

LIST OF STUDENT SUPERVISION & MENTORING – Dr. Fernando J DÍAZ LÓPEZ, Ph.D. *March 2026 (last updated)*

Supervision PhD Students

Name	Degree	School	Thesis	Status
Ms. Asia Guerreschi (IT)	PhD in Sustainability and Wellbeing	University of Ferrara (ITA)	<i>Innovative circular economy strategies for cooperatives to measure economic, environmental, and social impact</i>	Completed (2025) with <i>Cum Laude</i>
Ms. Diana Rivera (MEX)	PhD in Social Sciences	Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana Xochimilco (MX)	<i>Sustainable Energy Transition in Mexico: the case of Geothermal Energy</i>	Completed (2022).

Supervision Master Students

Name	Degree	School	Thesis	Status
Ms. Cecilia D. Coppola (IT)	Master in Sustainability and Social Innovation	HEC Paris (FR)	<i>Sustainability and ESG practices within U.S. consulting firms</i>	Completed (2025)
Mr. Corentin TENAILLEAU (FR)	Master in Strategic Management	HEC Paris (FR)	<i>Resist and Transform: How to make your Business Model Climate Resilient. Insights from the transportation & logistics industry.</i>	Completed (2025)
Mr. Lesly Errol ONANGA SCHMIDT (GA)	Global Executive Master in Management: (Track: Sustainable Leadership in Africa)	HEC Paris (FR)	<i>Dans quelle mesure la mise en place de critères d'évaluation ESG dans leur gouvernance peut-il être un facteur de pérennité pour les entreprises pétrolières, afin de leur permettre d'amorcer un renouveau stratégique vers une entreprise plus durable : le cas de la Gabon Oil Company (GOC)</i>	Completed (2025)
Mr. Hendor-Lee Ruiters (ZA)	Master in Sustainability Sciences	Stellenbosch University (ZA),	<i>Transitioning to sustainable development in South Africa – Analysing the potential of eco-innovation as a driver for industry to transition to sustainability</i>	Incomplete (suspended)
Ms. Diana Rivera (MEX)	MPhil in Economics & Management of Innovation	Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana Xochimilco (MX)	<i>Incentives and Barriers to recycling Eco-innovation in Mexico</i>	Completed (2014)
Ms. María Elena Moreno Zea (ECU)	MPhil in Economics & Management of Innovation	Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana Xochimilco (MX)	<i>Eco-innovation policies in Mexico for the promotion of renewable energy technologies</i>	Completed (2012)

Examiner PhD committees

Name	Degree	School	Thesis	Dates
Ms. Isabella Pimentel Pincelli (IT)	Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering.	Victoria University Wellington (NZ)	<i>Integrating life cycle thinking in the analyses of energy transitions: The case of electricity generation supply in Aotearoa New Zealand</i>	May 2025

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Mrs Nikki Korsten (ZA)*	PhD in Sustainability	School of Public Leadership, Stellenbosch University (ZA)	<i>The impact of residential rooftop PV on low-income electricity consumers in Stellenbosch Municipality</i>	October 2025
Mr. Rafael I. Mora C. (CO)	PhD in Management of Organisations / PhD in Economics and Business Management	Universidad de la Sabana, International School of Economics and Administrative Sciences (CO) / Universidad de Alcalá, Department of Economics and Business (ES)	<i>Multidimensional model for the circular economy in manufacturing companies. From implementation to sustainability performance improvement</i>	March 2025
Mr. Andrew Earl (ZA)*	PhD Engineering Management	Dep. Ind. Engineering, Stellenbosch University (ZA)	<i>Co-design in Living Labs for Energy Transitions in Urban Africa</i>	December 2024
Ms. Yennely E. Goicochea (MEX)	PhD in Social Sciences	Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana, Cuajimalpa (MEX)	<i>Elementos institucionales formales que permitieron el desarrollo de nichos tecnológicos en el sector bioplástico</i>	December 2022
Ms. Imke de Kock (ZA)	PhD Engineering Management	Dep. Ind. Engineering, Stellenbosch University (ZA)	<i>Managing technology within the context of sustainability transitions: An integrated framework</i>	September 2020
Mr. Mundia Kabinga (ZA)	PhD Business Administration	Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town (ZA)	<i>Capability gaps in the South African Energy sector</i>	September 2013

Examiner Master committees

Name	Degree	School	Thesis	Dates
Mr. Carlos A. Lanza (COL)	MSc Urban Water and Sanitation	Universidad del Valle Colombia and UNESCO-IHE (NL)	<i>Economic feasibility analysis of the use of innovative alternative water sources in Cuba: A case study</i>	2017
Mr. Marvin Góngora (MEX)	MSc Int. Environmental Management	El Colegio de La Frontera Norte & CICESE (MEX)	<i>Sustainable logistics and life cycle analysis of wine industry in Mexico</i>	2016
Ms. Katija Nordwig (ZA)	MPhil in Sustainability	Stellenbosch Business School (ZA)	<i>Innovation Systems in South Africa</i>	2015
Ms. Diana Patricia Rivera Delgado (MEX)	MPhil in Economics & Management of Innovation	Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana Xochimilco (MEX)	<i>Incentives and Barriers to recycling Eco-innovation in Mexico</i>	2014
Ms. María Elena Moreno Zea (ECU)	MPhil in Economics & Management of Innovation	Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana Xochimilco (MEX)	<i>Eco-innovation policies in Mexico for the promotion of renewable energy technologies</i>	2012

Mentoring in lifelong learning (including interns)

Name	Duration	School / Programme	Project	URL
Khiret Souilim Brahim (IT),	2018 (3 months; full time)	University of Ferrara (IT).	Project: inno4sd - Eco-innovation policies in the Netherlands	https://www.linkedin.com/in/khiret-souilim-brahim-099798167
Inge Conde, M.A. (ES),	2017-2018 (6)	Global Training mobility programme	Project: inno4sd.net – development of corporate identity, art work for	https://www.linkedin.com/in/inge-conde-2b2266155/

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	months; full time)	– Fundación Novia Saucedo (ES)	publications and graphic design (posters, templates, book covers, etc.).	
Naiara Ortega , M.Sc. (ES)	2017-2018 (6 months; full time)	Global Training mobility programme – Fundación Novia Saucedo (ES):	Project: inno4sd.net – development of audio-visual content for the project website.	https://www.linkedin.com/in/naortega/
Maitane Núñez Aparicio , M.Sc. (ES);	2016-2017 (6 months; full time)	Global Training mobility programme – Fundación Novia Saucedo (ES)	Project: ELAN Network, organisation of circular economy missions.	https://www.linkedin.com/in/maitane-n%C3%BA%C3%B1ez-aporicio/
Ane Bilbao Erezkano* , M.Sc. (ES),	2015-2016 (24 months; full time)	Global Training mobility programme – Fundación Novia Saucedo (ES)	Project(s): Project: Green.eu project, ELAN Network, Eco-innovation policies in Dominican Republic - became permanent employee and team member.	https://www.linkedin.com/in/anebilbaoerezkano/
Alba de Agustín* , M.Sc. (ES),	2015-2016 (6 months; full time)	Global Training mobility programme – Fundación Novia Saucedo (ES)	Project(s): Project: Green.eu project, Eco-innovation policies in Dominican Republic – became permanent employee and team member.	https://www.linkedin.com/in/albadeagustin/
Pello Alfonso Muniozguna , M.Sc. (ES),	2015-2016 (12 months; full time)	Global Training mobility programme – Fundación Novia Saucedo (ES)	Project: background research and working papers on renewable energy in Mexico.	https://www.linkedin.com/in/pello-alfonso-muniozguna-phd-247b637b/
Laura Cid Navazo* , MSc (ES)	2014-2015 (18 months; full time)	Global Training mobility programme – Fundación Novia Saucedo (ES)	<i>Project: background research on ecoinnovation, cleaner production, and R&I Catalogue of eco-innovators in Latin America and the Caribbean.</i>	https://www.linkedin.com/in/lauracidnavazo/
Ainhoa Errasti Urtaza* , MSc (ES)	2014-2015 (18 months; full time)	Global Training mobility programme – Fundación Novia Saucedo (ES)	<i>Project: background research on cleaner production in the Caribbean, and R&I Catalogue of eco-innovators in Latin America and the Caribbean.</i>	https://www.linkedin.com/in/ainhoerrasti/
Maialen Orive , MSc (ES)	2013-2014 (12 months; full time)	Leonardo Da Vinci Mobility Programme (EU)	Project: LCA analysis for the EMININN project – environmental macro indicators of eco-innovation	https://www.linkedin.com/in/maialen-orive-arroyo-55261843/
Janire Carrasco , MSc (ES),	2012-2013 (6 months; full time)	Eco-innovation mobility programme – Novia Saucedo Foundation (ES)	Project: Ecoinnovation Manual for UNEP	
Janire Sagasta , MSc (ES)	2012-2013 (6 months; full time)	Eco-innovation mobility programme – Novia Saucedo Foundation (ES)	Project: Spanish language version of Stoffenmanager	https://www.linkedin.com/in/janire-sagasta-olalde-27b09430/

Notes: * denotes an intern that became a permanent employee and team member