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## Research Interests

**International Relations:** International and regional orders, sovereignty, international norms, international status, international conflict, historical IR

**Comparative Politics:** Latin American politics, state formation, state capacity, historical institutionalism, institutional change

**Methods:** Comparative-historical analysis (process tracing, QCA) and network analysis

## Academic Positions

July 2025–Current	<b>Northwestern University</b> Editorial Assistant, <i>Perspectives on Politics</i>	Evanston, USA
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## Education

2022–Current	<b>Northwestern University</b> Ph.D. in Political Science M.A. in Political Science	Evanston, USA *2028 2025
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Dissertation: “Fighting for Recognition: the Latin American Roots of International Sovereignty”

Advisor: James Mahoney

2018–2020	<b>Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul</b> M.A. in International Strategic Studies Advisor: Marco Cepik	Porto Alegre, Brazil 2020
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2013–2018	<b>Federal University of Santa Maria</b> B.A. in International Relations Advisor: Igor Castellano da Silva	Santa Maria, Brazil 2018
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2020	<b>University of São Paulo</b> Visiting Student, Ph.D. Program in Political Science	São Paulo, Brazil
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2025	<b>Syracuse University</b> Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)	Syracuse, USA
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## Honors & Awards

2025	Marvin & Carol Soroos Research and Travel Award	\$6000
2025	International Pre-Dissertation Award, Buffett Institute of Global Affairs	\$6000
2024	Minar Memorial Summer Awards, Northwestern University	\$1100
2024	LACS Graduate Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University	\$935
2022	Mellon Cluster Fellow, Comparative Historical Social Sciences	\$1000

## Selected Publications

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

- [4] Jungs De Almeida, Alessandra, and **Ana Luiza Vedovato**. 2023. “As Relações Internacionais Para Além Das Universidades: A Comunicação Da Área Por Meio Da Educação Popular.” *Caminho Aberto: Revista de Extensão do IFSC*, 17 (April):1–24. <https://doi.org/10.35700/2359-0599.2023.17.3464>
- [3] **Vedovato, Ana Luiza**, and Igor Castellano da Silva. 2022. “Brazil’s lost pathway to regional hegemony: structural changes in the South American regional system (1810–2010s)”. *Colombia Internacional*, 111:171-199. [doi:10.7440/colombiaint111.2022.07](https://doi.org/10.7440/colombiaint111.2022.07)
- [2] **Vedovato, Ana Luiza**, and Igor Castellano da Silva. 2019. “The state as the unit of analysis in regional systems: effects on the systemic structure of South America” *Revista Debates*, 13(1):195-222. (in Portuguese). [doi:10.22456/1982-5269.88730](https://doi.org/10.22456/1982-5269.88730)
- [1] Ayres Pinto, Danielle Jacon, and **Ana Luiza Vedovato**. 2016. “Regional Integration and Brazil’s influence in the South American region”. *JANUS-NET, e-journal of International Relations*, 17(1):144-145. (in Portuguese)

### Edited Books

- [2] Jungs de Almeida, Alessandra, and **Ana Luiza Vedovato** et al. (ed.). 2025. [Feminist Security Studies from Latin America and the Caribbean](#). Florianópolis: Federal University of Santa Catarina. (in Spanish).
- [1] Ayres Pinto, Danielle Jacon, and **Ana Luiza Vedovato** et al. (ed.). 2018. [Contemporary International Politics: themes and debates](#). Macapá: UNIFAP. (in Portuguese).

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

- [1] **Vedovato, Ana Luiza**; Júlio César Cossio Rodriguez, and Julio Werle Berwaldt. 2020. “Material Capabilities, Defense Industry, and International Insertion”. In: [Poles of Defense and Security: State, Institutions and Innovation](#). Santa Maria: Editora UFSM, pp. 135–152. (in Portuguese).

## Research Experience

2016–2025	<b>Research Group on State Capacity, Security and Defense (GECAP)</b> Federal University of Santa Maria Research Fellow (2020–2025). Co-investigator in the projects: “War, State Building and Systemic Change: Theories and Cases in the Global South” and “QCA and Latin America Foreign Policies”	Santa Maria, Brazil
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## Teaching Experience

2023–Current	<b>Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University</b> <i>Politics of Latin America</i> , Professor Edward Gibson <i>Introduction to International Relations</i> , Professor Dani Gilbert <i>American Government and Politics</i> , Professor Chloe Thurston <i>Introduction to International Relations</i> , Professor Ian Hurd <i>Globalization</i> , Professor Steve Nelson <i>Public Opinion and Voting Behavior</i> , Professor Julie Merseth	Spring 2025 Winter 2025 Fall 2024 Spring 2024 Winter 2024 Fall 2023
2019	<b>Teaching Assistant, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul</b> <i>Thematic Seminars: Latin American Politics</i> , Professor Marco Cepik	Fall 2019
2016–2018	<b>Instructor, Alternativa Pre-College Program</b> <i>Topics in International Relations</i>	
2015–2017	<b>Teaching Assistant, Federal University of Santa Maria</b> <i>IR Seminar: International Security</i> , Professor Igor Castellano <i>International Relations and Film Criticism</i> , Professor Danielle Ayres	Fall 2017 Fall 2015

## Academic Service

2024–2025	<b>Center for International and Area Studies, Northwestern University</b> Graduate Coordinator, Comparative Historical Social Sciences Cluster
2023–2025	<b>English Language Programs (ELP), Northwestern University</b> Mentor for Incoming International Students
2022–2024	<b>Brazilian Students Association (BRASA)</b>
2019–2024	<b>Mentoring Program for International Relations Students (PROMERI)</b>

## Recent Talks & Conferences

- 2025 “The Logic of Narrative Analysis” (with James Mahoney and Talia Rueschemeyer-Bailey) *Advances in Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Workshop*; Syracuse, USA.  
“Coercion, Cohesion, and the formation of the Latin American nation-state” *82nd Annual MPSA Conference*; Chicago, USA.  
“Ordering wars: a typology and framework of the relationship between war and international orders” *66th ISA Annual Convention*; Chicago, USA.
- 2024 “Ordering wars: a typology and framework of the relationship between war and international orders” *120th APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition*; Philadelphia, USA.  
“The autonomy trap: the dilemma of Latin American status-seeking strategies”  
“Exit to Exist: the international dimension of Latin American wars of independence” *ISA2024 - International Studies Association 65th Annual Convention*; San Francisco, USA.  
“The autonomy trap: the dilemma of Latin American status-seeking strategies” *AQCA Conference*; Evanston, USA.
- 2023 “Framing Orders Through Bridges: the concept of International Order and metatheories of IR”  
“Moving up the ranks: Material Capabilities, Defense Industry, and International Status” *ISA2023 - International Studies Association 64th Annual Convention*; Montreal, Canada.
- 2021 “Building Order from Chaos: war and regional order in Latin America” *Ohio State University Graduate Immersion Conference*; Virtual.  
“Building Order from Chaos: war and regional order in Latin America” *LASA2021 - Latin American Studies Association Conference*; Virtual.  
“Building Order from Chaos: the effects of war on the Latin America regional order” *ISA2021 - International Studies Association 62th Annual Convention*; Virtual.

## Additional Information

### Institutional Membership

American Political Science Association (APSA); International Studies Association (ISA); Latin American Studies Association (LASA); Brazilian Association for International Relations (ABRI)

### Computational Skills

Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator (advanced); ArcGIS (basic); fsQCA (intermediate); Gephi (intermediate);  $\text{\LaTeX}$  (intermediate); Microsoft Office suite (advanced); NVIVO (basic); R (basic); UCINET (intermediate)

### Languages

Portuguese (native); English (fluent); Spanish (intermediate)