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Legal researcher specialising in ethical AI, data and platform governance and comparative tech regulation and policy, with experience building collaborative initiatives across courts, academia and civil society.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- 2023 – 2024** **Birkbeck, University of London**
Master of Laws – Law and New Technologies, *Distinction*.
- 2014 – 2021** **Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais/Brazil**
Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) – Tax Law and Civil Law, *First class honours*.
Bachelor of Laws – LLB Law, *First class*.
- 2010 – 2012** **Polytechnic School of Minas Gerais/Brazil**
Secondary Technical Education (Tecnólogo) – Technology.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025** **Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) Young Thinkers**
Selected from over 1400 people for the Young Thinkers 2025 Training Programme at CEPS, receiving training on participation in policy making, technology futures and foresight, and policy commentary writing.
- 2025** **Academic Excellence Award**
Received from Birkbeck University of London the Academic Excellence Award for Best Overall Postgraduate Law Student.
- 2023** **Global Futures Scholarship**
Received from Birkbeck University of London the Global Futures Scholarship, awarded for outstanding international Master's candidates.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES IN LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

- 2025** **Federal University of Minas Gerais**
Researcher at DTec: Law and Technology Group
- Conduct comparative legal analysis of AI algorithmic discrimination and mitigation strategies across EU/UK/USA/Latin America, focusing on fundamental-rights implications.
 - Identify regulatory gaps and translate findings into ethical AI policy discussions and research outputs.
 - Co-author analyses on algorithmic bias, automated facial recognition, and biometric data management, publishing research reports via the Brazilian Centre of Law, Technology and Innovation's [blog](#).
- 2021 – 2023** **State Court of Justice of Minas Gerais**
Legal Consultant at the Innovation Centre
- Conducted in-depth legal research and provided expert opinions on the use of new technologies in the State Court procedures, also focusing on compliance with Resolutions from the National Justice Council of Brazil (CNJ).
 - Contributed to the full digitalisation of a Court of Appeal's caseload, improving the whole Court's digitalisation system, facilitating document access and streamlining internal

procedures for judges and court staff. The [project](#) was listed in CNJ's national repository of good practices for the public sector.

- Worked alongside the Court's Technology Centre and Data Protection Officer, to make the Data Protection Internal Policy accessible to users by using Legal Design and Plain Language techniques. The [project](#) was listed in CNJ's national repository of good practices for the public sector.
- Collaborated with Innovation Centres across Brazil to support judges in designing solutions for Special Courts; co-developed five prototypes to be presented at a National Forum, including one selected for nationwide implementation.

SELECTED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

English:

- Paper: *"From Codex To Code: Exploring Divergences And Intersections Of Text-Driven And Code-Driven Normativity"*. Published by JELT Journal. Peer Reviewed. <https://jelt.padovauniversitypress.it/2025/1/2>.
- Paper published as book chapter: *"Who holds the key? An analysis of cryptography as a tool to protect personal data and authorities' attempts to gain control over it throughout history"*. Published by the National Council for Research and Graduate Studies in Law/Brazil. Peer Reviewed. ISBN: 978-65-5274-361-9.
- Paper in review: *"The Platform Sovereign: how Meta performs executive, legislative and judiciary functions under the purview of EU Law"*. In review for presentation and publication at the Early Career Platform Regulation Conference from the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law.
- Paper in review: *"Navigating algorithmic regulation through apps: A day in the life of an end user"*. In review for presentation and publication at TILTING Perspectives 2026: Between Values and Innovation Tech Governance in a Multicentric World.

Portuguese:

- Paper published as book chapter: *"The Increasingly Technological Judiciary System in a Country of Digitally Excluded People: how to keep up with global trends while addressing constituents struggles?"*. Published by the National Council for Research and Graduate Studies in Law/Brazil. Peer Reviewed. ISBN: 978-65-5648-509-6.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

- **2024 – current:** Independent researcher at The Law and Tech Mix and Match, exploring the research crossroads of text-driven law in a tech-driven world. Publishing at [Substack](#).
- **2023 – current:** Co-founder of the international research group [LINGUA](#): Language Inclusion Network for Global Understanding & Advocacy, which explores language justice in digital spaces and tech policy. Responsible for coordinating the group's online publications.
- **2018:** Law undergraduate teaching assistant at Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais/Brazil, helping professors to grade assessments, plan lectures and organise events.
- **2015 – 2017:** Researcher at the Legal Centre for Public Policies at Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais/Brazil.

LANGUAGES

English (fluent) | Portuguese (native) | Spanish (intermediate) | Italian (beginner)