

## JACOB LAGNADO

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An experienced researcher and writer, with research interests in Latin American migration, migrant employment and labour organisation, the migrant workplace, undocumented migrants, and legal issues in asylum claims. He is a trained and qualified translator and interpreter in Spanish, and has extensive experience in fieldwork coordination and qualitative research techniques. Since joining ICAR in 2007, he has conducted research on disabled refugees and asylum seekers, the delivery and quality of legal advice for asylum seekers in the UK, and written a number of briefing papers for the ICAR website.

### Employment

- Since 2007     **RESEARCH AND INFORMATION OFFICER**  
Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees, City University, London  
Recent research work includes
- A series of interviews with refugees, legal aid providers and immigration judges as part of research into the cost of high quality publicly-funded legal advice for asylum seekers in the context of recent legal aid funding and procurement reforms in the UK.
  - Policy and research briefing papers on Citizenship in the UK, Refugee Employment, and Disabled Refugees
- 2005-06     **TRANSLATOR AND INTERPRETER**  
Clare & Co Solicitors, London  
Working specifically on immigration and asylum legal work.
- 2004     **RESEARCHER AND FIELDWORK CO-ORDINATOR**  
University of California / Danish Social Science Research Council project 'A comparative study of mobility and transnational practices between Latin America and Europe', the largest ever survey of Colombians in the UK.
- 1999 – 2007     **FREELANCE TRANSLATOR AND INTERPRETER**  
For a variety of legal firms in London specialising in immigration and asylum cases.

### Qualifications and Training

- 2004     MSc Social Science Research Methods, Department of Geography, Open University  
2000     Diploma in Translation, Institute of Linguists, London  
1999     Diploma in Public Services Interpreting, Institute of Linguists, London  
1993     BA (Hons) Spanish & Latin American Studies with History, University of North London

## **Selected Publications**

Ward, K, Amas N and Lagnado J (2008) *Supporting disabled refugees and asylum seekers in London: opportunities for new approaches*. London: Metropolitan Support Trust.

Lagnado, J (2002) *Beyond Neutrality: the Translator-Interpreter and the Right to Asylum in Britain* in *Ikala* no.8. Medellin: University of Antioquia.

Lagnado, J (2000) *The Politics of Language in Colombia and Beyond* in *Ikala* no.6. Medellin: University of Antioquia.

Lagnado, J (1998) Translation (with introduction) of *A solas contigo Medellin* by Gonzalo Arango in *Ikala* no.2. Medellin: University of Antioquia.

Lagnado, J (1994) *The Peruvian experience of the 1980s* Radical Chains No.4 London.