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Childhood researcher and humanitarian professional with a strong academic and field-based background in child protection, social participation, migration, and education policy. My work is grounded in the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), with a focus on advocacy and the promotion of children's rights across institutional and community settings. I am currently pursuing a PhD in Migration Studies at the University of Lisbon, focusing on the monitoring, evaluation, and implementation of public policies for refugee and displaced children. I hold prior degrees in Sociology of Education, Pedagogy, and International Development, and have led and supported evidence-based programs for refugees, migrants, and vulnerable populations. Passionate about socially engaged research, I have published on intercultural education, gender, and forced displacement. Fluent in Portuguese and English, I am adept at working independently in both virtual and international environments.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Acervo Otávio Roth e Fundação Abrinq Project Coordinator

2025

Development and implementation of teacher training in human rights and awareness-raising on listening to early childhood children. Online training program designed for educators from public schools in Brazil.

ADUS Institute Refugee Protection – Institutional Development

2025

Coordinated donor efforts for protection, legal, and integration services refugees and asylum seekers across Brazil.

Led fundraising efforts for various stakeholders in streamlining donor priorities.

Awareness raising for public and private sector on refugee needs to facilitate programme design and implementation.

Assisted in refugee project design and implementation.

2024

Citizenship and democracy from school – Program of Educational Policies Warren

Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities - remote

Led stakeholder engagement for topics on human rights, refugee integration, racism, xenophobia to advise and assess the curriculum for nearly 100 public schools.

Monitored and provided assistance during the implementation of the curriculum implementation.

Mediated the sessions and provided feedback and responses to questions fielded from teachers.

Early Childhood Educator and Psychopedagogue

2017-2023

Colégio Santa Cruz and Colégio Oswald de Andrade, São Paulo, Brazil

Worked with neurodiverse and vulnerable children and those affected by trauma or displacement.

Applied narrative and symbolic play methodologies to foster resilience and emotional expression.

Municipal Secretariat for Human Rights and Citizenship

2015 - 2016

Right to the City Coordination, São Paulo, Brazil

Delivered public policies programming for children in underserved communities, including conflict-affected youth.

Work with vulnerable population with implementation, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and projects (refugee, migrant, people living in shelter, homeless, drug addicts, LGBT+ population)

KEY COMPETENCES

Humanitarian Fieldwork & Protection Programs

Project & Team Management in Crisis Settings

Child Protection & Psychopedagogy

Migration & Refugee Rights Advocacy

Multilingual Communication (EN, PT)

Research & Sociological Analysis of Education

CERTIFICATIONS

Project Management

Humanitarian Response to Conflict and Disasters

First Aid Certified for Children

Protecting Children in Humanitarian Settings

Implementation and Monitoring of Child Protection Policies

Practices for Promoting Inclusive Education Policies

Early Childhood Development: Global Strategies for Implementation

BRUNA AVANCINI

LANGUAGES

Native Portuguese

Fluent English

Advanced Spanish

Basic Italian

EDUCATION

PhD in Migration Studies - funded by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)

Institute of Social Sciences – University of Lisbon

ongoing

Master's in Sociology of Education

Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP)

2022 - 2023

Postgraduate in Educational Psychology

Instituto Singularidades

2020 - 2021

Bachelor's in Pedagogy

Instituto Singularidades

2017 - 2020

Bachelor's in International Development

Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUC-SP)

2014 - 2018

PUBLICATIONS

"Adultocentrismo na discussão sobre adulteração." Artigo de opinião em Jornal O Estado de SP (out.2025)

"Reading Mediation as a Practice of Multicultural Education" (2025). Book chapter.

"Migrando: child literature as a practice of empathy and alterity." (2024). Ponto e Vírgula Journal, PUC-SP.

"Women and International Drug Trafficking in Latin America: A Review of Current Interpretations" (2017)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VOLUNTEER

- Organization of Refugee Week Portugal, 2025
- Led integration and projects for the Syrian refugee community through workshops and awareness raising sessions.
- Facilitated intercultural dialogue and rights-awareness campaigns in refugee and migrant shelters.
- Led Portuguese language lessons to refugee and vulnerable populations for integration, job opportunities, and university applications.
- Organized seminars, conferences, and community discussions in universities and private sector to promote refugee topics and international political discussion to include vulnerable populations, human rights violations, and peacebuilding.
- Led stakeholder development that linked professors, lawyers, researchers, activists, human rights field staff to foster working relationship for community intervention events.
- Led cross-cultural integration initiatives that included language sessions, cultural events, between host community and refugee population via migrant and refugee NGOs and universities.