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Profile

Enrique is an academic, researcher, and legal consultant specializing in public international law, international economic law, and human rights. His work bridges theory and practice through research, policy engagement, and education, contributing to global and transnational legal developments. Beyond academia, he leads research initiatives, advises governments and international organizations, and contributes to policy development in business and human rights and international law in general. He has a strong track record of securing and managing research grants, fostering international collaborations, and mentoring future legal professionals. With a commitment to education, human rights, and international cooperation, he cultivates strategic partnerships to advance impactful legal initiatives and global knowledge exchange.

Education and Qualifications

PhD in Law

Birkbeck University of London.
October 2010 – September 2017

MA on International Law

University College of Kensington (UCK).
2007-2008

Law Degree (Honours)

Universidad del Rosario. (Bogotá-Colombia).
2002 – 2006

Academic and Professional Appointments

Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Universidad del Rosario. In my role as an associate lecturer, I am tasked with fulfilling three primary responsibilities: teaching, research, and consultancy/extension. Let me elaborate on my activities within each of these duties.

July 11 2016. – to the date.

Teaching:

Since the first semester of 2017, I have been instructing the "General Principles of Public International Law" course at the undergraduate level. Starting from January 2020, I introduced the COIL method (Collaborative Online International Learning) as an academic innovation. Under this approach, the class is jointly coordinated by my home institution, Universidad del Rosario, and the Universidad de Monterrey in Mexico.

Throughout the semester, we conduct joint sessions with the participation of both Mexican and Colombian students. This course, which is mandatory and conducted entirely in English, provides students with fundamental concepts and foundational knowledge to comprehend international law.

Additionally, since the first semester of 2018, I have been teaching the course "Special Regimes of Public International Law" to undergraduate students. The objective of this course is to enable students to delve deeper into the various regimes within the fragmented system of international law. This course is also compulsory and is conducted entirely in English.

Since the first semester of 2018, I have been delivering lectures at the postgraduate level on "International Economic Law." In this module, students acquire a comprehensive understanding of International Trade Law (WTO system) and International Investment Law.

Furthermore, since the first semester of 2018, I have been leading a module on "Relevant Aspects of International Economic Law" for doctoral students. In this academic forum, we discuss contemporary and ongoing issues related to investment and trade law.

Research:

Starting from July 2016, I have taken the lead and actively participated in several research projects focusing on the following areas:

- i) Teaching and learning International Law in Latin America;
- ii) International Investment Law;
- iii) Business and Human Rights;

I currently serve as the Chief Editor of the academic journal Estudios Socio-Jurídicos. Previously, I was the Director of the Faculty's Research Office from August 2017 to January 2022 and led the Research Group on International Law at the Faculty of Law from August 2019 to August 2022.

Consultancy/Extension:

As an associate professor, I have been actively involved as a lead consultant and co-consultant, representing Universidad del Rosario, while providing guidance to the following organizations:

International Committee of the Red Cross.

Presidential Counsellor on Human Rights and International Affairs.
Ministry of Justice.
Ministry of Defence.

Advisor on Business and Human Rights for the Development of a Baseline, Presidential Counsellor on Human Rights and IHL, 1 October to 31 December 2024 and April 2025 to present.

In this role, I am responsible for developing the conceptual framework for a business and human rights baseline, with a particular emphasis on the intersection of corporate activities and conflict-related issues. This involves conducting an in-depth analysis of landmark cases to identify key precedents and trends, as well as performing thorough research using a wide range of secondary sources, including academic literature, legal documents, and reports from international organizations. My work requires synthesizing complex information to provide a comprehensive and well-founded framework that can guide assessments and policy recommendations in this critical area.

Human Rights Specialist Panagora Group 14 September 2023-to 09 March 2025.

As an expert legal consultant specializing in international human rights, I advise the team on relevant legal matters and contribute to the foundational preparation for the USAID-funded project Inspirapaz in Colombia. The primary goal of this project is to enhance the capacities of institutional and civil society organizations in preventing human rights violations and protecting human rights defenders in Colombia. My key contributions include providing expert legal analysis, ensuring alignment with international human rights standards, and offering strategic guidance to strengthen the project's impact.

Visiting Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for International and Comparative Law. September 1 – December 17, 2022.

As a visiting researcher, I actively participated in academic seminars and contributed to ongoing research discussions at the host institution. During this period, I authored a book chapter titled "Community of Practice and the Ius Constitutionale Commune en América Latina," which explores the role of communities of practice within the Inter-American Human Rights System. The chapter was published in January 2025. My time at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (MPIL) provided a valuable opportunity to deepen my understanding of regional human rights mechanisms and to engage with an international community of scholars working on critical issues in international law and human rights.

Clerk Colombian Constitutional Court

As an Assistant Magistrate in the office of Justice Natalia Ángel Cabo, I actively contributed to the drafting of two nationally significant rulings: Sentence SU-288 of 2022 on vacant lands and Sentence C-134 of 2023 on the draft statutory reform law

5 July – 5 August 2022. related to justice. My responsibilities included thorough legal research, analysis, and participation in the preparation and projection of these pivotal sentences, ensuring they adhered to legal standards and addressed key issues effectively.

*Visiting Lecturer
International Law
Universidad de los
Andes –
August 2015 – May
2016.*

As a visiting lecturer at the School of Law at Universidad de los Andes, I taught the undergraduate modules of Public International Law (International Law I) and International Economic Law (International Law II). Both modules were mandatory and delivered in English and Spanish.

At the postgraduate level, I instructed students pursuing the LLM in International Law in the module of Public International Law and Development.

*Of Counsel
McCue & Partners
1-30 April 2011.*

I was hired to provide an expert opinion on the legal feasibility of an English company pursuing action against a Colombian company for breach of contract. The contract, developed in Colombia but governed by English law and jurisdiction, was complicated by the liquidation of the Colombian company. My role involved analysing the legal implications, assessing the enforceability of the contract under the specified jurisdiction, and offering strategic recommendations for proceeding with the case.

*Intern
IBA
4 July – 30
September 2011*

During my internship, I was responsible for creating a comprehensive teaching guide program on combating corruption and money laundering. This program was designed for implementation in law schools globally, aiming to educate future legal professionals on these critical issues. My duties included researching best practices, developing educational materials, and structuring the program to ensure it was both informative and practical for law students worldwide.

*Sessional Lecturer,
School of Law,
Birkbeck University of
London. October 2011
– May 2015*

As a sessional lecturer, I was responsible for teaching the Extracontractual Civil Liability module to undergraduate LLB students and master's LLM students in General Law. The course focused on the key principles and regulatory framework of Non-contractual Civil Liability in England and Wales, highlighting emblematic cases and foundational legal concepts. My role included delivering lectures, creating course materials, and guiding students through complex legal scenarios to deepen their understanding of this area of law.

<i>Head Department Seguros Comerciales Bolívar S.A. 16 March 2009, 13 September 2010.</i>	<i>Torts</i>	In this role, I was responsible for managing high-profile and high-severity non-contractual civil liability claims at the national level. My duties included organizing and tracking the financial aspects of each claim, ensuring accurate and timely follow-up, and handling cases with significant media attention or complex legal implications. My work required meticulous attention to detail, strategic planning, and effective communication to navigate the intricacies of each claim.
<i>Assitant Lecturer 3 September 2009 – 3 December 2010. Universidad del Rosario</i>		As an assistant lecturer at Universidad del Rosario, I taught modules in Public International Law and Legal Argumentation. My responsibilities included delivering lectures, marking assessments, and advising undergraduate law students. I played a key role in facilitating students' understanding of complex legal concepts and enhancing their argumentation skills through structured coursework and personalized guidance.

Consultancy

Advisor to the Colombian Ministry of Defense on the implementation of human rights standards to the training and activities performed by the Army, Air Force, Navy and Police nationwide. February 2022 up to the date.

Advisor to the Colombian Presidential Counsellor on Human Rights and International Affairs making the guidelines for the construction of the National Action Plan on Human Rights. February – May 2021

Advisor to the Colombian Ministry of Justice on the implementation of human rights and gender-based standards to the criminal policy nationwide. November-December 2021.

Advisor for the ICCR on customary practices in the context of international humanitarian law for Colombia. January – June 2017.

Fellowships

Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Law: Visiting Fellow, August – December 2022.

York University, Law School: Scholar Visiting Fellow, September – October 2019.

Warwick University, Law School: Visiting Fellow Network and Links Scheme, January 18 – 23, 2016.

Relevant Publications

Books

Prieto-Rios, Enrique "Systemic Violence of the Law Colonialism and International Investment". Editorial Rowman & Littlefield, London, 2021.

Edited Books

Prieto-Rios, Enrique y Urueña, René, "Debates contemporáneos del Derecho Internacional Económico. Editorial Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, 2020.

Prieto-Rios, Enrique; Betancur Restrepo, Laura; Acosta Alvarado, Paola Andrea, "Derecho internacional: investigación, estudio y enseñanza (Tomos 1, 2 y 3) Editorial Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, 2020.

Prieto-Rios, Enrique; Rivas, Daniel; Acosta Alvarado, Paola Andrea, "Repensar la educación en derecho internacional en América Latina: Avances y discusiones en 2019" Editorial Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, 2020.

Prieto-Rios, Enrique y Céspedes- Baéz Lina M, "Utopía u oportunidad fallida: Análisis Crítico del Acuerdo de Paz". Editorial Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, 2017.

Book Chapters

Prieto-Rios Enrique; Rivas Daniel, "Foreign Companies in the Americas during the first half of the 20th Century" in Liliana Obregón Tarazona et al (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of International Law and the Americas* (Oxford University Press 2024)

Prieto-Rios Enrique; Olarte Bacares Carolina; Pontón-Serrá, Juan P 'The 2017 BIT Model of Colombia: A Human Rights Assessment from Investment Disputes Against the State' in Nitish Monebhurrin, Carolina Olarte-Bácares, Marco A. Velásquez-Ruiz (eds) *International Investment Law and Arbitration from a Latin American Perspective* (Springer 2024)

Prieto-Rios Enrique and Rivas Daniel, ' Neocolonialism and the Tension between International Investment Law and Indigenous Peoples: The Latin American Experience' in John Borrows and Risa Schwartz (eds) *Indigenous Peoples and International Trade: Building Equitable and Inclusive International Trade and Investment Agreements* (Cambridge University Press 2020)

Prieto-Rios Enrique, 'Encrypted International Investment Law in the Age of Neo-Colonialism' in Ricardo Sanín Restrepo (ed), *Decrypting Power* (Rowman & Littlefield 2018)

Prieto- Rios Enrique, Prada Uribe Maria Angelica y Suarez Vargas Daniela, 'Repensando el Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos: Relatos de Universalismo y Eurocentrismo' in Carol Proner, Hector Olásolo et al (eds) *70º Aniversario de la Declaración Universal de Derechos Humanos. La Protección Internacional de los Derechos Humanos en cuestión* (Tirant lo Blanch 2018)

Prieto-Rios Enrique, Díaz Chalela Mariana, Gómez Rey Andrés, ' La Efectividad del CIADI a Través de Su Integración Con Otros Sistemas de Derecho Internacional: el caso de los DESC' in Héctor Olásolo, Nicolás E. Buitrago Rey et al (eds) *Alcance y Limitaciones de la Justicia Internacional* (Tirant Lo Blanch, Vol. 4, 2018)

Prieto-Rios Enrique and Amaya Alvaro, 'Los Principios Rectores sobre empresas y derechos humanos y la práctica legal en el arbitraje de inversión respecto del derecho internacional de los derechos humanos' in Humberto Cantú Rivera (ed), *Derechos Humanos y Empresas: Reflexiones desde América Latina* (Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos. Costa Rica 2017)

Articles in Journals

Prieto-Rios, Enrique; Ordoñez, Laura; Peralta, Laly. "An Econcentric Turn in the Transitional Restorative Justice Process in Colombia" [2023] 17 (1) The International Journal of Transitional Justice.

Prieto-Rios, Enrique; Pontón-Serrá, Juan P; Soto Hoyos, Juan Francisco. "Foreign concerns: the impact of international investment law on the ethnic-based land restitution programme in Colombia" [2023] 27 (1) The International Journal of Human Rights.

Prieto-Rios, Enrique; Pontón, Juan Pablo; Céspedes-Báez, Lina M. "Informal Mining in Colombia: Gender-Based Challenges for the Implementation of the Business and Human Rights Agenda" (2022) 7 Business and Human Rights Journal.

Prieto-Rios, Enrique and Pontón Serra, Juan P, "Acuerdos internacionales de inversión: Compatibilidades e incompatibilidades en treinta años de control de constitucionalidad" [2021] 23 (1) Revista Estudios Socio-Jurídicos.

Prieto-Rios, Enrique, "Educación del derecho internacional en Bogotá: un primer diagnóstico a partir de los programas de clase y su relación con las epistemologías de no conocimiento" (2017) 39 (Julio Diciembre) Revista Derecho del Estado.

Prieto-Rios, Enrique, Gomez, Andrei and Perrone, Nicolas, "Foreign Investors and the Colombian Peace Process". (2016) 18 (3-4) International Community Law Review.

Prieto Rios, Enrique. "BITs y la Constitución Colombiana de 1991: Internacionalización de la Economía dentro de un Estado Social de Derecho" [2011] 13 (1) Journal Estudios Socio-Jurídicos. Universidad del Rosario, Colombia.

Awards

COLFUTURO Scholarship 2014 -2015:

Grant given to Colombian students with high academic standards to pursue postgraduate studies abroad.

Grant Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP) – Harvard Law School, June 2014:
Grant given to develop a project on rethinking Teaching and Learning of International Law in Latin America.

COLCIENCIAS Scholarship 2010-2014:
Grant given by the Colombian Government to students with high academic standards to pursue Doctoral studies abroad.

Languages

Spanish (native), English (Fluent)