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Graduate in Law and Diploma in Criminology (UPV 1987-1992). She obtained a collaboration grant with IVAC/KREI. PhD in Law with Extraordinary Doctorate Award (1987). She has obtained research and training grants from very different entities: Ararteko/Basque Ombudsman, Helsinki Institute affiliated with the United Nations, Fulbright Commission/Salzburg Seminar, Department of Education of the Basque Government, etc. She has carried out various research activities in and for other institutions outside her University, such as the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Criminal Law (Freiburg, Germany), the network 'Intimate partner violence, risk and security: Securing women's lives in a global world' (Monash University, Australia), the UNED, the CSIC, the University of Alicante, the Intervict Institute in the Netherlands, the University of Guadalajara in Mexico, Eusko Ikaskuntza, the Department of Justice of the Basque Government, the Department of the Interior and the Directorate of Victims and Human Rights of the Basque Government, the General Council of the Judiciary, Penitentiary Institutions, the Ministry of the Interior, the Donostia 2016 Foundation linked to the European cultural capital or the public services of intrajudicial mediation. She is a member of the IVAC Board of Directors, president of the Basque Scientific Society of Victimology, linked to the World Society of Victimology, and co-editor of the Journal of Victimology, indexed in different databases. She was coordinator of the Criminology degree at the Faculty of Law (2014-2018), where she taught subjects in English (Victimology; Criminal Policy). She is the main author of two open manuals on the UPV/EHU Open Course Ware, director of a MOOC, coordinator of the Audiovisual Dictionary of Victimological Terms and co-director of the Postgraduate Course "Working with Victims", with a career spanning more than ten years.

Research Lines

Her most notable line of research is on restorative justice, but she has also researched victims of terrorism, hate crimes and victimology.