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EDUCATION

- ✦ DPhil student in Development Studies. Queen Elizabeth House / Centre of International Development and St. Antony's College, University of Oxford. 2004 – 2007.
- ✦ Master of Arts in Political Economy, emphasis on democracy, governance and development; dissertation on The Political Economy of Development: Rationality, Culture and Structure in an Econometric Analysis.
University of Essex, United Kingdom - 2000.
- ✦ Master of Science in International Economic Relations, emphasis on economic development and cultural analysis.
Universidad Nacional, Heredia, Costa Rica - 1999.
- ✦ Bachelor of Arts in International Relations
Universidad Internacional de las Américas, San José, Costa Rica - 1995.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Consultant, San Jose, Costa Rica, March – September 2004

Consultant – Researcher Political Economy, Development and Governance

- ✦ State of the Nation Program. Preparation and writing of project proposals.
- ✦ Hansen Consult and Danida, Denmark. Consultant at identification mission, programme on human rights and democracy for Nicaragua and Central America.
- ✦ Central American Supreme Audit Institutions Organization. Preparation, writing and presentation of project proposal on “Central American Accountability System”
- ✦ International Center for Sustainable Human Development (CIDH). Lead researcher Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) programme.
- ✦ Tech of Monterrey. Distance Learning Course Tutor. Open and Participatory Governance Program for Latin America.

World Bank Institute, Washington, D.C. – May 2001 to March 2004.

Consultant - Governance

- ✦ Coordination of Governance, Anti-Corruption, Legal and Judicial Reform, Municipal Development, Social Accountability and Parliaments programs in Latin America, Africa and Asia.
- ✦ Anti-corruption work included coordination Core Course on Governance and Corruption in Latin America and participation at the 10th and 11th International Anti-Corruption Conferences in Prague and Seoul.
- ✦ Legal and Judicial Reform work include designing and coordination of distance learning programs in Asia, Anglophone Africa and Latin America.
- ✦ Municipal Development work included coordination and delivery of capacity building programs in Latin America and Africa with modules on governance, coalition building and anti-corruption strategies.
- ✦ Parliaments work included the coordination and co-management of the first International Conference on Parliaments and Control of Corruption: Political Challenges in Latin America. Hosted by the Latin American Parliament in coordination with the Latin American Parliamentarians Against Corruption network and the Organization of American States.
- ✦ Prepare, revise, evaluate and write research and policy papers on governance, anti-corruption, public sector management.

International Center for Sustainable Human Development, Costa Rica – October 2000 – April 2001

Consultant - Researcher

- ✦ Coordinated multidisciplinary research team on the Central American economic, social and labor asymmetries, leading to the publication of the first regional analysis of asymmetries.
- ✦ Coordinated research team on governance and gender analysis in Central America.
- ✦ Prepared, revised, evaluated and wrote professional drafts and policy papers.

United Nations Development Programme, Costa Rica – 1994-1999

Technical Advisor – Democratic Governance Project

- ✦ Prepared and wrote policy papers and professional reports, as well as elaborated project proposals on governance and civil society.
- ✦ Coordinated activities related to governance and youth, including the organization of international forums in Costa Rica, New York, and France.
- ✦ Edited project's publications on governance, civil society and sustainable human development.
- ✦ Participated in the preparation and elaboration of the first Country Strategy Note of Costa Rica for the United Nations, as well as assist on the evaluation of the Costa Rican UNDP office as Centre of Experimentation.
- ✦ Assisted on Sustainable Human Development activities, workshops and public relations.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Costa Rica – 1992

Assistant

- ✦ Prepare professional drafts on project proposals for the international treaties department and elaborated studies on international treaties and implementation in Costa Rica.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- ✦ Consultant, Identification Mission on Democracy and Human Rights Programme in Nicaragua and Central America. Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hansen Consultants. Central America, May 1-21, 2004.
- ✦ Consultant, Appraisal Mission on Good Governance and Human Rights Programme in Ghana. Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hansen Consultants. Ghana, September 21-30, 2003.
- ✦ Special Delegate. XIX Latin American Parliament General Assembly. Sao Paulo, Brazil, 2002.
- ✦ Consultancy for Hansen Consult, Denmark on Governance Human Rights, and Anti-Corruption. 2001-2002.
- ✦ Special Delegate 6th World Summit of Young Entrepreneurs Institute for Leadership Development at York University, Canada, UNCTAD and Ville de Lyon. France. 1999.
- ✦ World Commissioner. World Commission of Young Leaders for the United Nations. Institute for Leadership Development, York University. Toronto, Canada. 1996-1998.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ✦ Academic Tutor. Open and Participatory Governance Programme in Latin America. Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey. May – July, 2004.
- ✦ Academic Tutor. Open and Participatory Governance Programme in Mexico's Federal Administration. World Bank Institute and Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey. 2002.
- ✦ Lecturer International Relations of Latin America course (in English). Graduate-Study Abroad Program. Master's in Political Science. CIDH – Universidad de Costa Rica. 2001.
- ✦ Lecturer Theory of the State course. International Economics Major. Universidad Internacional de las Américas, Costa Rica. 2001.
- ✦ Starting to Teach Course. Staff Development Office. University of Essex. United Kingdom. 2000.
- ✦ Assistant Lecturer Economic History of Costa Rica. Faculty of Social Science. Universidad Internacional de las Américas, Costa Rica. 1994

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- ✦ The Ronaldo Falconer Scholarship. St. Antony's College. For D.Phil. studies at Queen Elizabeth House, Department of International Development, University of Oxford. 2004-2007.
- ✦ Spot Award – World Bank Institute. For hard work and commitment to the work on legal and judicial reform and for supporting very effectively, showing initiative as well as good teamwork. WBIPR Division. 2003
- ✦ Spot Award – World Bank Institute. For best practice in designing and delivering learning programs in community empowerment and social inclusion. WBIEN Division. 2002
- ✦ Spot Award – World Bank Institute. For special contribution and dedication to WBI learning program in governance and anti-corruption. WBIGF Division. 2001
- ✦ Mention. CIDE and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Scholarship. "Economic Development and Democracy in Central America". 2000
- ✦ British Council. British Chevening Scholarship, Oscar Arias – University of Essex 1999 – 2000.

- ✦ “Leader of the World” Newspaper Article in *La Nación*. January 22, 1997. Costa Rica
<http://www.nacion.co.cr/viva/1997/enero/22/gente.html>.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

“Central American Economic, Labor and Social Asymmetries: Challenges and Opportunities”. Special Contribution. International Center for Sustainable Human Development (CIDH). San José, Costa Rica. 2001

“El Desafío de una Calidad de Vida Digna para los Centroamericanos”. Special Contribution. IV Consultative Group Meeting for Central America. Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). Madrid, España. 2001

“Jóvenes Construyendo Políticas: Recuento de un proceso”. Co-author. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). San José, Costa Rica. 1999

“Extracto Centroamericano del Informe sobre Desarrollo Humano 1998”. Editor. UNDP. Costa Rica. 1998

“Barómetro Centroamericano: Encuesta de Opinión Pública 1997, Costa Rica”. Working paper. Co-editor. UNDP. Costa Rica. 1998

“Quién es Quién en la Institucionalidad Centroamericana: Algunas Reflexiones sobre el Proceso de Integración” Co-editor. UNDP. Costa Rica. 1998

Research Articles

Reformas Necesarias para Optimizar los Beneficios y Reducir los Perjuicios del CAFTA. With Nowalski, Jorge and Osterlof, Doris. *Revista Virtual Centroamerica en la Economía Mundial del Siglo XXI*. #4, Febrero, 2005. Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala. <http://www.asies.org.gt/ca1/revista4.htm>

Reformas para Aprovechar el CAFTA. *Revista Actualidad Económica*. Edición No. 308-309. Año XVIII. Diciembre 2004 – Enero 2005. San José, Costa Rica. <http://www.actualidad.co.cr/308-309/40.pulso-centroamerica.html>

¿Cómo podría Centroamérica aprovechar las ventajas de CAFTA? *Revista Comercio*. Edición No. 25, Noviembre / Diciembre, Cámara de Comercio de Nicaragua. 2004

Reformas Necesarias para Optimizar los Beneficios y Reducir los Perjuicios del CAFTA. With Nowalski, Jorge and Osterlof, Doris. Centro Internacional para el Desarrollo Humano – Programa Centroamerica en la Economía Mundial del Siglo XXI. ASIES-IDRC. San Jose, Costa Rica and Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala. http://www.asies.org.gt/ca/Tema4_01.pdf, 2004.

Citizen Participation in National Governance. With González de Asís, María. World Bank Institute. Unpublished working paper. Washington, D.C. 2003.

The Political Economy of Development in Central America. Colección de Papers. Instituto Internacional de Gobernabilidad. September. Spain. 2002.

Desarrollo Económico y Democracia en Centroamérica. *Revista de Ciencias Económicas*. Universidad de Costa Rica. Volume XX, No. 1 and 2. 2002.

Desarrollo desde la Perspectiva de la Economía Política. *Revista ESPACIOS*. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, FLACSO, CEDAL, Universidad de Costa Rica. No. 14, Julio/Setiembre, 2001. <http://www.flacso.or.cr/pdfs/espacios14.pdf>

Cultura y Desarrollo en Centroamérica. *Revista Reflexiones*. Faculty of Social Sciences. Universidad de Costa Rica. Vol. 80. No.1. 2001

Comprendiendo el Desarrollo Centroamericano: La Región al Amanecer del Siglo XXI. Anuario de Estudios Centroamericanos. Volumen 26 (1-2) Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales. Universidad de Costa Rica. 2000. <http://cariari.ucr.ac.cr/%7Eanuario/26-1-2-00.html#comprendiendo>

Book Chapters

Impacto y Costos de la Corrupción en el Desarrollo. In Salazar, Roxana (editora). Corrupción: Una Visión desde la Sociedad Civil. Transparencia Internacional Costa Rica y Fundación VIVA. Diciembre, 2004.

Governance and Social Accountability in Latin America: Challenges of Implementation and Replicability. With González de Asís, María. In Voice, Eyes and Ears: Social Accountability in Latin America. World Bank. Washington, D.C. 2003. http://worldbank.org/wbi/communityempowerment/cursu_lac/Documents/GobernabilidadyAuditoriaFINAL.pdf

Programas de Empleo e Ingresos en Costa Rica. Assistant, Costa Rican chapter by Nowalski, Jorge, In Programas de Empleo e Ingresos en América Latina. ILO – IADB. Chile. 1997

Book Reviews

Forthcoming. Democratization: A Comparative Analysis of 170 Countries. By Vanhanen, Tatu. Routledge Research in Comparative Politics. Routledge. Taylor & Francis Group. London. 2003. pp.302. ISBN 0-415-31860-2. In Revista de Ciencia Política. Vol.XXV, Issue (1), July 2005.

Forthcoming. The Democracy Advantage: How Democracies Promote Prosperity and Peace. By Morton H. Halperin; Joseph T. Siegle & Michael M. Weinstein. (Foreword by George Soros. A Council on Foreign Relations Book). New York and London, Routledge. 2005. Pp. 240. ISBN 0-415-95052-X. In Democratization, 2005.

Op-Ed Articles:

- ✦ *Democracia y Globalización*. La Nación Newspaper. Costa Rica. 6 March, 2005.
- ✦ *Democracia y Transformación*. La Nación Newspaper. Costa Rica. 13 February, 2005.
- ✦ *CAFTA - ¿Instrumento para el Desarrollo?* Democracia Digital. Week of 27 January to 2 February, 2005.
- ✦ *El Frío en las Cobijas*. La República Newspaper. Costa Rica. 10 January, 2005.
 - Reprinted in La Nación Newspaper. January 18, 2005.
- ✦ *Democracia y Corrupción*. La Nación Newspaper. Costa Rica. 09 December, 2004.
 - Reprinted in *Bulletin 10, January, 2005. ¡Sí Se Puede!* USAID program in Ecuador.
- ✦ *Valores Culturales y Desarrollo*. La República Newspaper. Costa Rica. November 26, 2004.
 - Reprinted in Democracia Digital. Week of 09 to 14 December, 2004.
- ✦ *Los Efectos del TLC*. La Nación Newspaper. Costa Rica. September 21, 2004.
- ✦ *El Libre Comercio como Oportunidad de Desarrollo*. Panorama Commentary. Cámara Nacional de Radio. September 4, 2004.
- ✦ *TLC = Oportunidad de desarrollo*. La República Newspaper. Costa Rica. August 19, 2004.
- ✦ *Es cuestión de actitud*. Periódico La República. Costa Rica. July 27, 2004.
 - Reprinted in Democracia Digital. Week of 29 July to 4 August, 2004.
- ✦ *Los costos de la corrupción*. La Nación Newspaper. Costa Rica. May 4, 2004.
- ✦ *11 de Septiembre del 2001*. La Nación Newspaper. Costa Rica. September 11, 2003.
- ✦ *Lo que no vemos del iceberg*. La Nación Newspaper. August 19, 2003.
- ✦ *Juventud que busca desarrollarse*. La Nación Newspaper. January 29, 1997.
- ✦ *Necesidad de una Asamblea Constituyente*. La Republica Newspaper. Costa Rica. July 29, 1996.
- ✦ *1996, Año Internacional de erradicación de la pobreza*. La Prensa Libre Newspaper. Costa Rica. March 5, 1996.
- ✦ *Las Naciones Unidas 50 años después*. Rumbo Magazine. Costa Rica. October 30, 1995.
- ✦ *Participación de Estados Unidos en la ONU y la OEA. Caso: Haití*. La Republica Newspaper. October 13, 1995.
- ✦ *Nosotros los pueblos de las Naciones Unidas*. Esta Semana Weekly. Costa Rica. July 28, 1995.
- ✦ *Democracia y Guerra: Conflicto Peru vs. Ecuador*. *Gamma International*, April, 1995. Costa Rica.
- ✦ *Las Nuevas Relaciones Internacionales*. *Gamma International*, January, 1995. Costa Rica.

- ✦ La Participación de EUA en la O.N.U. y la O.E.A. Caso Haití. *Gamma Internacional*, November, 1994. Costa Rica.
- ✦ El Deber de la Diplomacia Costarricense. *Gamma Internacional*, September, 1994. Costa Rica.
- ✦ ¿Que pasó en el Banco Anglo Costarricense?. *Gamma Internacional*, August, 1994. Costa Rica.

Author of more than a dozen of opinion articles on governance, development and international relations published in several Costa Rican newspapers and specialized magazines, including La Nación, La República, Actualidad Económica, Democracia Digital, Esta Semana, Rumbo, Gamma Internacional, as well as Revista de Comercio in Nicaragua.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND PANELS

- ✦ "Necessary Reforms to Improve the Benefits and Reduce the Costs of the US-DR-CAFTA in Central America" Summit of the Americas Center Latin American and Caribbean Center at Florida International University panel on US-DR-CAFTA: A TIMELY DEBATE ON ECONOMIC INTEGRATION" in collaboration with Asociación de Investigación y Estudios Sociales, ASIES, Guatemala, Inter-American Dialogue, Washington, D.C. and the International Development Research Centre, Canada. 18 and 19 May, 2005.
- ✦ "DPhil Student Research Seminar" (Co-convenor) Trinity Term (April – June), 2005. Queen Elizabeth House / Department of International Development. University of Oxford.
- ✦ "Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy in Latin America" (panel convenor). Annual Conference 2005, Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS). University of Derby, April 8-10, 2005. United Kingdom. <http://dbs.derby.ac.uk/index.php?node=219894>
- ✦ "Measuring Democracy and its Attributes in Latin America: Empirical Evidence from 1972 – 2002" Annual Conference 2005, Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS). University of Derby, April 8-10, 2005. United Kingdom.
- ✦ "Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy and Development in Latin America" QEH Research Seminar. Queen Elizabeth House / Department of International Development. University of Oxford. March 11, 2005.
- ✦ "Reformas necesarias para optimizar los beneficios y reducir los perjuicios del CAFTA". Regional Seminar "Investigaciones sobre el CAFTA". Programa Centroamerica en la Economía Mundial del Siglo XXI, ASIES-Guatemala. September 6–8, 2004. San José, Costa Rica.
- ✦ "Democracy and Governance in Central America". International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, IDEA. June 18-19, 1999. *Democracy Forum: What's so Great About Democracy? The Young Speak Up!*. Stockholm, Sweden.
- ✦ "Citizens Perceptions in the Central American Barometer". International Cooperative Alliance and United Nations Development Programme. April - October, 1998. Costa Rica, Panama, El Salvador and Honduras.
- ✦ "Governance and Youth". National Committee of Young Cooperative. June 27, 1998. *II Seminar: The Co-operativism as Alternative to Unemployment*. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- ✦ "Socio-Political Situation on Latin America. Latino-Barometer 1996 results". International Cooperative Alliance. November 19-21, 1997. *Regional Conference Cooperative: Facing Unemployment*, Mexico City, Mexico.
- ✦ "Governance and Civil Society in Central America". Confederacion de Cooperativas del Caribe y Centroamerica (CCC-CA). July 17, 1999. *II Regional Co-operative Youth Congress*. Costa Rica.
- ✦ "United Nations and Youth". National Youth Cooperative Movement. April 22, 1997. San Jose, Costa Rica.
- ✦ "United Nations: Functions, Benefits and Projections. Saint Jude's Bilingual High School. October 24, 1996. *UN 51st Anniversary*. San Jose, Costa Rica.

Author of more than a dozen of lectures, seminars and conferences on development, democracy, governance and youth in Costa Rica, Sweden, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Panama, El Salvador, Honduras and England.

MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- ✦ Queen Elizabeth House / Department of International Development and St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, 2004 - current
- ✦ Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS) , United Kingdom, 2004
- ✦ Latin American Studies Association (LASA), United States, 2005
- ✦ Development Studies Association (DSA), United Kingdom, 2005

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- ✦ Proficient in computer software: MS Word, MS Excel, MS Power Point, E-mail and Web-Browsing
- ✦ Excellent written/oral communication
- ✦ Strong foundation in object-oriented design and development and proven ability to quickly master new concepts
- ✦ Excellent inter-personal skills and ability to work under pressure

PERSONAL DATA

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San José, COSTA RICA
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Languages Spanish (mother tongue), English (fluent).

COUNTRIES VISITED

The Americas: Panama, El Salvador, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, Mexico, United States of America, Nicaragua, Guatemala.
Europe: England, Sweden, Scotland, France, The Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, The Vatican, Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Germany, Spain, Denmark, Switzerland, Norway.
Africa: Ghana.

BIOGRAPHY

Jairo Acuña-Alfaro, MA Political Economy, University of Essex, England (British Chevening Scholarship) M.Sc. in International Economics Relations, from the Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica. BA International Relations, Universidad Internacional de las Americas, Costa Rica.

In October 2004 started doctorate studies at St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, where he is a student associate at Queen Elizabeth House / Department of International Development. The topic of his research is on disentangling and explaining the relationship between development (sustainable human development) and democracy, with a concentration in Latin America.

He is also an international consultant on governance, political economy and development. With work experience in organization like the World Bank Institute, the International Center for Sustainable Human Development, Hansen Consult in Denmark, DANIDA, the United Nations Development Programme, the Tech of Monterrey in Mexico, the State of the Nation Programme in Costa Rica and the Central American Supreme Audit Institutions Organization

From May 2001 to March 2004 joined the World Bank Institute as consultant for the Governance team, where he concentrated his work on social accountability, anti-corruption, legal and judicial reform, parliaments and municipal development programs in Latin America, Africa and Asia, as well as on research and policy on governance, anti-corruption, and public sector reform.

In 2000 he joined the faculty staff of the International Center for Sustainable Human Development in San Jose, Costa Rica as part of a multidisciplinary team on the study of economic, labor and social

asymmetries in Central America for the Inter-American Development Bank, the International Labor Organization, the Canadian Agency for International Development, and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. Also worked for Hansen Consult in Denmark and participated as consultant on an appraisal mission to the Good Governance and Human Rights Programme by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ghana. From 1995 to 1999 he worked at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as technical assistant and researcher in several projects, including the Central America Democratic Governance Project and the elaboration of policy papers, reports, project proposals and the design and final presentation of the first Country Strategy Note in Costa Rica.

His academic background include posts at the Universidad de Costa Rica and the Universidad Internacional de las Americas, as lecturer in economics and international relations between 1995 and 2001. He is co-author of " El Desafio de una Calidad de Vida Digna para los Centroamericanos" (2001), co-editor of "Who is who in the Central American Institutions: Some reflections on the integration process" (1999); and editor of the "Central American Abstract of the Human Development Report 1998" from UNDP. His research publications include: "The Political Economy of Development in Central America" (International Institute on Governance, Spain, 2002); "Desarrollo Económico y Democracia en Centroamérica" (Ciencias Económicas, 2002); "Desarrollo desde la Perspectiva de la Economía Política" (ESPACIOS, 2001); "Cultura y Desarrollo en Centroamérica" (Reflexiones. 2001); "Comprendiendo el Desarrollo Centroamericano: La Región al Amanecer del Siglo XXI" (Anuario de Estudios Centroamericanos, 2000). Moreover, he is the author of several OpEd articles in the major Costa Rican newspapers.