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30 YEARS OF SOLITUDE?

LOOKING BACK INTO THE SPANISH OMBUDS
PIONERING INSTITUTION



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CONTEXTUALIZATION

- ❖ **First mentioned: University Reform Law (L.R.U.) 1983.**
- ❖ **First introduced particular Universities Regulations 1985.**
- ❖ **1985: University Complutense (Madrid):**
 - ✓ *"For the protection and effective defence of their rights, the Estatuto of Students will regulate the institution of the University Ombudsman, an organ of communication between the student sector and the governing bodies of the University. The appointment shall require the affirmative vote of at least three fifths of the members of the University Claustro".*



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❖ **1985: Granada University:**

- ✓ *"The University Ombudsman is the commissioner of the University of Granada Claustro to defend the rights of members of the university community. For this purpose the Ombud could supervise the activity of the University Administration informing the Claustro".*

❖ **1985: León University:**

- ✓ *"To protect the interests and rights of the sectors of the university community the Claustro of the University of León will elect a commissioner to act as receiver of complaints against the institutional functioning and as mediator and conciliator in the disagreements and confrontations that could occurs between the different sectors of the community, if all parties concerned agree to do so".*



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❖ **1985 Valencia University:**

✓ *“ UO empowered to support any claim or complaint presented in which the breach of the law or damage of the complainant’s legitimate interests in its relations with the University of Valencia is reported, although there is no violation of the law”.*

❖ **1988 Barcelona University:**

✓ *“to exercise a permanent informative activity on the functioning of the University”.*



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- ❖ **2001 Organic University Law (L.O.U.):**
- ✓ *“To ensure respect for the rights and freedoms of teachers, students and administrative staff and services, against the actions of the university services and institutions, the Universities will establish in their structure the figure of the University Ombudsman. His performances will always be directed towards the improvement of university quality in all areas, and will not be under the imperative mandate of any university level and will be under the principles of independence and autonomy”.*

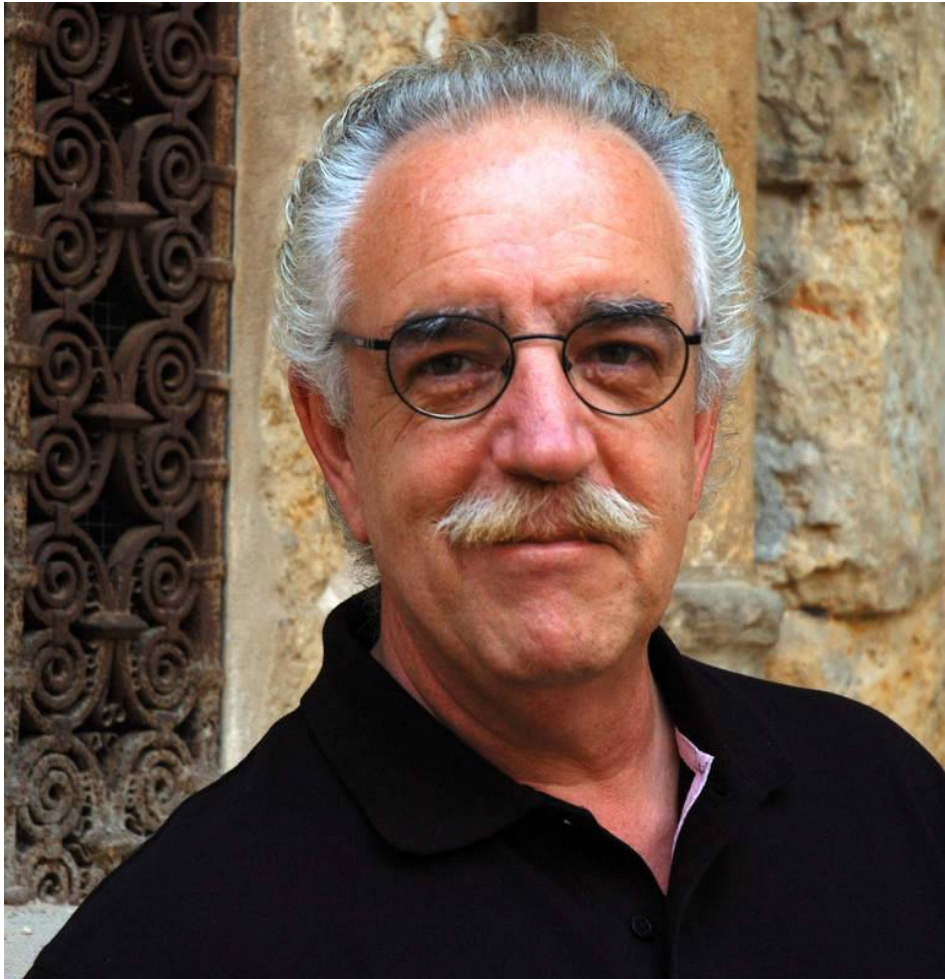


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❖ **Back in the past: León, February 12 1987.**



JUAN GARCÍA CAMPAL
First Ombudsman in Spain



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| UNIVERSITY | YEAR | UNIVERSITY | YEAR |
|----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| LEON | 1987 | CARLOS III DE MADRID | 2003 |
| BARCELONA | 1988 | REY JUAN CARLOS | 2003 |
| VALENCIA | 1989 | SALAMANCA | 2003 |
| CORDOBA | 1991 | ALCALÁ | 2004 |
| POLITÉCNICA DE VALENCIA | 1991 | CADIZ | 2004 |
| JAUME I DE CASTELLON | 1992 | CASTILLA-LA MANCHA | 2004 |
| GERONA | 1994 | POLITÉCNICA DE MADRID | 2004 |
| ROVIRA VIRGIL | 1994 | RAMÓN LLULL | 2004 |
| MURCIA | 1994 | IE UNIVERSIDAD SEGOVIA | 2004 |
| POLITÉCNICA DE CATALUNYA | 1995 | JAEN | 2005 |
| ALICANTE | 1995 | LA RIOJA | 2005 |
| LERIDA | 1996 | ZARAGOZA | 2005 |
| POMPEO FABRA | 1996 | OVIEDO | 2006 |
| SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA | 1996 | PABLO DE OLAVIDE SEVILLA | 2006 |
| A CORUÑA | 1997 | SAN PABLO CEU | 2006 |
| EUROPEA DE MADRID | 1999 | SEVILLA | 2006 |
| LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA | 1999 | ALMERÍA | 2007 |
| MÁLAGA | 1999 | EUROPEA MIGUEL DE CERVANTES | 2007 |
| MIGUEL HERNANDEZ | 1999 | POLITÉCNICA DE CARTAGENA | 2007 |
| AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID | 1999 | UNED | 2007 |
| VIGO | 1999 | OBERTA DE CATALUÑA | 2008 |
| AUTÓNOMA DE BARCELONA | 2000 | NEBRIJA | 2008 |
| COMPLUTENSE DE MADRID | 2000 | CATÓLICA DE VALENCIA | 2009 |
| HUELVA | 2000 | SAN JORGE | 2011 |
| ISLAS BALEARES | 2000 | EXTREMADURA | 2011 |
| CANTABRIA | 2001 | PAIS VASCO | 2011 |
| FRANCISCO DE VITORIA | 2003 | INTERNACIONAL DE CATALUÑA | 2012 |

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C.E.D.U. 2007

61 members

63 U.O.

15 do not have U.O.



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FUTURE CHALLENGES:

To struggle in this crisis time to maintain this tool to improve quality in the Higher Education System.



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