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He founded the Centre for Study of Sustainable Luxury, first initiative of its kind in the world with an academic/research profile. For his contributions in this field, he was granted the "Sustainable Leadership Award (academic category)," in February, 2015 in Mumbai (India) and he has a several publications in this area.

In the field of sustainable textiles and fashion, he founded the Centre for Sustainable Textile. He was guest co-editor for several publications in journals and books. Moreover, he was a renowned professor at different Latin American universities, and participated both as trainer and instructor in projects of the Inter-American Development Bank. Between 2012 and 2015, he was also a member of the Consulting Board of the "Future Fashion" Project of MISTRA (a Swedish government foundation that conducts research into environmental topics). He participated in the activity "Changing the World through Fashion," organised by the United Nations for the 4th Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

He is an active member of the Global Compact in Argentina –which is a United Nations initiative-, and was a member of its governance body –the Board of The Global Compact, Argentine Chapter - for two terms. He was also part of the task force that developed the "Management Responsible Education Principles" of the United Nations Global Compact. This task force was made up of over 55 renowned academics worldwide pertaining to top Business Schools.