Biographical Note of a Luminary in an area of Cyber

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ULC barcelona Jose R. Agustina is Associate Professor (accredited as a Full Professor) of Criminal Law and Criminology at UIC Barcelona. He is the Head of the Department of Criminal Law and director of the Master's program in Cybercrime and co-director of the Master's degree in Forensic Psychopathology. His research areas are at the interface between Criminal Law, Criminology and Criminal Policy, and include cybercrime and cybervictimization, white-collar and corporate crime, privacy issues, and criminological theories. He serves as Editor-in Chief of Actualidad Criminológica y Penal series, published by BdeF and Edisofer.

He has published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles both in Spanish and English on a variety of topics, such as Cyber Criminology theories, employee and business crime, CCTV and email monitoring at the workplace, Child-to-Parent and family violence, sexting, stalking, grooming and child pornography. His trilogy books El delito en la empresa (2010), Privacidad del trabajador versus prevención del delito en la empresa (2009), and El delito de descubrimiento y revelación de secretos en su aplicación al control del correo electrónico del trabajador (2009) offer an integrated view of criminological and legal issues in preventing crime within a company. Some of his most important publications are "Understanding Cyber Victimization: Digital Architectures and the Disinhibition Effect" (International Journal of Cyber Criminology, Vol 9 Issue 1 January – June 2015) and "Sexting: research criteria of a globalized social phenomenon" (Archives of Sexual Behavior, December 2012).

Apart from academia, Dr. Agustina served as a Judge and also as a Criminal Lawyer for some years. Working as a Lawyer or Consultant, he had experience in defending and prosecuting all aspects of criminal cases. He has particular expertise in privacy issues, cybercrime, corporate crime, and internal investigations. He has been Visiting Scholar at the Cambridge Institute of Criminology (UK), Pace Law School (US), Rutgers School of Law (US), and Texas State University School of Criminal Justice (US).