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Clara Sandoval is currently Director of Programmes at the Global Survivors Fund, Professor in the School of Law at Essex University (currently on leave), member of the Human Rights Centre and of the Essex Transitional Justice Network, and part of the Faculty teaching at the Master in Transitional Justice, Human Rights and the Rule of Law at the Geneva Academy. She has been Acting Director of the Human Rights Centre at Essex, Director of the Essex Transitional Justice Network (ETJN), and former Director of the LLM in International Human Rights Law.

Clara is an expert in transitional justice, the right to reparation, reparations for survivors of conflict related sexual violence and the Inter-American System of Human Rights. She combines both practical and academic experience working on these topics. Clara is currently the Director of Programmes at the Global Survivors Fund, an institution set up in 2019 by Dr. Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad, Nobel Peace Prize laureates, to enable reparations for survivors of conflict related sexual violence.

Clara has been involved in multiple research projects dealing with reparations and transitional justice. Among those stand out the AHRC GCRF Urgency Grant “Legitimacy, Accountability, Victims’ Participation and Reparation in Transitional Justice Settings - Lessons from and for Colombia”, where she led the work on victims’ participation before the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP), *sanciones propias* and hearings on recognition of responsibility.

Clara is also a co-investigator of the AHRC funded project “Reparations, Responsibility and Victimhood in Transitional Societies” looking at domestic reparation programmes in Colombia, Guatemala, Peru, Nepal, Northern Ireland and Uganda and at key themes such as reparation for victims of sexual violence, the role of non-State actors, and complex victimhood.

She was also a co-investigator of a major ESRC funded “Human Rights Law Implementation Project”, looking at the factors that hinder or enable implementation of reparation orders/recommendations (in individual cases/petitions/communications) of regional systems and

United Nations treaty bodies. She was responsible for the Americas part of the project, looking at specific cases in Canada, Colombia and Guatemala.

Clara has worked as a consultant for the International Criminal Court in the area of reparations (Lubanga case) and was also appointed in 2017 as one of four experts by the ICC to advise the Court on various questions surrounding the award of reparations in the Jean Pierre Bemba case (Situation in the Central African Republic).

She also engages in human rights litigation, training and capacity building with organisations such as REDRESS. Her latest litigation before the Inter-American System is the case of “Azul Rojas Marin and Other v. Peru”, decided by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in March 2020, involving rape of a person because of the sexual orientation of the victim at the time of the facts. Clara has also been a consultant for the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for which she wrote the Special Issue on Transitional Justice and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the draft of the United Nations Guidance Note of the Secretary-General on Reparations for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence.

More recently, in 2018-2019 Clara supported the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-repetition in the preparation of the report on best practice and lessons learned on domestic reparation programmes. Clara also worked as a consultant to the Transitional Justice of the Ministry of Justice in Colombia providing advice on transitional justice issues during the peace negotiations with the FARC.

Among her publications stand Moffett, L. and Sandoval-Villalba, C-L., (2021) “Tilting at Windmills: Reparations and the International Criminal Court”, *Leiden Journal of International Law*, 34 (2), 749-769; Furuya, S., Correa, C., Sandoval-Villalba, C., *Reparations for Victims of Armed Conflicts* (Third volume of the Max Planck Trialogues on the Law of Peace and War, edited by Anne Peters and Christian Marxsen, CUP, 2020); Guillerot, J., Gilmore, S. and Sandoval, C., *Beyond Silence and Stigma: Crafting a Gender-Sensitive Approach for Victims of Sexual Violence in Domestic Reparation Programmes*, (2020); and Cavallaro, J., Vargas, C., Duhaime, B., and Sandoval, C., et al. *Doctrine, Practice, and Advocacy in the Inter-American Human Rights System*, with (OUP, 2019).