

EDUCATION

- Northwestern University, US** 2022 – Current
Ph.D. in Political Science
Advisor: James Mahoney
- Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Brazil** 2018 – 2020
M.A. in International Strategic Studies
Thesis: [The effects of war on regional order formation: analytical problems and evidence from Latin America](#).
Advisor: Marco Cepik
- Federal University of Santa Maria (UFSM), Brazil** 2013 – 2018
B.A. in International Relations
Thesis: [Regional order in South America: changes and systemic causes \(1810-2010\)](#) (in Portuguese).
Advisor: Igor Castellano da Silva
- University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil** 2020
Visiting Student: Ph.D. Program in Political Science

SUBFIELDS & RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **International Relations:** International and regional orders, systems theories, systemic change, status, hierarchies, international conflict, material capabilities, state formation, historical IR
- **Comparative Politics:** Latin American politics, state formation, state capacity, political economy
- **Methods:** Comparative-historical analysis (process tracing, QCA) and network analysis

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed publications

4. Jungs de Almeida, A. & **Vedovato, A. L.** (2023) [“International Relations Beyond the University Environment: Popular Education as a Method for Communicating the Field”](#). *Caminho Aberto: Revista de Extensão do IFSC*, 17:1-24. (in Portuguese). doi:10.7440/colombiant111.2022.07
3. **Vedovato, A. L.**, & Castellano da Silva, I. (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/colombiant111.2022.07
2. **Vedovato, A. L.**, & Castellano da Silva, I. (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
1. Ayres Pinto, D. J. & **Vedovato, A. L.** (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, A.; **Vedovato, A. L.** et al. (ed.). (2025). *Feminist Security Studies from Latin America and the Caribbean*. Florianópolis: Federal University of Santa Catarina. (in Spanish).
1. Ayres Pinto, D. J., **Vedovato, A. L.**, de Souza, E. A., Lunkes, D. S., & Bravo, J. S. (2018). [Contemporary International Politics: themes and debates](#). Macapá: UNIFAP. (in Portuguese).

Chapters in edited volumes

2. **Vedovato, A. L.**, Rodriguez, J. C. C., Berwaldt, J. W. (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).
1. **Vedovato, A. L.**, & Ayres Pinto, D. J. (2018). “Smart Power Dimensions in South America: the leadership role of Brazil in regional integration”. In: [Contemporary International Politics: themes and debates](#). Macapá: UNIFAP, pp. 252–273. (in Portuguese).

Other publications

1. Vedovato, A. L., & Abnedur, A. E. (2016). Interview: “Women, International Relations and their participation in International Peace, Security and Defense”. *Revista InterAção*, 10(201):8-15. (in Portuguese). doi:10.5902/2357797527468

WORK IN PROGRESS

Submitted

2. Rodriguez, J. C. C., Vedovato, A. L. “Underbalancing in South America: A Neoclassical Realist Interpretation of the Foreign Relations of Argentina and Brazil (1964-2014)”.
1. Castellano da Silva, I., Vedovato, A. L., & Mallmann, A. L. “Framing Orders Through Bridges: the concept of International Order and metatheories of International Relations”.

In preparation

5. Vedovato, A. L. Exit to exist: the international dimension of Latin American wars of independence.
4. Vedovato, A. L., Rodriguez, J. C. C., Berwaldt, J. W. “Moving up the ranks: Material Capabilities, Defense Industry, and International Status in the cases of the US, India, and Brazil”.
3. Vedovato, A. L., Rodriguez, J. C. C. “The autonomy trap: the dilemma of Latin American status-seeking strategies”.
2. Jungs de Almeida, A., Vedovato, A. L. “Women’s activism in Liberia: civil war mediation and the peacebuilding process”.
1. Vedovato, A. L. “Building Order from Chaos: War and Regional Order in Latin America”.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Group on State Capacity, Security and Defense - GECAP 2016 – 2025

Department of Economics and International Relations, Federal University of Santa Maria

Santa Maria, Brazil

- Research Fellow (2020 – Current). 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”

Graduate Program in International Strategic Studies - PPGEI/UFRGS 2018 – 2020

School of Economic Sciences, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul

Porto Alegre, Brazil

- Graduate Research Student in Professor Marco Cepik’s project “International Security: Structure, Context and Dynamics”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University 2023 – Current

- *Politics of Latin America*, Professor Edward Gibson (Spring 2025)
- *Introduction to International Relations*, Professor Dani Gilbert (Winter 2025)
- *American Government and Politics*, Professor Chloe Thurston (Fall 2024)
- *Introduction to International Relations*, Professor Ian Hurd (Spring 2024)
- *Globalization*, Professor Steve Nelson (Winter 2024)
- *Public Opinion and Voting Behavior*, Professor Julie Merseth (Fall 2023)

Mentor/Advisor, English Language Programs, Northwestern University (ELP-NU) 2023 – 2024

Mentor/Advisor, Brazilian Students Association (BRASA) 2022 – 2024

Mentor/Advisor, Mentoring Program for International Relations Students (PROMERI) 2019 – 2024

Teaching Assistant, UFRGS, “Thematic Seminars: Latin American Politics” 2019

Instructor, Alternativa Pre-College Program, “Topics in International Relations” 2016 – 2018

Teaching Assistant, Federal University of Santa Maria (UFSM) 2017

- *International Relations Seminar: International Security*, Professor Igor Castellano (2017)
- *International Relations and Film Criticism*, Professor Danielle Ayres (2015)

RECENT CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS

- “Ordering wars: a typology and framework of the relationship between war and international orders”. 2024
(author, speaker) 120th APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition – Philadelphia, US
- “Exit to Exist: the international dimension of Latin American wars of independence”. 2024
(author, speaker) ISA2024 - International Studies Association 65th Annual Convention – San Francisco, US
- “The autonomy trap: the dilemma of Latin American status-seeking strategies”. 2024
(author, speaker) ISA2024 - International Studies Association 65th Annual Convention – San Francisco, US
- “The autonomy trap: the dilemma of Latin American status-seeking strategies”. 2024
(author, speaker) AQCA Conference – Evanston, US
- “Moving up the ranks: Material Capabilities, Defense Industry, and International Status”. 2023
(author, speaker) ISA2023 - International Studies Association 64th Annual Convention – Montreal, Canada
- “Framing Orders Through Bridges: the concept of International Order and metatheories of IR”. 2023
(author, speaker) ISA2023 - International Studies Association 64th Annual Convention – Montreal, Canada
- “Building Order from Chaos: war and regional order in Latin America”. 2021
(author, speaker) Ohio State University Graduate Immersion Conference 2021 – Virtual
- “Building Order from Chaos: war and regional order in Latin America”. 2021
(author, speaker) LASA2021 - Latin American Studies Association Conference – Virtual
- “Building Order from Chaos: the effects of war on the Latin America regional order”. 2021
(author, speaker) ISA2021 - International Studies Association 62th Annual Convention – Virtual
- Panel: “State, War and Grand Strategy”. 2019
(chair) LASA2019 - Latin American Studies Association Conference – Boston, US
- “Regional Order in South America: changes and systemic causes (1810-2010)”. 2019
(author, speaker) LASA2019 - Latin American Studies Association Conference – Boston, US
- “New Regionalism and it’s structural meanings”. 2019
(author) ISA2019 - International Studies Association 60th Annual Convention – Toronto, Canada

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- Student Coordinator, Comparative Historical Social Sciences (CHSS) Cluster, Northwestern University 2024–
Minar Memorial Summer Awards, Northwestern University 2024
- LACS Graduate Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University 2024
- Mellon Cluster Fellowship in Comparative Historical Social Sciences, Northwestern University 2022
- Approved in 2nd place, Ph.D. Program in Political Science, USP 2021
- Honor thesis (Pass with Distinction), M.A. in International Strategic Studies, UFRGS 2020
- Graduate Research Scholarship (CAPES), Brazilian Ministry of Education 2018 – 2020
- Travel Grant, Latin America Studies Association (LASA2019 Boston) 2019
- Best Paper Award, II International Political Science Seminar (SICP-UFRGS) 2018
- Honor undergraduate thesis (Pass with Distinction), B.A. in International Relations, UFSM 2017
- Approved in 1st place, M.A. in International Strategic Studies, UFRGS 2017
- Undergraduate Research Fellowship, UFSM 2016 – 2017
- Approved in 1st place, B.A. in International Relations, UFSM 2013

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Institutional Membership

American Political Science Association (2023 –); International Studies Association (2018 –); Latin American Studies Association (2016 –); Brazilian Association for International Relations (2015 –)

Computer 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 (advanced); Spanish (intermediate)