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Jordi Garcés is Professor of Social Policy at the University of Valencia, Doctor of Political Science and Public Administration from the University of Granada and Doctor *Honoris Causa* by the University of Chimbote in the Republic of Peru.

Over the past 25 years he has worked at the University of Valencia in teaching, research and management. His teaching experience started in 1985 on topics related to administration and public policy, political ideology and welfare. He currently directs the Master's Degree in Social Welfare of the University of Valencia. He has also made several stays as guest researcher at international universities such as Kent and Oxford (UK), University of New York (USA), University of Mar de Plata (Argentina), Superior Institute of Health Sciences (Portugal), University of Innsbruck (Austria).

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During his career he has written over 100 publications, including books, scientific articles and book chapters.

One of his latest books is *Readings of the social sustainability theory* (Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia 2011), which contains articles that provide a scientific basis for the Theory of Social Sustainability, especially regarding long-term care, and for ability of welfare states to respond to social and health needs.