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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	Northwestern University Editorial Assistant, <i>Perspectives on Politics</i>	Evanston, USA
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Education

2022–Current	Northwestern University 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	Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul M.A. in International Strategic Studies Advisor: Marco Cepik	Porto Alegre, Brazil 2020
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2013–2018	Federal University of Santa Maria B.A. in International Relations Advisor: Igor Castellano da Silva	Santa Maria, Brazil 2018
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2020	University of São Paulo Visiting Student, Ph.D. Program in Political Science	São Paulo, Brazil
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2025	Syracuse University Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)	Syracuse, USA
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Honors & Awards

2025	Graduate Teaching Fellow, Searle Center	\$3000
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	Research Group on State Capacity, Security and Defense (GECAP) 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	Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University <i>Global Development</i> , Professor James Mahoney <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	Fall 2025 Spring 2025 Winter 2025 Fall 2024 Spring 2024 Winter 2024 Fall 2023
2019	Teaching Assistant, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul <i>Thematic Seminars: Latin American Politics</i> , Professor Marco Cepik	Fall 2019
2016–2018	Instructor, Alternativa Pre-College Program <i>Topics in International Relations</i>	
2015–2017	Teaching Assistant, Federal University of Santa Maria <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

2025–Current	Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching Teaching Fellow & Chair, Political Science Teaching Committee	
2024–2025	Center for International and Area Studies, Northwestern University Graduate Coordinator, Comparative Historical Social Sciences Cluster	
2023–2025	English Language Programs (ELP), Northwestern University Mentor for Incoming International Students	
2022–2024	Brazilian Students Association (BRASA)	
2019–2024	Mentoring Program for International Relations Students (PROMERI)	

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); \LaTeX (intermediate); Microsoft Office suite (advanced); NVIVO (basic); R (basic); UCINET (intermediate)

Languages

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