

Mónica Ávila Currás, LL.M.**Education**

2021	Postgraduate degree in Gender-based violence, La Salle University, Madrid
2018	Master’s degree in International Solidarity Action and Social Inclusion, Carlos III University, Madrid (Master’s thesis on “Difficulties associated with gender-based asylum applications and legal intervention work proposal to overcome them”)
2010	Bachelor’s degree in Law, Carlos III University, Madrid
2010	Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, Carlos III University, Madrid

Academic Positions

Since 2022	Research Associate and PhD candidate in the MeDiMi project “Who is empowered by Strasbourg? Migrants and States before the ECtHR” (Principal Investigator and Supervisor: Ass. Prof. Dr. Janna Wessels; Supervisor: prof. Mr. Lieneke Slingenberg), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (2022-2024) Teaching on fundamental rights in Europe, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (2024-2025) Law in Society Bachelor’s Thesis supervision of five students on the overall topic “Nativist Populism and Migration Law”, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
2021–2022	Coordinator of Refugees’ Direct Support Department, ONG Rescate, Madrid
2018–2021	Lawyer in asylum law, specializing in gender-related persecutions, ONG Rescate, Madrid
2016–2018	Volunteer lawyer on asylum law, ONG Rescate, Madrid
2010–2017	Project manager, Management Solutions, Düsseldorf and Madrid
2010	Practicum on asylum law, Comisión Española de Ayuda al Refugiado (CEAR), Madrid

Academic Activities

- Member of the MeDiMi Research Associates Working Group (since 2023) and Research associate member of the MeDiMi Steering Committee (since 2025)
- Presentation “When jurisdiction overshadows responsibility: A practical guide to shifting responsibility for asylum applications” at Noordwijk Seminar 2025, Amsterdam Center of Migration and Refugee Law (ACMRL) (2nd-3rd July 2025)
- Presentation “From dialogue to strategy in migration cases” at the Strasbourg Observers 15th Anniversary conference (7-8 May 2025, Ghent University)
- Organization of the MeDiMi A1 Cluster “Reverse strategic litigation” workshop, 27-28 March 2025, Amsterdam
- Presentation “Supporting for inclusion or exclusion? – A systematic content analysis over third-party interventions from European States before the European Court of Human Rights in migration cases” at the Faculty of Law (26th March 2025, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- Presentation “When do states intervene as third-party interveners before the ECtHR?” at the Amsterdam Center of Migration and Refugee Law Research meeting series (18th February 2025)
- Presentation “The “Truths” behind Third Party Interventions from States: an application of Discourse studies” at Noordwijk seminar 2024, Amsterdam Center of Migration and Refugee Law (ACMRL) (4th-5th July 2024)
- Facilitator of the Working Group’s intersectionality meetings series (2023-2024)

- Presentation “Who Supports Whom in Migration? Third-party Interventions from other States before the ECtHR” on the PhD’s first results at the Conference “The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 75: Rethinking and Constructing its Future Together” (6–8 December 2023, Ghent University)
- Presentation of PhD project at the NNHRR Doctoral Research Forum (10/2022), during the iCourts PhD Summer School at the University of Copenhagen (06/2023), ACMRL’s Bergen Seminar 2023 (07/2023) and the Empirical Legal Studies PhD event (09/2023).
- Law coordinator of the Migration and Diversity Center at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (2023-2024)

Publications

- (2025) On Us and Them, in: Battjes, Hemme/de Hart, Betty/Slingenberg, Lieneke/Stronks, Martijn (ed.) Critical Spijkerboer Studies. Liber Amicorum voor Thomas Spijkerboer, Boom Juridische Uitgevers, 61–68.
- (2023) States Joining Forces before the ECtHR, Asiel- & Migrantenrecht, 6–7, 291–293.