

# Elías Chavarría-Mora

## Curriculum vitae

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Department of Political Science  
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## Academic appointments

Currently    Lecturer, Political Science, University of Costa Rica

## Education

Currently    Ph.D. candidate, Political Science, University of Pittsburgh  
Committee: Scott Morgenstern (chair), Barry Ames, José Antonio Cheibub, Ignacio Arana-Araya  
Concentrations: Comparative Politics and Political Behavior

2020        Master of Arts, Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

2017        Licentiate (with honors), Political Science, University of Costa Rica

2015        Bachelor, Political Science, University of Costa Rica

## Publications

### Peer-reviewed journal articles

- [1] **Chavarría-Mora, Elías**; Chen, Chuang; Gonzalez-Rostani, Valentina and Morgenstern, Scott. 2024. Moral and Economic Dimensions of Ideology: Evidence from Latin American Political Elites. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. doi:10.1111/lsq.12476

- [2] Barragán Manjón, Mélanie and **Chavarría-Mora, Elías**. 2024. Del bipartidismo a la fragmentación extrema: la atomización del sistema de partidos en Costa Rica [From bipartisanship to extreme fragmentation: The atomization of the Costa Rican party system]. *Revista Mexicana de Análisis Político y Administración Pública*, 12(24): 59-100. doi: 10.15174/remap.v12i24.409
- [3] **Chavarría-Mora, Elías**. 2023. Una revisión histórica y planteamiento de una definición sintética del concepto “Ideología” [A historical revision and proposal of a synthetic definition of the concept "Ideology"]. *Revista De Filosofía De La Universidad De Costa Rica*, 62(164): 11–21. doi: 10.15517/revfil.2023.53613
- [4] **Chavarría-Mora, Elías**. 2023. Análisis computacional del uso de Twitter durante los debates presidenciales del 2022 en Costa Rica [Computational analysis of the use of Twitter during the 2022 presidential debates in Costa Rica]. *Anuario Centro De Investigación Y Estudios Políticos*, (14): 35–60. doi: 10.15517/aciep.v0i14.54481
- [5] **Chavarría-Mora, Elías** and Angell, Katie. 2023. Shifting Positions: Party Positions and Political Manifestos in Costa Rica. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 65(1): 1-21. doi: 10.1017/lap.2022.34
- [6] **Chavarría Mora, Elías**. 2022. Una mirada cantonal mediante estadística espacial al efecto del desarrollo humano sobre el apoyo electoral en la segunda ronda de la elección presidencial de 2018 [A County look, by means of spatial statistics, of the effect of human development on electoral support in the runoff of the 2018 presidential elections]. *Revista de Derecho Electoral*, 33. (January-June.): 81-90. doi: 10.35242/RDE\_2022\_22\_33\_5
- [7] Pignataro, Adrián; Treminio, Ilka and **Chavarría-Mora, Elías**. 2021. Democracia, Apoyo Ciudadano y Nuevas Generaciones Frente al Retroceso Democrático en Centroamérica [Democracy, Citizen Support, and New Generations in the Face of Democratic Backsliding in Central America]. *Anuario de Estudios Centroamericanos*, 47: 1-30. doi: 10.15517/aeca.v47i0.49734
- [8] **Chavarría-Mora, Elías**. 2019. Statism, Emancipation and the Left: Understanding Unconventional Political Participation in Costa Rica. *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública*, 8(1): 127-163. doi:10.14201/rlop.22344
- [9] **Chavarría Mora, Elías**. 2014. Relación Entre Desarrollo Humano y Abstencionismo a Nivel Local en Costa Rica para las Elecciones del 2010 [Relationship between human development and abstentionism at the local level in Costa Rica for the 2010 elections]. *Revista de Derecho Electoral*, 18. (July-December.): 471-482.

## Book reviews

- [1] **Chavarría-Mora, Elías**. 2023. Review of *Élites, radicalismo y democracia: Un estudio comparado sobre América Latina*. *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, 115, Rev. 2. doi: 10.32992/erlacs.10973
- [2] **Chavarría-Mora, Elías**. 2020. La(s) derecha(s): ¿ayer, hoy y siempre?. *Revista CIDOB d'Afers Internacionals*, 126: 261-264. doi: 10.24241/rcai.2020.126.3.261

- [3] **Chavarría Mora, Elías.** 2018. Pignataro, A. and Cascante, M. J. (2018). Los Electorados de la Democracia Costarricense: Percepciones Ciudadanas y Participación en Torno a las Elecciones Nacionales de 2014 [The Electorates of the Costa Rican Democracy: Citizens perception and Participation with regards to the national elections of 2014]. Costa Rica: IFED-CIEP. Anuario Centro de Investigación y Estudios Políticos, 8: 169-172.

### Professional reports

- [1] **Chavarría Mora, Elías.** 2021. Voto nominal y coherencia en votaciones en la Asamblea Legislativa 2018-2019 [Nominal vote and voting coherence in the Legislative Assembly 2018-2019]. San José: Programa Estado de la Nación.
- [2] Achoy Sánchez, José Mario; Zumbado Bárboza, María Fernanda; **Chavarría Mora, Elías** and Gómez Campos, Steffan. 2018. Estado Actual de los Controles Legales a las Conductas Indebidas en la Administración Pública [Current Affair of Legal Controls for Inappropriate Conducts in Public Administration] San José: Programa Estado de la Nación.
- [3] Gómez Campos, Steffan and **Chavarría Mora, Elías.** 2018. Análisis Ideológico y de Concreción de los Programas de Gobiernos en las Elecciones 2018 [Ideological and Concretization Analysis of Party Manifestos for the 2018 Elections] San José: Programa Estado de la Nación.

### Awards, honors, grants and fellowships

2022	Arts and Sciences Graduate Students Organization Travel Grant. Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh. \$200.
2021-2022	Don Lavoie Fellowship. Mercatus Center at George Mason University. \$1200.
2020	Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship. Department of Political Science, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pittsburgh. \$3000.
2019	Travel to Professional Meetings Fund. Center for Latin American Studies, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh. \$500.
2018	Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship. Center for Latin American Studies, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh. \$18 450 plus tuition and \$1 000 book allowance.
2014	International Summer School Scholarship. University of Oslo. \$3870.

## Invited talks

- 2023      Panoramas Roundtable: Personal Data Protection Laws in the Latin American and Caribbean Region. Center for Latin American Studies, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh. March 1.
- 2020      Ventanas a la Política Internacional: Dimensiones Ideológicas de la Protesta en América Latina. Department of Political Science. University of Costa Rica. September 9.

## Conferences

### Papers presented

- 2024      Elections, Public Policy, and Media Papers Workshop. The Institute for Humane Studies. Austin, Texas, United States.
- 2024      Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, United States.
- 2024      Academic Research Symposium on Democracy and On-line Speech. The Institute for Humane Studies. Washington, DC, United States. (Only attendance).
- 2023      I Encuentro Centroamericano de Comunicación Política. Universidad de Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica.
- 2023      Parliamentary Elites in Latin America Observatory (PELA-USAL) Workshop. Institute of Iberoamérica, University of Salamanca; University of Pittsburgh and Legislative Studies Quarterly. Salamanca, Spain.
- 2022      Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Chicago, United States.
- 2021      Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference. Virtual.
- 2021      Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh. Virtual.
- 2020      World Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference. Virtual.
- 2019      Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencia Política. Monterrey, Mexico.
- 2019      Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, United States.
- 2019      Grad Expo, University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, United States.

2015	Congreso Centroamericano de Ciencias Políticas. San José, Costa Rica.
2014	Jornadas de Investigación en Ciencias Políticas, University of Costa Rica. San José, Costa Rica.

## Teaching

### Instructor on record

University of Costa Rica

2024	RP3121: International Politics, second semester.
2024	SP1582: Political Culture and National Identities (MA program), second semester.

University of Pittsburgh

2021	PS0300: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Summer.
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### Teaching assistant

University of Pittsburgh

2024	PS0600: Political Theory. Instructor on Record: Michael Goodhart, Spring.
2023	PS0200: Introduction to American Politics. Instructor on Record: Tony E. Carey, Jr., Fall.
2023	PS0600: Political Theory. Instructor on Record: Michael Goodhart, Spring.
2022	PS0600: Political Theory. Instructor on Record: Michael MacKenzie, Fall.
2022	PS1591: Conflict and War Analysis. Analytical TA. Instructor on Record: Huseyin Ilgaz, Spring.
2022	PS1216: Modern Civil Rights in American Politics. Analytical TA. Instructor on Record: Meridith Long, Spring.
2021	PS0300: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Instructor on Record: Iza Ding Yue, Fall.

- 2020 PS0300: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Instructor on Record: Pablo Fernandez-Vasquez, Spring.

## Research assistant

- 2021 Carmelo Mesa-Lago. Assistant for the ECLAC publication "Pensiones de capitalización individual en América Latina: Efectos, reformas, impacto del COVID-19 y propuestas de política"
- 2020-2021 Aníbal Pérez-Liñan. Editor's Assistant, Latin American Research Review.
- 2019 Barry Ames, University of Pittsburgh. Graduate.
- 2017-2018 Steffan Gomez Campos, Programa Estado de la Nación, Consejo Nacional de Rectores. RA in in charge of publishing the Fortalecimiento de la Democracia (Strengthening of Democracy) chapter of the Informe Estado de la Nación (The State of the Nation Report).
- 2015 Adrián Pignataro, Centro de Investigación y Estudios Políticos, University of Costa Rica. Undergraduate.

## Fieldwork

- 2022 Parliamentary Elites in Latin America Observatory (PELA-USAL), Institute of Iberoamerica, University of Salamanca. Part of the team that interviewed legislators from the 2022-2024 Costa Rican Legislative Assembly for the PELA-USAL database.
- 2014 Parliamentary Elites in Latin America Observatory (PELA-USAL), Institute of Iberoamerica, University of Salamanca. Part of the team that interviewed legislators from the 2014-2018 Costa Rican Legislative Assembly for the PELA-USAL database.

## Consulting

- 2022 Voz y Voto, AmeliaRueda.com. Political consultant for the development of an ideological positioning app. Development of a questionnaire for measuring ideological positioning and the use of statistical dimension reduction of data techniques for its analysis.
- 2022 Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, sede México. External evaluator of the program "Master in Comparative Public Policy".

## **Additional training**

2024	IBM Machine Learning Professional Specialization, IBM on Coursera. Certificate earned at May 27.
2022	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Rutgers University. June 20 to July 1.
2014	International Summer School, University of Oslo. Course ISSV1753 – The Norwegian Welfare State and Course ISSV1850 – Scandinavian Government and Politics. June 21 to August 1.

## **Languages**

- Spanish: Native.
- English: Fluent. CPE - Certificate of Proficiency in English C2. TOEFL iBT 118/120.
- German: Conversational. Goethe-Zertifikat B1.

## **Software**

- Word processing and presentation: Microsoft Office, LibreOffice, LaTeX.
- Statistics: SPSS, Stata.
- Programming: R, Python
- Survey: Limesurvey, Qualtrics.
- Convenience sample recruitment: MTurk.

## **Service**

- Peer-reviewer for the following journals: International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Revista Internacional de Sociología (Spain), Anuario Centro De Investigación Y Estudios Políticos (Costa Rica), Cuadernos de Antropología (Costa Rica).
- Judge in the Politics and International Relations category in The Global Undergraduate Awards 2021 Programme.
- External peer reviewer for project proposal. Public Health Department, University of Costa Rica, 2019.

## **Professional associations**

- Colegio de Profesionales en Ciencias Políticas y Relaciones Internacionales (Costa Rica): ID 1449.