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Javier Martínez-Torrón (Córdoba, Spain, 1955) is Professor of Law (*Catedrático*) at Complutense University, Madrid (Spain) since 2000, where he has been Director of the Department of Law and Religion (2009-2017). Doctor of Law and Doctor of Canon Law. He obtained his first chair at the University of Granada, in 1993, where he was Director of the Area of Law and Religion (1993-2000), as well as the founder and first Director of the Seminar of Comparative Law (1997-2000). Visiting professor and researcher in numerous Universities of Spain, Europe, North-America, and Latin-America (among them Stanford, Cambridge, Oxford, Chicago, Columbia, Berkeley, Freiburg (Germany), Harvard, Saint-Louis, Ottawa, Turin, Messina, Haifa, UNAM (Mexico), Catholic University of Peru, and Catholic University of Chile. Since 2001, he teaches comparative law courses at the Summer Law Program of Saint Louis University (Madrid campus). He has lectured at more than ninety Universities or institutions in the five continents.

Vice-President of the Section of Canon Law and Church-State Relations of the Spanish Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation (1994). Honorary Foreign Member of the National Academy of Law and Social Sciences of Cordoba, Argentina (2014). Titular Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law (2019; Associate Member since 2002). Member (extraordinary) of the Latin-American Consortium for Religious Freedom (*Consortio Latinoamericano de Libertad Religiosa*, 2006). Member of the *steering committee* of ICLARS (*International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies*, 2016). Member of the Advisory Council of the *Cambridge Institute on Religion and International Studies*, Cambridge University (2016). Member of the Faculty and Fellows of the *Center for the Study of Law and Religion* (CLRS), Emory University, Atlanta (2016). Co-founder of the Spanish Association of Comparative Law (1996). Member of the Academic Advisory Board of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies at Brigham Young University (2006). Member of the Steering Committee of the Project “EuReSIS Net” (*European Studies on Religion and State Interaction*), funded by the Erasmus Program of the European Union (2006-2009). Member of the RELIGARE Project, funded by the European Commission, Directorate General for Research and Innovation (2010-2012). Member of the Advisory Board of the GRASSROOTSMOBILISE Project, funded by the European Research Council (2014-2018).

He has been a member of international and Spanish advisory bodies in the area of freedom of religion and ethics; in particular he has been a Member of the OSCE/ODIHR Advisory Council on Freedom of Religion of Belief (2005-2013), the Advisory Commission on Religious Freedom of the Spanish Ministry of Justice (2002-2014), and the Committee of Bioethics of the Autonomous Region of Madrid, Spain (2004-2008). He has consulted for the governments of Spain (Ministry of Justice), Mexico (National Commission of Human Rights) and France (MIVILUDES) on issues related to freedom of religion and belief.

He was a founding member of the Directive Board of the first Spanish legal periodical specifically focused on law and religion studies (*Anuario de Derecho Eclesiástico del Estado*, 1985). He is co-founder and co-editor of the *Revista General de Derecho Canónico y Derecho Eclesiástico del Estado* (2003), the first electronic legal periodical in Spain specialized on Church-State relations and canon law. He is also a member of the Editorial Board of the *Ecclesiastical Law Journal*, Cambridge University Press (2006), and of the *Oxford Journal of Law*

*and Religion*, Oxford University Press (2012); and member of the International Advisory Board of the *Revista Latinoamericana de Derecho y Religión* (Chile, 2015). He is external expert for the evaluation of projects and publications in the public agencies for University accreditation of Italy (Cineca), Chile (FONDECYT) and Greece (Apella).

He is the author of numerous books and articles, published in twenty-eight countries; in total, twenty-five books —as author, co-author or editor— and more than one hundred and thirty essays in legal periodicals or collective volumes. His writings have been published in Spanish, English, Italian, French, Russian, Lithuanian, Slovakian, Turkish, Chinese, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Polish and Catalan. His research is characterized by a predominant interest in comparative and international law issues, especially in the European and American environment. He is internationally recognized as an expert in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights on issues related to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. He has lectured on those themes in approximately one hundred and seventy international and national conferences or colloquia. In 2010 was the general rapporteur (with Prof. Cole Durham) of the theme “religion and the secular state” for the 18th Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law, in Washington DC.

His research has received support from different Spanish and foreign sources, among them the Fulbright Commission, the U.S.-Spanish Joint Committee for Educational and Cultural Cooperation, the Marie Curie-FRIAS (Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies) Programme, the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, the European Commission (DG Research and Innovation), the Spanish Ministry of Education and Culture, the Spanish Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Justice, the Autonomous Governments of Andalusia and Madrid (Spain), and Complutense University.

Among his most recent books are:

- *COVID-19 y libertad religiosa*, Iustel, Madrid, 2021.
- *Law, Religion, and Freedom: Conceptualizing a Common Right* (ed., with W.C. Durham y D. Thayer), Routledge, Abingdon, 2021.
- *Great Christian Jurists in Spanish History* (ed., with R. Domingo), Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2018.
- *Religion and Law in Spain*, 2d ed., Wolters-Kluwer, The Netherlands 2018, commissioned by the publishing company as part of its project International Encyclopædia of Laws.
- *Religion and the Secular State – La religion et l’Etat laïque* (ed., with W. Cole Durham Jr.), Servicio de Publicaciones de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad Complutense, 2015.
- *Tensiones entre libertad de expresión y libertad religiosa* (ed., with S. Cañamares), Tirant Lo Blanch, Valencia 2014.
- *Conflictos entre conciencia y ley. Las objeciones de conciencia* (2ª ed., in collaboration with R. Navarro-Valls), Iustel, Madrid, and Porrúa, Mexico, 2012, which contains what is likely the most complete study published so far on the issue of conflicts between law and conscience in international, comparative and Spanish law.
- *Religión, matrimonio y derecho ante el siglo XXI. Estudios en homenaje al Profesor Rafael Navarro-Valls* (ed., with S. Meseguer & R. Palomino), Iustel, Madrid 2013.

Among his other books are:

- *La libertad religiosa y su regulación legal. La Ley Orgánica de Libertad Religiosa* (ed., with R. Navarro-Valls & J. Mantecón), Iustel, Madrid 2009.
- *Estado y religión en la Constitución Española y en la Constitución Europea* (Editor), Ed. Comares, Granada 2005.
- *Los testigos de Jehová y la cuestión de los honores a la Bandera en México*, Comisión Nacional de Derechos Humanos, México 2000 (which reproduces a large report requested by the Mexican Commission on Human Rights and constituted the ground for a change of the Commission's policy with regard to the objection of Jehovah's Witnesses to the flag salute in public schools).
- *Religión, derecho y sociedad*, Comares, Granada 1999.
- *La libertad religiosa y de conciencia ante la justicia constitucional* (ed.), Comares, Granada 1998.
- *Anglo-American Law and Canon Law. Canonical Roots of the Common law*, Duncker & Humblot, Berlin 1998, published within the collection of studies of comparative legal history directed by Helmut Coing & Knut W. Nörr.
- *Le obiezioni di coscienza. Profili di diritto comparato* (with Rafael Navarro-Valls), Giappichelli, Torino 1995 (Arturo Carlo Jemolo Award).
- *Separatismo y cooperación en los acuerdos del Estado con las minorías religiosas*, Comares, Granada 1994.
- *Tratado de Derecho eclesiástico* (co-author), with the chapter *La protección internacional de la libertad religiosa*, Eunsa, Pamplona 1994.

A detailed c.v., with a complete list of publications and other activities, can be found in:

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