

Executive Summary: Eva García Chueca Case - ALICE Project and Relationship with Boaventura de Sousa Santos

This document presents a detailed analysis of the professional and academic link between **Eva García Chueca (EGC)** and **Boaventura de Sousa Santos (BSS)**, in the framework of the **ALICE project**, refuting statements made by EGC in media outlets such as **Agencia Pública** and the **NOW channel**, and in the **6th Letter of the Victims' Collective**.

Public Accusations by Eva García Chueca.

EGC claims to have been a victim of symbolic violence, micro-abuses and academic marginalisation by BSS, including alleged kisses near the mouth, criticism for quoting other authors, and the non-publication of her thesis and non-fulfilment of institutional commitments.

Contradictions and Documentary Evidence.

The content of numerous emails contradicts the allegations made against BSS:

EGC expressed enthusiasm for his admission to the PhD (*Exhibit 1: Email of 7 July 2011*).

From: [REDACTED]
To : [REDACTED]
CC : [REDACTED]
Subject : Postcolonialisms and Global Cid Doc. Globalisation FEUC - Statement of Admission
Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2011 16:18:33 +0100

Dear Boaventura and Paula,

I have just received the admission letter for the PhD "Postcolonialisms and Global Citizenship".

I am very happy!

Cheers,

Eva

Her lack of attendance and commitment to the ALICE programme was often noted: frequent cancellations due to commitments in Barcelona and lack of adequate justifications (*Proof 2: Emails exchanged throughout 2012*).

Eva García Chueca [REDACTED] >

Dear Boaventura,

I just read in an email from José Luís that there will be an ALICE planning meeting on 14 February.

I am aware that your schedule is very complicated and you will probably not be able to move the meeting on that day. However, I wanted to inform you that I will be in Coimbra on 10 and 11 February to participate in Prof. Sousa Ribeiro's seminar. I could go ahead with my trip and arrive on 9 February at noon, if you think it is possible to hold the meeting that afternoon.

If not, I could continue by Skype on the 14th. Unfortunately, I have to be in Barcelona on those days due to professional commitments at UCLG. If the date is finally kept, I will coordinate with ALICE members to discuss the technical issue with them.

Thank you in advance for your attention.

Greetings from Barcelona,

Eva

Sent from my iPhone

EGC received constant support, including funding for courses and flexibility for work-life balance (*Exhibit 3: Application and approval of course funding in July 2015*).

Eva García Chueca [REDACTED] >
Dear ALICE coordinators,

I am contacting you to ask you about the possibility of organising courses with the research budget we have available.

Next July the course "Decolonising knowledge and power: postcolonial studies, decolonial horizons" will take place in Barcelona, in which, according to the programme, Boaventura will participate. According to the website www.dialogoglobal.com/barcelona, the cost of the course is 1,300 euros.

As I still have resources in my research budget, I wonder if I can use them to pay for my participation in this course.

*Thank you in advance for your attention.
Kind regards,
Eva*

BSS and coordinators offered constructive feedback to strengthen her thesis and publications (*Exhibit 4: Comments to the text of 4 April 2016*).

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: EVA's comment on your text.

Date: Mon, 4 Apr 2016 09:29:25 +0100

Dear Eva

I have already read your text for Alice's Book of Human Rights. The question of the right to the city is an important contribution to our book. I believe, however, that the text can be strengthened after a reformulation that is entirely within your reach:

1. structure

The theoretical discussion of the text is poorly framed. My suggestion is that you reformulate the text having first a theoretical part, leaving the second half of the text for the discussion of the reality of Latin America and Brazil in particular:

2- Discussion.

In the passage on the European theoretical-political framework for Latin America, you only mention that this reality has become central in Latin America and Brazil, while in Europe it has remained a peripheral paradigm. I think there is a lack of explanation of how the critique of the decolonial and the epistemologies of the South come before the right to the city built on European foundations. In other words, you will have to strengthen the discussion on page 13 that only addresses some points in Lefevre's work, in order to take on a broader critique of Eurocentrism in the socio-political corpus of the right to the city in Europe.

3- Authors -

Given the impact it has had on your subject, it would be worth including a reading note on the work of David Harvey that expresses how you read him in your work.

4- Empirical material.

The information you provide on Brazil is very general. It would be good if, within the existing characters, you could provide something more unique to convey the added value of your fieldwork.

Regards

Boaventura

Eva García Chueca's failures.

EGC did not meet the deadlines for the delivery of the thesis, postponing the final version until September 2017. (*Exhibit 5: Mail of 17 July 2016*).

Eva García Chueca [REDACTED] >

Dear Boaventura,

I would like to send you a more advanced version of the thesis for our meeting on 1 August.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Cheers,

Eva

Repeatedly thanked BSS for their support and guidance (*Exhibit 6: Posts of 7 November 2017 and 1 August 2019*).

Eva García Chueca [REDACTED] >

Dear Boaventura,

I am very happy to know that you are satisfied with the work done. Thank you very much for your time and guidance throughout all these years. I have learned a lot from you and Giovanni.

I hope to be able to leave a trace of our legacy in future research at CIDOB.

Cheers,

Eva

Publication and Academic Recognition.

Contrary to what was stated, the work of EGC was published as chapter 16 of the book *The Pluriverse of Human Rights*, where BSS is listed only as an organiser (*Exhibit 7: Inclusion of EGC chapter in collective work coordinated by BSS*).

CAPÍTULO 16

O direito à cidade perante as epistemologias do Sul: reflexões sobre o processo brasileiro de construção do direito à cidade^{*,215}

Eva García Chueca

Os “condenados da cidade”

Atualmente, mais de metade da população mundial é urbana. E as previsões sugerem que esta tendência não irá senão acentuar-se nas próximas décadas. De entre as diversas consequências da hiperurbanização do planeta, merece destaque a emergência de novas formas de “fascismo do *apartheid* social”, ou seja, a “segregação social dos excluídos pela divisão das cidades em zonas selvagens e

Postdoctoral Relationship.

If there had been any real animosity between BSS and EGC, or if BSS had appropriated her work, BSS would not have returned to Barcelona on 13 March 2019, at her own invitation. It was EGC who on that occasion presented the book *Global Learnings*, by Toni Aguiló and BSS. In the presentation, EGC is at pains to talk about what she learned from BSS, whom she considers her teacher.

Even after finishing her thesis, EGC kept in close contact with BSS, invited him to present books and left him a thank-you gift at CES. (*Exhibit 8: Mail of 1 August 2019*).

At 16:57 on 08/01/2019, Eva García Chueca wrote:

Dear Boaventura,

I hope you are well.

I am writing these lines to tell you that today I went to CES and left you a little present next to Lassalet.

Although a little later than I would have liked (I had no trip to Coimbra scheduled until now), this detail aims to thank you very sincerely for giving me the opportunity to be my thesis supervisor and to participate in the ALICE project.

Without a doubt, it has been the most intellectually and professionally stimulating process I have ever experienced. Learning at your side (and not only through your books) has been an indescribable privilege and has given me an intellectual richness that has profoundly marked my capacity for analysing reality and critical thinking.

Thanks a million for everything. Sincerely yours.

A big hug,

Eva

Eva García Chueca's public assertions do not stand up to the abundant documentary evidence that shows a cordial professional relationship, a flexible and generous supervision by Boaventura de Sousa Santos, and a clear lack of commitment by Eva García Chueca to the obligations of the ALICE project. The attempt to discredit the figure of Boaventura de Sousa Santos is belied by the records of communication maintained between the two parties over almost a decade, of which these are only an extract.
