



## Juan José Medina Ariza

He currently holds the position of Senior Talentia (Dist Investigator) in the Department of Criminal Law and Criminal Sciences at the University of Seville. He was Professor of Quantitative Criminology at the Center for Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Manchester.

He received his BA in Public Law and a Postgraduate Degree in Criminology from the University of Seville (Spain). In 1997 he graduated with an MA in Criminal Justice at Rutgers University, receiving the Richard Hughes Award for topping my promotion. He obtained his first PhD from the Department of Criminal Law at the University of Seville in February of 2000 and a second PhD in Criminal Justice from Rutgers University in January of 2002. Both thesis focused on gender violence. My Spanish dissertation was the first survey on intimate partner violence in Spain and my US-based dissertation, relying on GIS and spatial econometric tools, explored the social geography of gender violence in New York City.

He worked as a research fellow of the Andalusian Institute of Criminology, before moving to the USA. He lived and worked in New York working as a research associate at Victim Services (now called Safe Horizon), where he was involved on elder abuse research, and as senior research associate at the Violence Institute of New Jersey (UMDNJ, now part of Rutgers), where he helped to implement public health epidemiological surveillance on violence. He was also a research fellow of the National Consortium on Violence Research (now defunct), as well as a visiting fellow at the Universidade Federal da Bahia (Brazil) and Heuni (Finland).

With all this travelling, it is little surprise he has a strong interest in comparative criminology and criminal justice. He retained an interest in crime and justice in Spain and the Americas. He is a member of a research network based in Catalunya that studies crime and sentencing policy in Spain . He was also the Chief Editor of the official journal of the Spanish Society of Criminology from 2003 to 2005 and continue to collaborate with this journal as an assistant editor. In June 2016 He was elected president of the Spanish Society of Criminology.

### Research Lines

His most notable lines of research are on gender and interpersonal violence, gangs and crime prevention.