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## Part A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### A.1. Current position

Job Title			
Starting date			
Institution	Universitat de Barcelona		
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Country	Spain	Phone Number	
Keywords			

### A.3. Education

Degree/Master/PhD	University / Country	Year
Filosofia contemporània i estudis clàssics	Universitat de Barcelona	2023
Filosofia teòrica i pràctica	UNED / Spain	2019
Filosofia	Universitat de Barcelona / Spain	2017

## Part B. CV SUMMARY

CV summary - I graduated in Philosophy at the University of Barcelona (Extraordinary Prize, 2017), I did the Master's degree in Theoretical and Practical Philosophy at the National University of Distance Education, UNED, (Honorary Diploma, 2019) and I obtained the doctorate cum laude at the University of Barcelona. I am currently a university professor of ethics and social thought at the Open University of Catalonia (UOC) and at the Sarrià Chemical Institute of the Ramon Llull University respectively. In July 2023 I defended a thesis on a burning challenge of contemporary ethical-political thought: the difficulty of reconciling our vulnerability with responsibility for the suffering of others. This research sought to think about human agency beyond the obsolete figure of the autonomous subject, reflecting on subjects such as solidarity, interdependence and care, among others. I focused the thesis on the works of Emmanuel Levinas and Judith Butler, as well as the dialogue – real and hypothetical – between them. The research has been possible thanks to a four-year predoctoral contract for the Training of University Personnel (FPU), an aid granted by the Ministry of Education and under the direction of Josep Maria Esquirol. Likewise, it has been able to be enriched thanks to the support of the French Embassy and the Diálogo Association through its program for excellence and its Avenir grants, which financed a stay at the Paris VIII University, Vincennes - Saint-Denis at the end of 2022. In this way, the exchange has been possible with relevant intellectuals of contemporary ethical-political thought and experts in the authors that concerned me.

In parallel, I have been able to continue exploring the issue of vulnerability and its ethical implications and sharing the fruits of this study at different conferences in Catalonia, Spain and South America. Likewise, I have combined research with teaching: in addition to participating in the subjects of Political Philosophy and Philosophical Problems at the university where I was

pursuing my doctorate, since 2020 I have taught different humanistic subjects (philosophical anthropology, ethics...) at the Campus La Salle, the EUSS and the Sarrià Chemical Institute of the Ramon Llull University and the UOC.

On the other hand, since the end of 2023, I have participated in two research contracts together with Dr. Begoña Román. In one of them we are developing the ethical code of the International Association of Educating Cities through a participatory process that concerns more than 500 municipalities in 35 countries. The other project consists of the study and development of indicators for good governance, public ethics and public integrity for Ivàlua, the Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies of Catalonia.

Finally, outside and inside the academy I have maintained a strong interest in Eastern thought and its elaborate philosophical tradition, which has taken shape in various ways. For example, I was lucky enough to research the Indian philosopher Nagarjuna under the tutelage of Dr. Piedad Yuste, which culminated in a master's thesis. Also with her, I published a chapter on Buddhism in a book dedicated to the philosophies of India, China and Japan. Since 2018 I have been teaching introductory courses on the theory and practice of Buddhism, and recently, together with a scholar of this tradition, we have started a project to make space for Buddhist studies in the Spanish academic reality through a scholarship from the Khyentse Foundation. Finally, since 2015 I have been co-founder and pedagogical coordinator of the Casa Virupa retreat and meditation center.

## Part C. RELEVANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### C.1. Publications

AC: corresponding author. (n° x / n° y): position / total authors. If applicable, indicate the number of citations

- 1 **Scientific paper.** Sáenz, Berta. (/1). 2025. In defense of sad passions: coincidences between contemporary thought and Buddhist philosophy. *Recerca*.
- 2 **Scientific paper.** Berta Sáenz Almazán. (/1). 2024. La secularització del pecat original i l'autoreforma de l'humanisme. *Pensamiento. Revista Investigación e Información Filosófica*. <https://doi.org/10.14422/pen.v80.i309.y2024.002>
- 3 **Scientific paper.** Berta Sáenz Almazán. (/1). 2024. Per què el Madhyamaka no és una forma de nihilisme? Entendre l'abandó de la discussió en Nagarjuna. 'Ilu. *Revista de Ciencias de las Religiones*. <https://doi.org/10.5209/ilur.94173>
- 4 **Scientific paper.** Berta Sáenz. (1/1). 2024. Levinas, la fenomenología y más allá: fidelidades e infidelidades. *Investigaciones Fenomenológicas*.
- 5 **Book chapter.** Sáenz Almazán, Berta. (/1). 2024. Pensar desde el cuerpo, pensar la interdependencia: Un camino de relevos entre tres autoras feministas. *Pensar los cuerpos. Miradas plurales*. UABCS.
- 6 **Book chapter.** Sáenz Almazán, Berta. (/1). 2022. Perder el tiempo desde el budismo: ¿el remedio o la enfermedad?. *La otra mirada. Filosofías de la India, China y Japón*. Dykinson.
- 7 **Review.** Sáenz, Berta. (/1). 2021. Humano, más humano: una antropología de la herida infinita. Josep Maria Esquirol. *Acantilado (Barcelona, 2021)*. *Temas de Psicoanálisis*.
- 8 **Review.** Sáenz, Berta. (/1). 2020. Review on Ética de las Nanotecnologías. Pere Ruiz Trujillo. *Ramon Llull Journal of Applied Ethics*.
- 9 **Review.** Sáenz, Berta. (/1). 2019. Review of Muerte y mortalidad en la filosofía contemporánea. Bernard N. Schumacher. *Ramon Llull Journal of Applied Ethics*.
- 10 **Others.** Sáenz, Berta. (/1). 2023. ¿Com cuidar en temps ateus? La interpel·lació de l'altre en Butler i Levinas. [tesi].
- 11 **Proceedings.** Sáenz, Berta. (/1). 2022. Vulnerabilidad como fuente de orientación ética. *Comunicaciones. X Congreso Internacional sobre Filosofía y Salud mental*.

### C.3. Research projects and contracts

- 1 **Project.** 2021 SGR 00294, Aporia. Agència de Gestió d'Ajuts Universitaris i de Recerca (AGAUR). Esquirol Calaf, Josep Maria. 01/01/2022-30/06/2026.

- 2 **Project.** Beca Avenir - suport a estades de recerca d'estudiants espanyols a França (i a la inversa).. Ambaixada de França i Asociación Diálogo. Fabienne Brugère. 15/09/2022-15/12/2022. 4.000 €.
- 3 **Contract.** Avaluació de polítiques sobre bon govern, ètica pública i integritat pública Institut Català d'Avaluació de Polítiques Públiques (Ivàlua). (Institut Català d'Avaluació de Polítiques Públiques (Ivàlua)). From 01/12/2023. 10.000 €.
- 4 **Contract.** Elaboració d'un codi ètic Associació internacional de ciutats educadores. (Associació internacional de ciutats educadores). From 01/09/2023. 1.500 €.
- 5 **Contract.** Ajuda per a la Formació de Professorat Universitari (FPU), docent i investigador. Ministerio de Educación. 01/06/2019-01/06/2023.
- 6 **Contract.** Beca de col·laboració amb el Departament de Filosofia (UB) Ministerio de Educación. 01/09/2016-30/08/2017.

#### C.5. Stays in public or private R&D centres

Paris VIII - Université Vincennes - Saint-Denis. France. París. From 2022. 3 months. Pre-Doctoral.