

CHRISTINE HELLER DEL RIEGO, PH.D.



Research Engineer with more than fifteen years of experience from various academic disciplines, including life sciences and humanities. A versatile, multilingual professional with project management skills ranging in size from small privately funded projects to large international projects with both public and private funding. Ability to manage individuals and oversee details while ensuring timely completion of project deadlines and remaining on budget.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Oct. 2014 - present **WAIART.** Family business dedicated to the integration of art into constructive elements and everyday objects. Last project was “*Triangulation through Science Communication*”, an interactive communication project between science journalists and art to invoke emotions and communicate information about climate change. Project created for the IV European Science Journalist Conference (ESCJ2017) in Copenhagen, 26-30 June 2017.
- Feb. 2013 - Sept. 2014 **Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science**, Copenhagen, Denmark. Civil servant at the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation. Programme Manager of the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF2014) responsible for the programme (15 keynote speakers and 120 scientific sessions) working with international committees and a broad range of international stakeholders.
- Oct. 1997 - Feb. 2012 **Universidad Pontificia Comillas**, Madrid, Spain. Associate professor of the Department of Electric Systems at the ICAI School of Engineering. Responsible for the undergraduate course of Electric Machines (both theoretical classes and practical laboratory sessions) on the steady state performance of transformers, induction machines and synchronous machines.
- Jan. 1997 - May 1997 **Saint Louis University**, Madrid Campus, Spain. Lecturer in General Physics II and Electrical Engineering. Part-time employment.
- May 1993 – Oct. 1996 **École Supérieure d'Électricité (SUPELEC)**, Gif-sur-Yvette, France. Research fellow funded by the European Commission's Human Capital and Mobility Grant. Ph.D. Project entitled: *Design of an Inverter-Fed Induction Motor for Car Industry Applications*. Development of a coupled-circuits simulation model of an induction motor for design purpose.

EDUCATION

- October 1996 **Docteur en Génie Électrotechnique** [Ph.D. in Electric Engineering] Université Pierre et Marie Curie (UPMC Paris VI), France
- June 1992 **Ingeniera Industrial de la Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros Industriales del ICAI** [B.Eng. and MSc. in Eng.] Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Spain

FELLOWSHIPS

- Nov. 1993 – Nov. 1995 **European Doctoral Fellowship.** European Commission's *Human Capital and Mobility Programme* and BRITE-EURAM Programme. Precursor of the *Marie Curie Fellowships* in Framework Programme 3
- June 1999 **Salzburg Seminar Fellowship** in Session 368: *Scientific Development and the Democratic Process*. Salzburg, Austria

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English/Spanish – bilingual** (USA and Spanish citizenships)
- French – excellent (Ph.D. dissertation written and defended in French)
- Danish – Dansk 3 Certificate

EXPERT EVALUATOR

- EuroScience. *European Young Researchers' Award (EYRA)* granted to doctoral and postdoctoral candidates for outstanding research performance and deep insight of the European Research Area. 2010 - 2014
- European Commission (Research DG). *Improving Human Potential STRATA –Strategic Analysis of Specific Science and Technology Policy Issues–* Programme. July 2001 and January 2002
- EuroPAWS. *New Ideas Grants* (TV Science Dramas). London, England. July 2001

RESEARCH POLICY AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

- Member of the Governing Board of **March for Science Denmark**. February 2017- January 2018
- ESOF 2014.** Programme Manager, Member of the Programme Committee and Chair of the Career Committee. Carlsberg City District, Copenhagen Denmark, June 21-26, 2014
- Member of the Governing Board of **EuroScience**. Coordinator of the Young Researcher working group. March 2001- July 2008
- ESOF 2004.** Founding member of the Steering Committee and Programme Committee. Chair of Career Programme. Stockholm, Sweden, 25-28 August 2004
- Early stage researcher mobility in Europe: meeting the challenges and promoting best practice.** Co-organiser and conference rapporteur. Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian. Lisbon, Portugal, 25-27 February 2004. Satellite event of ESOF2004
- Spanish National Science Week.** Initiator and manager of Comillas University activities for five years. Organiser of Comillas University's stand at the *III Feria Madrid por la Ciencia* (Madrid's Science Fair)
- Inside Washington Technology, Policy and Sustainable Development.** Founder and manager of Comillas University's three-week summer course with visits to major international and US institutions: World Bank, IMF, NSF, AAAS, IEEE, US Congress, and the US State Department. Georgetown University. Washington DC, USA. December 2003 - September 2005
- Member of the Governing Board of the **Marie Curie Fellowship Association (MCFA)**. Head of the Committee for Scientific Excellence and Policies. November 1998 - December 2000