
ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2023-26 **PhD in American Studies, Keele University (UK)**
Fully-funded. Thesis: 'Youth Organizing at the dawn of a post-Hibakusha nuclear disarmament movement', submitted on 9 October 2026.
- 2021-23 **MA in Peace and Justice, University of San Diego (USA)**
Fully-funded. Fulbright Scholar. GPA: 3.92.
- 2020-21 **MA in Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies, Lancaster University (UK)**
Part funded by Mexico's government CONACYT programme. Distinction.
- 2012-18 **BA in Political Science & International Relations, UDLAP (Mexico)**
Part funded. Exchange at University of New Mexico (USA) & Keimyung University (SK).

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- 2025-27 **Session Teacher, Keele University**
Independently planned and delivered seminars on five *Politics and International Relations* modules, using innovative dialogue facilitation techniques informed by restorative justice pedagogies: 'PIR-10075: Understanding Contemporary World Politics; PIR-10077: Decolonising World Politics; PIR-20076: Contemporary International Relations Theory; PIR-20085: International Organisation: Mitigating Anarchy; PIR-20120: Building a Better World'. Marked 150+ assignments providing feedback aligned with intended learning outcomes and students' individual needs. Co-designed lectures and curricular materials for the module 'PIR-20104: War and Peace', introducing decolonial perspectives on Cold War history and nuclear politics. Coordinated the module 'PIR-20124: Gender, Identity, and Activism', managing guest-lecturers, staff, and students across programmes (e.g. criminology, music and history), working individually and collaboratively with Keele's teaching teams. Organised a wide range of curriculum-enhancing events such as symposiums, crisis simulations, workshops, film screenings and Hiroshima Virtual Reality sessions.
- 2022-2023 **Restorative Justice Dialogue Facilitator, University of San Diego**
Oversaw conduct hearings, peer-review boards and restorative dialogues as a member of the university's Restorative Justice Strategic Committee. Designed pedagogical materials and trained 60+ staff and students in a programme addressing underage alcohol use. Certified as dialogue facilitator with trauma awareness and restorative approaches across disciplines.
- 2021-22 **Practice Fellow, Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice:**
Administered grants and monthly stipends for 7 'Border Fellows' and 10 'Border Allies'. Developed a Monitoring & Evaluation strategy that harnessed a \$30,400 (USD) grant. Launched a call for applications and recruited seven new fellows from over 300 applicants. Oversaw a year-long program administration. Served on the search committee for a new Programme Director.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed:

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Escobar, Fernando Franco C. (2025). 'Youth antinuclear socialisation in Japan: early encounters with the concept of nuclear weapons', *Intergenerational Justice Review*, 11(2). <https://doi.org/10.24357/igjr.11.2.8781>

Escobar, Fernando Franco C. (exp. 2027) 'Youth involvement in Canada's antinuclear movement: Membership drivers in the Second and Third Nuclear Ages.' [Journal details cannot be disclosed at this stage.]

Book Chapter:

Taylor, Sarah & Escobar, Fernando Franco C. (exp. 2027) 'Hibakujumoku: A new legacy for Hiroshima's trees.' [Book details cannot be disclosed at this stage.]

Policy papers:

Akizuki, Kazushi; Escobar, Fernando Franco C.; Rakhmatulla, Yerdaulet Ruzani, Hazel Ropafadzo & Vanderveen, Nina. (2026). 'The Role of Kataribe Oral Storytelling in a Post-Hibakusha Nagasaki.' In: Cervasio, Chiara; Cullen, Dave; Fagnoli, Chiara; Hikawa, Kazuko & Penrose, Declan (Eds.) *Assembling Peace Through Dialogue*. British American Security Information Council & Research Centre for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, pp. 19-30. https://basicint.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/26_07_BASIC_Assembling-Peace-through-Dialogue_04.pdf

Al-Sayed, Sara; Escobar, Fernando Franco C.; Lewis-Jones, Rhys; Niazi, Zubeda & Verlaan, Stephanie (2025). 'Denuclearising in a Climate-centric Global Security Context.' In: Penrose, Declan (Ed): *De-siloing Existential Threats III: Future Pathways to a World Beyond Nuclear Deterrence*. British American Security Information Council, Emerging Voices Network. pp. 27-34. https://basicint.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/25_13_BASIC_De-siloing-Existential-Threats-report_04-1.pdf

Archived Collections:

Escobar, Fernando Franco C. (exp. 2027). *Youth organizing at the dawn of a post-Hibakusha nuclear disarmament movement*. Oral History Archive Collection: C_REC0798, Keele Data Repository. <https://researchdata.keele.ac.uk/135/>

Academic Blogs:

Escobar, Fernando Franco C. (2026). 'The Fearful, Fearless, & Those Incapable of Feeling Fear.' *University of Glasgow's Atomic Anxiety in the New Nuclear Age*. <https://atomicanxiety.com/2026/01/08/the-fearful-fearless-those-incapable-of-feeling-fear/>

Escobar, Fernando Franco C. (2025). 'Young people in the nuclear age.' *The Loop, Nuclear Politics Paradox Series*. The European Consortium for Political Research. <https://theloop.ecpr.eu/young-people-in-the-nuclear-age/>

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Escobar, Fernando Franco C. (2024). 'Antinuclear Successors: Against the Nuclear Tides.' *Web Essays Collection, December Edition*. Hiroshima Peace Institute.
https://www.peace.hiroshima-cu.ac.jp/web_essay/web-essay-in-december2024/

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2026-27 **Visiting Researcher, Nagasaki University:**
Currently leading the research portfolio: '*Preserving and Passing on Memory: The Role of the Atomic-Bombed Cities*'; coordinating Spanish-language contributions to the *Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition* (RECNA); and supporting early-career scholars preparing articles for publications with RECNA.
- 2026-27 **PGR Officer, BISA Global Nuclear Order Working Group:**
Currently organising academic events that stimulate cutting-edge research on nuclear politics to support, maintain and develop the discipline, while building community and resilience among academic institutions & scholars. Representing UK postgraduate and early-career researchers in planning research dissemination opportunities.
- 2025-26 **Research Chair, British American Security Information Council:**
Chaired an international early-career group of five high-potential researchers (two undergraduate students from Japan, one medical radiologist from Zimbabwe, one masters degree student from Kazakhstan, and one PhD student from the UK), producing the policy paper "The Role of Kataribe Oral Storytelling in a Post-Hibakusha Nagasaki", published and presented at Nagasaki University (March 2026).
- 2025 **Research Fellow, University of Glasgow's Atomic Anxiety Fellowship Scheme:**
Selected as inaugural member of this UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship programme (£1.1m), led by Dr Rhys Crilley. Published public-facing writings on intergenerational nuclear memory and contestation in nuclear politics.
- 2024 **Research Fellow, Hiroshima City University:**
Conducted 24 oral-history interviews with antinuclear youth activists in Japan; interviews are set to be digitally archived by mid-2027. This highly competitive program, hosted by the Hiroshima Peace Institute, supports young scholars conducting research on peace studies and nuclear weapons, leveraging Hiroshima's historical significance and geographical location.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 **Panellist, First European Student/Young Pugwash Conference (University of Pisa, Italy)**
"*Small, but not powerless': identity frames in youth-based antinuclear activism in twenty-first century Japan and Canada*"
- 2026 **Presenter, 13th European Workshops in International Studies (İzmir University of Economics)**
"*Youth involvement in Canada's antinuclear movement: Membership drivers in the Second and Third nuclear ages*"
- 2026 **Presenter, BISA's Global Nuclear Order workshop: Un-siloing pedagogy and research (University of Glasgow).**
"*Hiroshima Trees, Virtual Reality and Walking.*"

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- 2026 **Panellist, 9th Annual Student and Youth Pugwash Conference (London Metropolitan University).**
"The role of Kataribe Oral Storytelling in a Post-Hibakusha Nagasaki"
- 2025 **Panellist, Hiroshima Peace Platform's Symposium (Hiroshima City, Japan).**
"Beyond 80 Years Since the Atomic Bombing"
- 2025 **Panellist, 8th Annual Student and Youth Pugwash Peace and Disarmament Conference (King's College London).**
"Youth organising at the dawn of a post-Hibakusha anti-nuclear movement"
- 2024 **Panellist, First International Nuclear Disarmament Symposium (University of Bradford)**
"Youth Organising at the Dawn of a post-Hibakusha Antinuclear Movement"
- 2024 **Panellist, 4th Youth Nuclear Peace Summit (Canadian Museum for Human Rights)**
"Youth involvement in Nuclear Disarmament"
- 2024 **Panellist, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (Hiroshima City, 79th anniversary since Hiroshima's atomic bomb).**
"Dialogue with World Leaders and Future Makers Towards a World without Nuclear Weapons"
- 2024 **Presenter, Early Career Network & Political Studies Association (Nottingham Trent University)**
"Young people's politics: From paper to publication workshop- A vision for young people's futures"
- 2024 **Engagement Poster Presenter | Keele Research Conference**
"Why and How do Youth Remember?"
- 2023 **Presenter | Staffordshire and Keele University Postgraduate Research Seminar**
"Youth Organizing at the Dawn of a Post-Hibakusha Nuclear Disarmament Movement"
- 2023 **Panellist, 3rd Youth Nuclear Peace Summit (Canadian Museum for Human Rights)**
"Freeing the world from Nuclear Weapons"
- 2021 **Presenter, 8th Annual Nottingham Postgraduate Conference in Politics and International Relations (University of Nottingham)**
"Necropolitics in the 21st Century"

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2026 **Joseph Rotblat Memorial Trust |** Small grant to cover travel expenses as panelist at the inaugural European Student Young Pugwash Conference. €283.14 (EUR)
- 2026 **Keele University, School of Humanities and Social Sciences |** Grant covered international travel expenses (London - Izmir) to participate in the 13th European Workshops in International Studies at İzmir University of Economics. £732 (GBP)

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2026	British International Studies Association Bursary covered local travel expenses to present at the Global Nuclear Order workshop, 'Un-siloing pedagogy and research' in Glasgow.	£200 (GBP)
2026	Joseph Rotblat Memorial Trust Small grant to cover local travel expenses as oral presenter at the 9th Annual Student and Youth Pugwash Conference in London.	£28.35 (GBP)
2026	British American Security Information Council & Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition Bursary covered international travel expenses (London - Nagasaki) to present a paper titled "The Role of Kataribe Oral Storytelling in a Post-Hibakusha Nagasaki" at Nagasaki University.	£1,798.09 (GBP)
2025	David Bruce Centre for the Study of the Americas Grant covered researcher training and shipping costs to use Virtual Reality headset that simulates Hiroshima before, during, and after the atomic bomb from the perspective of an observer on the ground, developed by Hiroshima's Peace Promotion Division	£289.94 (GBP)
2025	Joseph Rotblat Memorial Trust Small grant to cover travel expenses as oral presenter at the 8th Annual Student and Youth Pugwash Peace and Disarmament Conference.	£70.79 (GBP)
2025	Becky-Garnault Fund Small grant to cover <i>Silent Fallout</i> film screening expenses at Keele University.	\$150 (USD)
2024	Keele University, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Grant covered local transport and incidental costs during PhD fieldwork on antinuclear youth activism in Canada.	£391.49 (GBP)
2024	David Bruce Centre for the Study of the Americas Grant train costs and local costs in Winnipeg, Toronto, and Waterloo (Canada), during PhD fieldwork on antinuclear youth activism.	£610.52 (GBP)
2024	Hiroshima Peace Institute The fellowship covered international travel, accommodation, welfare, insurance, and other expenses to facilitate PhD fieldwork on antinuclear youth activism in Japan.	¥837,633 (JPY)
2024	Turing Scheme Grant Grant to complement costs of 12-week short residency in Japan for PhD fieldwork on antinuclear youth activism.	£2,375 (GBP)
2023-2026	David Bruce Centre & Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Studentship covered 3-year doctoral (UKRI-equivalent) stipend and overseas tuition costs at 100%.	£103,992 (GBP)
2023	Keele University, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Grant covered training in qualitative methodologies by the Oral History	£187 (GBP)

Society and the British Library.

2023	David Bruce Centre for American Studies Grant applied towards a trip to Canada to explore antinuclear networks in Canada.	£671 (GBP)
2021-2023	Fulbright-García Robles Stipend awarded for Fulbright studies at University of San Diego (United States).	\$50,000 (USD)
2021-2023	Dean's Graduate Merit Scholarship 100% postgraduate tuition fees scholarship at the University of San Diego.	\$45,892 (USD)
2023	Excellence in Writing Award: Long-Form Piece Awarded to the essay entitled " <i>A Discursive Struggle to Recategorize the Past: Drawing Lines of Continuity Between the Non-Paradigmatic and Paradigmatic Transitions in Mexico</i> "	N.A.
2023	Patricia Márquez Social Innovator Award: Is The World On Fire? Podcast Awarded to co-founders in recognition and support of creative and innovative initiatives across borders and disciplines.	N.A.
2022	University of San Diego's Student Opportunity Grant Applied to cover training in hashtag volume analysis on the #MeToo movement, using a <i>Brandwatch</i> software.	\$150 (USD)
2021	The Lancaster Gold Award Award to students with high employability and extracurricular achievements at Lancaster University.	N.A.
2020-2021	Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT) Scholarship awarded as a stipend to study at Lancaster University (UK).	£12,160 (GBP)
2019	Jóvenes de Excelencia Scholarship Award for training, mentoring and financially supporting outstanding students with clear academic goals in Mexico.	\$20,000 (MXN)
2012-2018	Universidad de las Américas Puebla Scholarship Applied towards tuition during undergraduate studies.	\$575,424 (MXN)

CERTIFICATES, TRAINING, AND ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

2026	<i>Certificate of Associate Fellow in Advanced Higher Education.</i>
2026	<i>Certificate of research with children and young people, University of Suffolk & UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO)</i>
2025	<i>Archival Management of Oral History Collections, Oral History Society</i>
2025	<i>Advanced oral history workshop, Oral History Society</i>
2025	<i>Introduction to Data Protection Legislation (UK GDPR) for Oral Historians, Oral History Society</i>

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- 2025 *Banning the bomb: a global history of activism against nuclear weapons*, The Open University (Online course)
- 2025 *Human Subjects Research - Social and Behavioral Research Certificate*, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)
- 2024 *Introduction to Oral History*, Oral History Society
- 2023 *Certificate of Trauma Awareness, Resilience, and Restorative Approaches Across the Professions*, University of San Diego
- 2022 *Introduction to Data Science: Statistics Programming With R*, UNAM
- 2022 *An Introduction to Peer Review*, Web of Science

LEADERSHIP, VOLUNTEERING, AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2025 **Participant, Walk for the Future Walkshop**
Selected by ICAN and the Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations to participate in a week-long peripatetic hike, walking 58 km from Glasgow to Faslane (Scotland), while receiving training on contemporary nuclear weapon issues.
- 2025 **Exhibitor, Thoresby Spirit of Wartime Sherwood Weekend**
Invited as a guest speaker and exhibitor at the "[Spirit of Wartime Sherwood 1940s](#)," attracting over 4,000 attendees. Facilitated a Hiroshima Virtual Reality experience, provided daily talks on Hiroshima's experience of the atomic bomb, and enabled access to literature based on survivors of the atomic bomb.
- 2024 **Youth Leader, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs:**
Selected as one of the 50 inaugural participants in the Youth Leader Fund for a World without Nuclear Weapons, from a pool of over 2000 applicants from 150+ countries across the globe.
- 2021-23 **Podcast Founder and Producer, Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies**
Co-founder of the [Is The World On Fire?](#) podcast (now known as the 'Kroc Pod'). Directed processes of concept development and production of the first 14 episodes. The multi-platform show is now played in more than 30 countries, having hosted guests such as Kim Stanley Robinson and Etleva Bejko, exploring subjects of peacebuilding, conflict, social innovation, research and other challenges faced by our world today. The show was rated in the top 15% most shared globally by Spotify in 2022.
- 2022 **Peace Ambassador, Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP)**
Collaborated with graphic designer Adrián G. Díaz to produce a visual guide to the concept of *Positive Peace*. The [visual guide](#) was first presented to members of the IEP Ambassador Programme and then workshopped with incoming students at the University of San Diego's Kroc School, during orientation week.
- 2021 **Digital Content Ambassador, Lancaster University:**
Founded and directed [The Road to Lancaster Podcast](#), producing six episodes featuring students of different programs. The project aimed at attracting prospective international

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students by sharing real experiences from postgraduate students in the department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion.

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

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| 2025 | BBC
Radio interview and Article: " Hiroshima tree seeds growing at university ", 18 June 2025 |
| 2025 | Medium
Article: " A new legacy for Hiroshima's trees ", 29 May 2025. |
| 2024 | United Nations Institute for Training and Research
Article: " Getting Youth Involved Again in Nuclear Disarmament ", 3 November 2024. |