JAVIER RUIZ-SOLER, PH.D.

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Collaborative and solutions-focused leader with an extensive international career background leading major projects in Europe and Canada. Subject matter expert on emerging technologies and digital policies: AI, privacy, cybersecurity. Excellent management and leadership skills, with broad experience overseeing all stages of planning and delivery of complex research and policy projects. Proven ability to foster and maintain a strong industry network, including building relationships with external partners, and delivering informative presentations.

CORE COMPETENCIES:

- Cybersecurity
- Advocacy
- Policy Savvy

- Emerging Technologies
- Artificial Intelligence
- Digital Transformation

- Public Speaking & Networking
- Research planning & management
- Data Analysis

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO (IPC) ▪ Toronto, ON   01/2024 – on going

Senior Technology and Policy Advisor

Conduct research and analysis on leading edge Information Technologies in support of the work of the IPC.

- Identify and analyze trends in artificial intelligence technologies, cybersecurity and privacy.
- Assess artificial intelligence technology governance instruments that are reflective of safe, privacy-protective, accountable, transparent development, acquisition, deployment, and decommissioning.
- Deliver policy guidance and educational materials for IPC staff and external stakeholders on information security governance, privacy enhancing technologies, artificial intelligence technologies, and data access issues.
- Provide advice, support and technical analysis in access and privacy complaint investigations and appeals.
- Prepare briefings for the Commissioners and senior staff on the potential impacts of current and emerging technologies on data access and privacy issues.

IDC CANADA INTERNATIONAL DATA CORPORATION ▪ Toronto, ON   10/2021 – 12/2023

Consulting Manager

Oversaw and conducted IT market intelligence research and advisory services, resulting in 400k USD in revenue per Quarter.

- Scoped and managed research projects with different teams of analysts that satisfy requirements and addresses project specifications and timelines from clients.
- Conducted high impact research and analysis on leading-edge information technologies: cloud, cybersecurity, AI.
- Managed quality assurances in every stage of the engagement (proposals through delivery).
- Analyzed large quantitative (survey data) and qualitative datasets (interviews to Directors, CIOs and Executives), and interpreting data with data-driven storytelling.
- Presented engaging results and deliverables, supporting the strategic direction to multiple clients.
- Advised and implemented actionable items on the best market opportunities, business value, ROI, and digital transformation strategies.

DIGITAL DEMOCRACIES INSTITUTE ▪ Vancouver, BC   09/2019 – 09/2021

Senior Researcher & Project Manager

Oversaw complex research projects focused on a wide range of digital policies and Internet-related issues under the umbrella of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and the Government of Canada's Joint Initiative for Digital Citizen Research.

- Appointed Research Manager for the Canadian Working Group of the [Global Disinformation Index](#), an international think tank operating across several countries.
- Led and mentored teams of researchers to conduct data analysis and visualizations utilizing RStudio, Tableau, and Python.
- Produced and published detailed reports and recommendations for associated stakeholders to inform strategy and policy development.
- Expanded brand awareness and built a broad professional network for the Institute's expertise in digital democracy through participation in international conferences and collaboration with global stakeholders across industry and government.
- Established the *Canadian Disinformation Research Network* with different research partners and institutions across Canada.
- Visiting Scholar at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University.

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE ▪ Florence, Italy   09/2014 – 06/2019
Researcher

Performed and managed research projects focused on digital policies, developing data-informed insights and recommendations.
- Presented to European Union (EU) government agencies, digital platforms and think tanks at ~30 conferences, seminars and workshops about online communication, big data, privacy, and platform governance.
- Conducted qualitative and quantitative analysis of Big Data.
- Prepared comprehensive reports with research outcomes and policy recommendations for EU governmental institutions.
- Prepared position papers in response to regulatory initiatives.
- Recommended and drafted strategies to support EU institutions in engaging with citizens on EU topics of political relevance.
- Published in specialized peer reviewed top journals and press on digital democracy and digital civic engagement.
- Advocated EU institutions on policies such as the Digital Service Act and Europe Data Governance, as well as the development of codes of conduct for social media platforms in data privacy and access.

EDUCATION

CyberSecurity Policy in Canada ▪ Toronto Metropolitan University (2023)
- *Rogers CyberSecure Catalyst & The Dais*

Ph.D., Political and Social Sciences ▪ European University Institute, Florence, Italy (2019)
- *Awarded: Best Thesis in Political Communication, Spanish Association of Political Communication (ACOP)*

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in English, Spanish, Catalan, Italian.

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE INNOVATION (CIGI) ▪ Waterloo, ON   01/2024 – on going
Digital Policy Hub Fellow

Conduct High Impact Research on Emerging Technologies.
- Conduct hight impact research and analysis on leading-edge information technologies: privacy, cybersecurity, AI.
- Publishing results with policy outcomes with relevance for the context of Canada in the world.
- Collaborate with other matter experts on different topics: governance, democracy, responsible AI, quantum computing.

DIGITAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL ▪ Toronto, ON   02/2023 – Present
Advisor

Advise on the development of digital standards on AI risk index, data governance, privacy, cybersecurity.
- Collaborate across a range of stakeholders to draft Digital Standards to be implemented nationwide; research, draft policy documents and provide revisions to develop final policy documents.

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ▪ Ottawa, ON   03/2022 – Present

Member of Open Government Forum

Elected member to represent civil society in the multi-stakeholder forum on Open Government, advising on the Government of Canada's commitments on open and digital government.

- Advise the implementation and assessment of the Open Government National Plan 2022-2024.
- Provide content expertise in digital policies: trustworthy and responsible AI, disinformation, data privacy, transparency.
- Implement detailed plans and recommending policies/procedures.
- Build community across Canada with different stakeholders of civil society, industry, and government.

CANADIAN CENTER FOR NON-PROFIT DIGITAL RESILIENCE ▪ Toronto, ON   09/2022 – Present

Advisor

Provide NGO and non-profits thrive in a tech driven world that provide ad-hoc advice to participant organizations.

- Mentor participant organizations to use data and tech (software and hardware) to advance their mission.
- Share local, regional, and global perspectives as a matter expert on digital policies: trustworthy artificial intelligence, disinformation, data privacy, transparency.