectiveness and corruption in the criminal justice system of Latin America: An overview. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, 1-25.
- Bergman, M., Ambrogi, J., Bruno, M., Croci, G., & Prueger, E. (2023). Estudio sobre homicidios en Argentina: un análisis del periodo 2001-2021. Centro de Estudios Latinoamericanos sobre Inseguridad y Violencia (CELIV).
- Croci, G., & Chainey, S.P. (2022) An Institutional Perspective to Understand Latin America’s High Levels of Homicide, *The British Journal of Criminology*; azac083, <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azac083>
- Croci, G., Laycock, G., & Chainey, S.P. (2022) A realistic approach to policy formulation: the adapted EMMIE framework, *Policy Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/01442872.2022.2077925
- Chainey, S., Croci, G., & Rodriguez, L. (2021) The influence of government effectiveness and corruption on the high levels of homicide in Latin America, *Soc. Sci.* 2021, 10(5), 172; <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci10050172>
- Croci, G. (2020). Colombia (BACRIMs). In *The Armed Conflict Survey 2020*. Routledge.
- Croci, G. (2019). Colombia (BACRIMs). In *The Armed Conflict Survey 2019*. Routledge.
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LANGUAGE & COMPUTER SKILLS

Spanish: Native **English:** Bilingual, International Baccalaureate. Business Certificate (BEC) Higher. **French:** Intermediate. **R (advanced), MS Office, Microsoft Publisher, Google Applications, Gephi, CRM.**