

Laura Irene Torres

Education

- 2014- Aarhus University** **Denmark**
- PhD student, Department of Education
- 2010-2012 Wageningen University** **The Netherlands**
- PhD Student
- 1998 UESP** **São Paulo, Brasil**
- Post-Graduate UNESCO Program in Communication for Regional Development
- 1994-1995 Northeastern University** **Boston, USA**
- M.A. with Honors
- 1994 Rutgers University** **New Brunswick, USA**
- B.A. with High Honors

Languages

- Spanish and English (native tongues)
- Portuguese and French (intermediate oral & writing skills)

Academic presentations

- 2011 IV Congress for Quality Education (Quito, Ecuador)**
- Paper presentation
- 2009 International Seminar on “Child Development and Education” (Quito, Ecuador)**
- Paper presentation

Publications

Torres, I. (2011). An “anchored” education promises better results. *Farming Matters*, 27(1), 24-26

Torres, Irene (2007) Communication Techniques (2nd ed). “Education and Social Development Series”. Quito, Ecuador: Universidad Tecnológica Equinoccial-CODEU.

2006-2007 Universidad Tecnológica Equinoccial-CODEU
As Research Director, I designed and edited the 16-textbook Education and Social Development Series.

Work Experience

Since 1999 Fundación Octaedro (Quito, Ecuador)

Technical Director

- Coordinator and lecturer of the Teacher Training Program

2005-2007 CODEU-Universidad Tecnológica Equinoccial (Quito, Ecuador)

Research Director and Academic Coordinator

- Designer and developer of the Academic Program of the Master's degree in Education and Social Development and of the Graduate Program in Teaching Methods.
- Research Director of the 16-textbook series “Education and Social Development”

2001-2002 Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar (Quito, Ecuador)

Guest Lecturer – Post-Graduate Program in Adolescence (Department of Health Studies)

1997- 1999 CODEU - Corporación para el Desarrollo de la Educación (Quito, Ecuador)

Advisor – Development of education programs and curriculum.

1997- 1998 Catholic University of Ecuador (Quito, Ecuador)

- *Advisor* – Curricular Reform at the Department of Literature Studies
- *Lecturer* – Department of Literature and Communication Studies

1996-1998 Universidad Tecnológica Equinoccial (Quito, Ecuador)

Advisor to the Director of Special Projects and Academic Coordinator of the School of Public Relations and Organizational Communication

- Formulation and evaluation of curricula
- Restructuring of academic programs
- Teaching responsibilities

1995 Universidad San Francisco de Quito (Quito, Ecuador)

- *Guest Lecturer*