



# CAROLINA MACIEL

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## SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Carolina Maciel is an experienced attorney and advocate of animal law, with specialties in the mandate and activities of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, formerly OIE), the agreements administered by the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the regulatory structure of Brazil and the European Union. She is currently the Senior Advisor in International Trade Law and Policy for the World Federation for Animals (WFA), Chair of the America regional working group of the International Coalition for Animal Welfare (ICFAW), and Adjunct Faculty for the Vermont Law School online learning program, where she teaches International Environmental Law (INT 7421). She is also a member of the Brazilian Bar Association (OAB), the Women Inside Trade (WIT), and of the Society International Economic Law (SIEL).



## EDUCATION

Ph.D in International (Food/Environmental) Law & Policy (*with honors*)  
Wageningen University, The Netherlands, 2015

MSc. in Political Sociology (*summa cum laude*)  
Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (Brazil), 2009

LL.B in Law  
Universidade do Sul de Santa Catarina, 2006



## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

Harvard Law School – April, 2021 - February, 2022  
Visiting fellow at Animal Law and Policy Program (ALPP)

University of Rio Preto (UNIRP), Brazil – 2018  
Lecturer on legal aspects of animal protection (aprox. 3 credits)  
Post-graduation course on animal behavior and welfare

National School of Agricultural Management (ENAGRO) – 2016  
Lecturer on animal welfare national and international regulatory developments (aprox. 12 credits)  
Online course for government officials from the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture

National Union of Agricultural Federal Auditors (ANFFA) – 2015  
Lecturer on animal welfare national and international regulatory developments (aprox. 8 credits)

On demand course for government officials from the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture in Porto Alegre and in Brasilia

World Animal Protection (WAP), Brazil – 2015

Lecturer animal protection legal framework (aprox. 3 credits)

Online course for employees of Bayer Latin America

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium - 2013

Visiting fellow at Centre for Global Governance Studies

Universidad de León, Spain - 2012

Guest researcher in the project - Alimentación, creencias y diversidad cultural



## ADVOCACY EXPERIENCES

Humane Society International (HSI)

(4 years and 4 months)

- Country Director overseeing HSI advocacy programs and operations in Brazil. Main accomplishments include key victories in judicial and administrative cases involving animal-welfare issues; meetings with high-ranking government officials and industry representatives; organization of in-person and online events with over a hundred participants; elaboration of written submission for public consultations held by the Brazilian stock exchange market regarding the Sustainability Corporate Index (ISE), and consultations held by the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture regarding normative resolutions on animal health, welfare and food safety provisions; review and preparation of documents assessing and supporting the development and implementation of animal welfare standards by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), G-20; and chairing of the America regional working group of the International Coalition for Animal Welfare (ICFAW).

Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

(12 months)

- Responsible for assessing the institutional and regulatory framework trends on farm animal welfare policies in Brazil's key trade partners. This demanded a comprehensive study on the legal provisions and government activities of several jurisdictions, with an emphasis on the European Union, the United States, and Australian. The findings were presented in a 50 pages report that also encompassed an overview of initiatives and documents produced by key international intergovernmental organizations such as the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and International Finance Corporation (IFC). Additionally, I had the responsibility of developing and executing a series of 6 capacity building workshops for government officials of the veterinary service. Over 150 government officials attended the workshop and learned about their legal duties towards animal welfare.

Consortium for the European Project DG SANTE (2016/2016/G2/)

(06 months)

- Responsible for assessing the impact of the European Commission animal welfare-related initiatives in the development of animal welfare policies in Brazil. This project entailed the analysis of several documents and stakeholder interviews. The findings were summarized in a 25 pages report that included the opinion gathered among major stakeholders in the field of

farm animal welfare in Brazil on the impact of the Memorandum of Understanding, Sector-Dialogue, Better Training for Safer Food, and other EU supported initiatives.

Brazilian National School of Agribusiness (ENAGRO)

(06 months)

- Responsible for developing written material for an online learning platform dedicated to government officials from the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture. The content elaborated covered the legal and political features of farm animal welfare, the structure and key documents from the EU, WTO, OIE; an overview of private certifications, and the role of the veterinary service in drafting, adopting, and enforcing animal health and welfare provision. The material account for approximately 25 hours of course.

Brazilian Ministry of Foreigner Affairs (Department of Trade Disputes)

(03 months)

- Short term internship for elaborating briefs on selected animal related disputes of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and assist in drafting Brazilian position papers in ongoing cases.



## RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

- [original in Portuguese - The legal requirements for the protection of animal welfare and its application to pig farming]. Maciel and Buss (2020) In Ribas et al (eds) Suinocultura: uma só saúde e um só bem-estar. Ministério da Agricultura Pecuária e Abastecimento (MAPA) e do Instituto Interamericano de Cooperação para a Agricultura (IICA).
- Animal welfare measures and the WTO post- EC Seal Products case: a renewed debate and research agenda. Maciel and Bock (2020) In Bouda et al (eds). Economics of farm animal welfare: theory, evidence, and policy. Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI).
- [original in Portuguese - Legal protection system for farm animals in Brazil]. Maciel (2019). In Hartung et al (eds). O bem-estar animal no Brasil e na Alemanha. Câmara de Comércio e Indústria Brasil-Alemanha. Available at: <http://www.grupoetco.org.br/>
- [original in Spanish - Advances and limits of European initiatives to regulate animal welfare]. Maciel and Stuardo (2015) In Soria and Prieto (eds.) Alimentación, creencias y diversidad cultural. León, Spain.
- Ethical concerns beyond the border: how European animal welfare policies reach Brazil?. Maciel and Bock (2013) In: Röcklinsber and Sandin (eds.) The ethics of consumption. Wageningen Academic Publishers.
- Paving the way for farm animal welfare in international relations: an EU- Brazil case study. Maciel et al. (2015) Contemporary Politics. DOI: 10.1080/13569775.2015.1013291
- Modern politics in animal welfare? The changing character of European animal welfare governance and the role of private standards. Maciel and Bock (2013) International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture (IJSAG). Special Issue on Private Standards. vol 20. N.2, pp.2019-235.

- [original in Portuguese - Animal protection in the national legal system: what the veterinarian should know]. Maciel (2018) Revista do Conselho Federal de Medicina Veterinária. nº 76, pg. 21-25. Ano XXIV, Jan.
- Animal welfare measures and international trade law and practice. Maciel (2015). In Congresso Brasileiro de Avicultura e Suinocultura (SIAVS). São Paulo (SP), 28-30 July 2015.
- The role of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) animal welfare standards in bilateral trade negotiations and agreements. Stuardo and Maciel (2013). In the proceeding of the OIE Regional Conference on Animal Welfare and International Trade. Montevideo, Uruguay, 17-18 October 2013.



## RELEVANT PRESENTATIONS

8th ILDEX Vietnam, Aug, 2022

Side event: Farm Animals Welfare, Trends, Opportunities, and Solutions for the Livestock Industry

United Nation Ocean Conference, June, 2022

Side event: Nexus Between Sustainable Development, Ocean Conservation and Aquatic Animal Welfare

11th Asia for Animals Symposium – October 2019

Presentation about the legal experience of advancing animal protection in Brazil

OIE National Focal Point on Animal Welfare - September 2019

Presentation about the role of non-governmental organization in the implementation of the OIE animal welfare standards at national level

Brazil-Germany Animal Welfare Symposium – September 2019

Presentation about the challenges for animal welfare legislation

ENDESA National Meeting of Animal Health Surveillance – December 2017

Presentation about animal welfare from a legal perspective