

DAVID HAMMERSTEIN MINTZ

Languages: Fluent in written and spoken English, Spanish and Catalan. Varying levels of oral proficiency in Italian, Hebrew and French.

Education: He holds a degree in sociology with highest honors from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

WORK: David Hammerstein has been working since 2015 as a civil society advocate for the Commons Network, a small German NGO with offices in Berlin and Brussels of which he is co-founder that focusses on the defense of the knowledge commons and access to medicines. He also works as an advocate for the World Blind Union and the European Blind Union on issues of disability rights. From 2010 to 2015 he worked as a senior advocacy officer in Brussels for the Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue, platform of over 60 transatlantic consumer and citizens organizations, on EU and UN policy issues related to access to knowledge and access to medicines. He was born in Los Angeles, USA in 1955. He has lived and worked in Spain since 1978 as a secondary teacher in a British International School - "Los Olivos" (of which he is a co-owner), a translator, an environmental policy advisor and as a green politician. From 2004-2009 he was elected Member of the European Parliament where he was a member of its Industry, Research and Energy Committee where he specialized in issues related to scientific and academic research and innovation. He also was the spokesperson for the Greens on the EP Petitions Committee that defends citizens rights. Since 2010 he maintains no political party affiliation and focusses on paid and voluntary civil society commitments in fields of health, environment and disability rights.

Publications and social media:

He has published hundreds of articles in Spanish, English and Catalan in daily press, journals, blogs and other publications. He has appeared in many major dailies, radio and television programs, as well as documentary films on access to medicines and secondary effects (such as "Medical Research: Houston, we have a problem" or "Cause of death unknown"). He has published dozens of blogs, policy papers and articles on scientific transparency, access to medicine, intellectual property rights, clinical trials, open access and copyright. In 2009 he published the book "Europa verde

de la A a la Z. Apuntes de un Ecologista en el Parlamento Europeo" (in Spanish). In 2012 he published the policy paper "Time for the EU to lead on innovation. EU policy opportunities for biomedical innovation and the promotion of public knowledge good". In 2015 he published the policy paper "A commons approach to EU knowledge policy", in 2017 he published "EU policy opportunities from a commons perspective". Later this year he will publish a new policy document on "EU access to medicine and biomedical policies from a commons perspective".

He maintains his own personal blog davidhammerstein.com, commonsnetwork.eu his web page davidhammerstein.org and has maintained a blog at tacd-ip.org and contributes frequently to other webs, magazines and newspapers both in English and Spanish. He is very active on Twitter @DaHammerstein and has an active Facebook page, both of which only contain non-personal content.