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Curriculum vitae

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Academic appointments

2024- Lecturer, Political Science, University of Costa Rica
Currently

Education

2025 Doctor of Philosophy, 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**. 2025. (Lack of) Patterns in Commitment: Data Protection in the Latin American and Caribbean Personal Data Protection Laws. *Social Media + Society*, 11(2). doi: 10.1177/20563051251337206
- [2] **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
- [3] Barragán Manjón, Mélanie and **Chavarría-Mora, Elías**. 2023. 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
- [4] **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
- [5] **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
- [6] **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
- [7] **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
- [8] 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
- [9] **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
- [10] **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

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| 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. |

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| 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

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| 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

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| 2024 | The Future of Social Media Governance online research discussion. The Institute for Humane Studies. Online |
| 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. |

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| 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-Present Quantitative Political Analysis I, Comparative Method, Political ideologies in Latin America and Costa Rica, International Politics, Political Culture and National Identities (MA program).

University of Pittsburgh

2021 Introduction to Comparative Politics.

Teaching assistant

University of Pittsburgh

2020-2024 Introduction to Comparative Politics, Modern Civil Rights in American Politics, Conflict and War Analysis, Political Theory, Introduction to American Politics.

Research assistant

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| 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

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| 2022 | Parliamentary Elites in Latin America Observatory (PELA-USAL), Institute of Iberoamérica, University of Salamanca. Part of the team that interviewed legislators from the 2022-2026 Costa Rican Legislative Assembly for the PELA-USAL database. |
| 2014 | Parliamentary Elites in Latin America Observatory (PELA-USAL), Institute of Iberoamérica, University of Salamanca. Part of the team that interviewed legislators from the 2014-2018 Costa Rican Legislative Assembly for the PELA-USAL database. |

Consulting

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| 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

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| 2025 | Graduate Certificate in Latin American Social and Public Policy. Center for Latin American Studies, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh. Certificate earned at April 30 |
| 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), Cogent Economics and Finance, 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.
- Costa Rica expert for the Chapel Hill Expert Survey - Latin America, 2024.

Professional associations

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