

## **Curriculum Vitae**

Giovanna de Melo Pessoa  
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### **1. Principal Current appointment:**

Maria Giovanna de Melo Pessoa , Lawyer, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Ivory Coast in Pernambuco-Brazil, Special Assistant of the State General Public Defender Office since 2016. Regional Coordinator of the UNESCO Asp Net (Associated Schools Program) in the State of Pernambuco (Responsible to strengthening local Child protection system among the UNESCO Associated Public schools in Pernambuco- since 2015). Special Assistant at the Pernambuco's State Public Defender Office of designing and implementating integrated Projects in child protection issues to prevent armed violence. A special program with public schools for strengthening local child protection system. Since 2018, working as a member of the Committee of the State Migrant Child protection which goals is to build a work agenda for the promotion of the protection of migrant childhood.

Currently I'm developing researches with the Quilombolas communities. Quilombola population is of mixed African-Brazilian and Indigenous ancestry. Quilombos were mainly located deep in the jungles, far from European influence, and after the fall of Palmares, all the quilombolas either went into hiding or were wiped out by Europeans. Most of the Quilombolas remained hidden so successfully it was assumed they had been destroyed or died out. In 2003, President Lula passed Decree 4.887/2003, which recognized Quilombo communities and their claims to the land they inhabited. The decree detailed the processes of

titling and demarcation of the Quilombo land. Right wing opponents filed a lawsuit which suggested that Lula's decree was unconstitutional. The ruling on the case was postponed for over 3 years, which resulted in Presidents Michel Temer suspending all new titles and demarcations of the lands until a ruling was made on the constitutionality of the decree. On February 8, 2018, The Brazilian Supreme Court (STF) rejected the legal action and voted in favor of Lula's decree. I Provided methodological assistance to the processual instrument of Amicus Curiae, supporting Decree 4887-03, relating Social and cultural Anthropology and Law.

## **2. Personal dates:**

Name: Giovanna de Melo Pessoa

Nationality: Brazilian

## **3. Academic qualifications - Education:**

2016-2022	PHD (Completion june 2023) Social Anthropology - African Studies- <i>Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales</i> – EHESS. Paris-France
2014-2019	Law studies Degree - Marista University – Recife-PE
2004.	Profound Studies Diplom (DEA - <i>Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies</i> ) <i>Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales</i> EHESS – Social Anthropology . Paris France
2002-2003	Master in Interdisciplinary Studies of Gender – Sociology, Salamanca University – Spain
2000 – 2002	Master in Cultural Anthropology - Federal University of Pernambuco , (UFPE) Recife/PE - Brasil
1991/1997	Social Communication and information Degree - Federal University of Pernambuco , (UFPE) Recife/PE - Brasil

## **3. Languages:**

Fully fluent French, Fully fluent Spanish, Fully Fluent English, Fluent Italian, Portuguese (Mother tongue)

#### **4. Appointments - Professional experience:**

2020-2023	Honorary Consul of Ivory Coast in Pernambuco-Brazil
2020-2023	Lawyer at Córdula Advogados, Law office in Recife-Brazil
2016-2022	Regional Coordinator of ASP NET UNESCO (Associated Schools Network of UNESCO) in Pernambuco State – Brazil
2016-2019	Special Assistant at the Pernambuco State Public Defender Office, Recife, Pernambuco.
2014-2016	Internacional Affairs Officer at the Jaboatao dos Guararapes City Hall - Municipality of Jaboatao dos Guararapes, Brazil.
2014-2015	Teacher at the Damas University – International affairs, Recife-Pernambuco.
2015	Rapporteur at the UNESCO International conference on Learning Cities, Mexico City. Mexico.
2011-2013	Founder and Director of the Brazilian Endowment for the Arts in France. Paris.
2006 -2010	Political Affairs Officer at the Permanent Mission of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations (Security Council and 3rd Committee. In charge of the Ivoirian DDR program on the reintegration of Children affected by the Armed Conflict ( Girls Affected by the Armed Conflict and sexual violence- Children rape as a weapon of war).
2008	Advisor at the Bureau National d'Etudes Techniques et de Développement ( <b>BNETD</b> ). Abidjan - Côte D'Ivoire.
2006	Correspondent for United Nations Webcast associated Icastnews.com-

United Nations, New York headquarters-NY (3 months)

- 2006 United Nations Internship –DESA –Social Policy and Development Department (Youth program) - New York Headquarters– NY (6 Months)
2005. Training and Fieldwork research Casoa UNHCR – Buduburam Refugee camp. Conflict and development research- Ghana University –January-October 2005. CASOA- Ghana.
- 1999.2002 Guest researcher ASSOTSI/ Universidade Eduardo Mondlane Project Gender and Market traders – Maputo – Mozambique. Community Strategies consultant and teaching language skills (Portuguese). October-December. Maputo- Mozambique.
- 1999.-2002 Assistant Professor in Anthropological Theory. Federal University of Pernambuco. UFPE. Recife-PE
2005. Consultant for the National Program “Paz nas escolas” (Peace in the Schools) Non-governmental Organization-Peace building NGO for refugee People (focus on Women refugee) “Movimento (NGO) “Tortura Nunca mais”. Recife-PE Brazil.
2001. In charge of the technical statements for proposed projects. NGO - Non-Profit Organization: Movimento Tortura Nunca Mais, Recife-PE. Brazil.

### **8. Academic achievements:**

- 2003 Capes Scholarship in Social Anthropology. Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales-EHESS. Paris.France
- 2002 Santander Foundation Scholarship in Sociology. University of Salamanca.

Spain

- 2001 Fieldwork coordination - "The arrested families: A suffering population" – Socioeducation and ressocialization measures at the prison schools research. Fundação Joaquim Nabuco/ MLAL- Laico-América Latina Movement, Recife-PE Brazil.
2000. LECC - Laboratory for Advanced Studies in Contemporary Culture. "Youth and the City: Skills, Knowledge and Social Reproduction" that was conducted between 2001 and 2005 in Lusaka (Zambia), Recife (Brazil), and Hanoi (Vietnam). Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife – PE. Brazil.

### **9. Publications and Papers :**

- 2006 Etudes Photographiques, Article entitled: 'Regardez moi: Etudes sur la photographie ethnographique, N. 30, Société Française de Photographie, octobre 2006. P. 80-63.
- 2005 Article published in the Magazine of Social Sciences :Terrains & Travaux n°9 (Cahiers du Department de Sciences Sociales-ENS Ecole Normal Supérieure de Cachan), « Food Researches », Paris, ENS, octobre 2005. P. 102-122.
2000. Paper presented in March at University of York in: Annual Conference Sociology of food study group . University of York, England.
2001. ABA Anthropology Brazilian Association – Paper presented in a Annual ABA's conference. Paper entitled: "Nas malhas do labirinto" (City, Space and property) in the Culture and everyday life group. Brasilia, DF. Brazil.
2000. Federal University of Pernambuco, "Anthropológicas Magazine", essay: "Discarded lives: Recycling and exclusion among garbage diggers in Recife". UFPE Publications, Recife, p. 23-30.

### **10. Awards :**

2016                      Awarded with Machado de Assis Medal, by the Brazilian Endowment  
for the arts foundation.

**11. Member associated of the Alliance Française in Recife, Pernambuco Brazil**

**11. References**

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