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Full name: Maria-Josep Cascant Sempere
Born in Cocentaina, Spain

Work experience: 12 years (2,5 non-paid) in +20 countries, lived in 8 of them (Africa & Europe) for 6 or more months

Sectors: NGOs / Universities; Current interests: campaigning, research in NGOs, participatory methods in mixed methods.

Work areas

Women's rights
Popular education
Social protest & activism
Research & methodologies
Participation, facilitation & mentoring

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

<p>PhD in Development Studies, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, Brighton, UK, 2012-16</p> <p><u>Thesis:</u> Political action in a campaigning development NGO through a social movement lens – the case of ActionAid's tax justice campaign in Nigeria and the UK; <u>Supervisors:</u> Rosie McGee & Patta Scott-Villiers; <u>Examiners:</u> Rosalind Eyben & Donatella della Porta</p>	<p>Viva passed in August 2016</p>
<p>MA in Gender and Development, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, Brighton, UK, 2005-06</p> <p><u>Thesis:</u> Participatory pedagogies, educational associativism & knowledge production in Angolan schools: exploring institutional spaces for gender conscientisation <u>Supervisor:</u> Ann Whitehead; <u>Examiners:</u> John Gaventa & Jethro Pettit</p>	<p>Thesis: 1st class Final Mark in the Masters: With Merit</p>
<p>Sociology Degree, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain & University of East London, UK, 1999-03</p>	<p>Extraordinary award for degree performance*</p>
<p>Upper Secondary Level, Valencia, Spain, 1995-99</p>	<p>1st class with distinction</p>
<p>Secondary School, Ribarroja, Valencia, Spain, 1985-95</p>	<p>1st class with distinction</p>

*Award given to the best student in the promotion

LANGUAGES & COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

Catalan & Spanish	Mother tongues
English	Fluent (written & spoken) – lived in Ireland, South Africa & the UK (+5 years)
French	Fluent (written & spoken) – lived in Belgium, Burundi & France (+1.5 years)
Portuguese	Fluent (written & spoken) – lived in Angola & Portugal (+1.5 years)
Arabic	Basic (written & spoken) – level A2 (CEF) in MSA (standard) & ECA (informal). Intensive courses in Egypt (2.5 months) and Lebanon (1 month).
Computing	User Knowledge of (Open)Office, WordPress, GNU-Linux/Windows, PSPSS/SPSS, Sonal/NVivo & Zotero/EndNote

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<p>Since June 2016 London, UK</p>	<p>Research, Evidence & Learning Adviser at <i>ChristianAid</i> (international NGOs) doing research and supporting research in-house</p>
<p>2012-15, 4 years Nigeria, UK part-time while doing the PhD</p>	<p>Consultant on Education, Participation & Activism (70%) for training of trainers & facilitators, curriculum development and evaluations in India, Morocco, Philippines, Rwanda, Spain, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda & UK.</p> <p>Lecturer/Facilitator (30%) at the <i>Technical University of Valencia</i> (Spain) on theory of activism & volunteering, social change & social movements, and participation.</p>
<p>2009-11, 3 years Valencia, Spain, with frequent travelling</p>	<p>Consultant on Education, Participation & Gender (50%) for training of trainers & facilitators, curriculum development and evaluations in Angola, Bangladesh, Morocco, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain and Zimbabwe.</p> <p>Lecturer/Facilitator & Researcher (50%) at the <i>Technical University of Valencia</i> (Spain) on participatory research & methodologies, quantitative methods in development, facilitation & participation, gender, technologies for development, development attitudes, activism & volunteering.</p>

2008 , 1 year Johannesburg, South Africa	Reflect Evaluation Framework Coordinator with the <i>South Africa Reflect Network & ActionAid</i> (national & international NGOs) on a Participatory Evaluation Toolkit (with 88 <i>Reflect</i> practitioners from 42 countries in 4 languages). Online follow-up of evaluation pilots in El Salvador, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea-Conakry, Senegal & Sierra Leone.
2007 , 1 year 2005 , 6 months (intern) Açores, Portugal	Gender Project Officer with the <i>União de Mulheres Alternativa e Resposta</i> (national NGO) on a participatory action research with women in the local fisheries in partnership with the Regional Secretary of Agriculture & Fisheries. Intersectionality project 'NADIA' with other associations.
2006 , 3 months Cibitoke, Burundi	Education Intern with <i>Concern Worldwide</i> (international NGO) on an evaluation of a Catch-up Class Education Project for young people.
2006 , 3 months Benguela, Angola	Education Intern with <i>Accção para o Desenvolvimento Rural e Ambiente</i> (national NGO) on an evaluation of a Freirean-based programme on Primary Education.
2004 , 10 months Belfort, France	Adult & Young Education Volunteer with the <i>Association Départementale d'Insertion des Jeunes</i> (national NGO) on teaching languages & literacy with immigrant and young people. Participatory research with Chinese youth.
2003 , 6 months Brussels, Belgium	Gender Intern with the <i>European Women's Lobby</i> (European NGO) on a desk research about engendering the MDGs. Support of lobbying activities.

EXAMPLES OF CONSULTANCIES

2015-2016 up to 240 hours UK, with visits to India and Rwanda	Participation Lead for a Four-Country Research , IDS To train and accompany research partners in participatory methodologies in a mixed method, comparative research on the topic of unpaid care work and women's empowerment (India, Nepal, Rwanda and Tanzania). Pilot support in India and Rwanda.
June 2015 10 days Uganda	Reflection-Action Tax Power Toolkit , ActionAid To coordinate multi-country testing and writing of the final participatory toolkit as an input to local level mobilisation in ActionAid's Tax Justice international Campaign.
May-July 2014 20 days The Philippines Thailand	Story of Change of Climate Change Work , Christian Aid To write a critical story of change. To review the focus on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation and the link between programme implementation, and national and regional policy and advocacy work.
May-Oct 2013 June 2014 Tanzania (21 days) India (6 days)	Unpaid Care Work Curriculum Development and Training , ActionAid To develop a 5-day training on unpaid care work and economic justice. To develop a curriculum/toolkit to work these themes at the local level.
Oct-Nov 2012 25 days Morocco	Evaluation of the practice of the Reflect approach , DVV To evaluate the approach Reflect in Morocco, conducted by DVV and the Moroccan State Directorate for the Fight against Illiteracy.
Feb 2011 15 days Angola	Training of Trainers and accompaniment of Reflect , IBIS To lead the training team. To facilitate the preparation of the Training of Trainers and the execution of the training. To support the writing of several training reports.

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