



## LAURA QUERUBIN

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**Policy stream:** MPA International Development

**Nationality:** Colombian

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### Education:

**8/2003 – 5/2007**

**University of Texas at Austin**

BA Latin American Studies, History, Government

### Languages:

**English** – Fluent

**Spanish** – Native speaker

**French** – Fluent

### IT Skills:

**Microsoft Office** – Advanced

**Stata** – Intermediate

### Academic interests:

Cultural policy

Trade

Urban development

Tourism

Local economic development

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### Key extra-curricular interests:

Travelling

Ethnography

Photography

Film

Art

### Work experience:

**1/2012 – 9/2015**

**Embassy of Colombia in London**

**Cultural Attaché**

**London**

- Promoted Colombia's positive image in the UK and Ireland by envisioning and organising large-scale cultural initiatives from its conception to its implementation: festivals, exhibitions, academic conferences and receptions.
- Connected individuals and cultural institutions in Colombia and the United Kingdom.
- Built a strategy and execute an annual budget of approximately 65,000 pounds as part of the Cultural and Sports Diplomacy Program of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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**1/2009 – 12/2011**

**Enrique Peñalosa – Consultant in urban strategy and vision (Fundación Por el País que Queremos)**

**Personal and Research Assistant Bogota**

- Coordinated the logistics for all of Mr. Peñalosa's international conferences and consultancies in North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia and draft documents for these events in three languages.
- Personal assistant/scheduler to Enrique Peñalosa during his campaigns for Mayor of Bogotá on two occasions: August – October 2007 and May–October 2011 and in his presidential campaign from January – June 2010.
- Research assistant for two books still unpublished: one on Enrique Peñalosa's vision on urban development and another on Enrique Peñalosa's administration as Mayor of Bogotá from 1998 to 2000.
- Provided ongoing support to Mr. Peñalosa during meetings with specialists in diverse fields. Responsible for minutes, summaries and follow-up.