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Previously, she worked as Head of Research at IOM Vienna designing and implementing several research projects on migration issues. She directed the Austrian National Focal Point to the European Migration Network (European Commission, Brussels) and was part of an OSCE expert group on gender-sensitive labour migration policies.

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Before that she held the position as director of the Latinamerican and the Carribean department at the NGO Misereor, Germany.

She holds a Master's degree and a PhD in cultural and social anthropology (from Eberhard-Karls-University Tübingen, Germany, and respectively from Vienna University, Austria), and also graduated in theology with specialisation in ethics (development and human rights issues) at Eberhard-Karls-University Tübingen, Germany.

Her areas of interest include development studies, indigenous movements, gender and migration, religion, culture and interculturality.

She speaks English and Spanish fluently, well understands French and has basic knowledge of Kichwa. She also studied ancient languages: Latin, Ancient Greek and Ancient Hebrew.