

# Giovanna Thomé França

*Researcher in Political Science and International Relations Analyst*

## Education

- 2019 **Academic exchange program at the French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS Sup')**, Paris, France.  
Bilingual English-French program focusing on international strategic analyses and management of humanitarian issues.  
*February 2019 - July 2019*
- 2018 – 2019 **Academic exchange program at the Institut d'Études Politiques de Lyon (Sciences Po Lyon)**, Lyon, France.  
Undertook Graduate classes and obtained the Attestation d'Études Politiques certificate.  
*September 2018 - January 2019*
- 2014–2019 **B.A. in International Relations at University of São Paulo (IRI - USP)**, São Paulo, Brazil.  
*February 2014 - August 2019*

## Experience

- 2019 – Today **Research Assistant in Political Science**, at the think tank *Getulio Vargas Foundation*, São Paulo, Brazil.  
Development of 2 projects coordinated by [Dr. Umberto Mignozzetti](#): the first focuses on populism; the second concentrates on renewable energies in Latin America and is sponsored by Konrad Adenauer-Stiftung Foundation. Giovanna writes and reviews articles, organizes seminars, conducts statistical analyses and leads a 6-people team. She is currently editing a book on natural resources and policy choices along with Dr. Mignozzetti and [https://danilofreire.github.io/Dr. Danilo Freire](https://danilofreire.github.io/Dr._Danilo_Freire). She is also part of the project "[Brazil, the Americas and the World](#)", coordinated by Dr. Maria Hermínia Tavares and financed by FAPESP.  
*October 2019 - Today*
- 2018 **Research Assistant in International Relations**, at the think tank *Getulio Vargas Foundation*, São Paulo, Brazil.  
Development of the research project on Brazilian foreign policy in Latin America, Pax Brasiliana, coordinated by Dr. Oliver Stuenkel and funded by FAPESP and CNPq. Giovanna assisted the preparation, conduction, and revision of oral history interviews with ambassadors, former presidents, and policymakers of the American continent such as Manuel Zelaya, Raúl Cubas Grau, Juan Carlos Wasmosy, and others.  
*March 2018 - August 2018*
- 2017 **Intern in Sustainable Development**, at *B3 - the Brazilian Stock Exchange*, São Paulo, Brazil.  
Implementation of activities aiming to promote sustainable practices in the company's corporate culture and in the financial market. Research on corporate social responsibility trends and sustainable development strategies.  
*January 2017 - August 2017*
- 2016 **Research and administrative volunteer**, at Brazil's National Committee for Refugees (CONARE), São Paulo, Brazil.  
Reception of asylum seekers and administrative follow-up. Transcription, translation and preparation of official documents and interviews. Support for geopolitical analyses of asylum requests addressed to the Brazilian government.  
*January 2016 - November 2016*

2014 **Project development trainee**, at *International Relations Consulting Junior Enterprise RIUSP Jr.*, São Paulo, Brazil.  
Prospecting and consulting. Creation of the Social Project to promote the NGO Engajamundo.  
March 2014 - October 2014

## Computer Skills

Advanced LaTeX, R, and Microsoft Office – data management, statistical analyses, and text editing  
Basic C++, Stata, and Java

## Languages

Portuguese **Native Speaker**

English **Fluent**

*Certified by TOEFL iBT 115/120 score.*

French **Fluent**

*Certified by the Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF) C1.*

Italian **Fluent**

*Certified by Università di Siena (CILS B2) and Università di Perugia (CELI 3).*

Spanish **Intermediate**

## Qualifications and grants

- Awarded two merit-based scholarships to do exchange programs in France, one at IRIS SUP' and one at Sciences Po Lyon. For Sciences Po, the student was also awarded a grant provided by Aucani USP.
- Currently participates in these study groups:
  1. [Contemporary Issues on Populism](#), Getulio Vargas Foundation.
  2. [Sources of Political Corruption and How to Fight It](#), Getulio Vargas Foundation.
  3. Discussions on Brazilian Foreign Policy, promoted by Observatório de Política Externa, Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP).
- Conducted an interview with Dr. Pascal Boniface concerning democracy in European Union. Available at <http://y2u.be/Cfs-Hf9XQr4>, 2019.
- Participated in the IOM Summer School on Migration Studies organized by UN Prague and Charles University, 50h, 2019.
- Participated in the International Model of United Nations, PIMUN, discussing water governance at the World Bank, 2019. The final resolution was submitted to the UN.
- Participated in a study group focused on new technologies and the challenges they pose for civil rights, held at the São Francisco Law School of Largo São Francisco (USP) in partnership with the ONG InternetLab, 60h, 2016.
- Participated in the São Paulo Model United Nations (SPMUN 2013), 2013.
- Courses undertook:
  - Training in Empirical Analysis and Field Experiments, Getulio Vargas Foundation, 60h, 2020.
  - "Impact Evaluation: designing social interventions and measuring their impacts", Getulio Vargas Foundation, 60h, 2019.
  - "Contemporary Islam", organized by Research and Training Center Sesc, 30h, 2018.
  - "Brazil in Transition: Global Perspectives on a Changing Nation", Getulio Vargas Foundation, 60h, 2017.
  - "International Security and Game Theory: Concepts and Applications", 60h, FGV, 2016.
  - "Planning, monitoring and evaluation of the cycle of social policies", organized by Research and Training Center Sesc, 30h, 2016.
  - "European Union: Institutional structure, internal and international negotiations", organized by Caeni and the Brazil-EU Program, 18h, 2016.
  - Six-month course of "English for Business", University of São Paulo, 2016.
  - Six-month course of "English for Oral Presentations", University of São Paulo, 2015.
  - "Short story of the Israel-Palestine conflict", University of São Paulo, 2014.
  - One-month intensive English course at the King's College, Cambridge (U.K.) organized by EF International Language Centers, 2012.

- França, G., Mignozzetti, U. 2020. "Institutional Components of the Democratic Survival". Working Paper. Forthcoming in *Revista de Sociologia e Política*.

**Abstract:** What determines the survival of a democracy? Following Przeworski's 2000 democracy's pioneering work, we argue that economic growth is key to the stability of a democratic regime. However, we show that this relationship is actually mediated by government institutions in both poor and wealthy countries. Our results indicate that government inefficiency and electoral manipulation severely impair the democratic equilibrium, disrupting incentives to comply with electoral outcomes. Such institutional traits alter the redistribution thresholds accepted by opposition parties, encouraging them to rebel and making political havoc more likely. At the same time, without sturdy institutional checks on the exercise of power, losers of the electoral process are less prone to solve their contentions within the system. We thus assert that countries experiencing democratic backsliding had previous institutional flaws, regardless of their economic indicators. We also point to the growing risk that institutional dismantlement presents to the collapse of democracy.

- França, G., Freire, D., Mignozzetti, U., Mingardi, L., Roman, C. "Community-Based Interventions for *Aedes*-Borne Diseases: Systematic Review and Meta Analysis". Working Paper.

**Abstract:** To assess the effectiveness of community-based interventions for *Aedes aegypti* control by conducting a systematic review and a meta-analysis. We searched PubMed, CENTRAL, LILACS, WHOLIS, and Clinical Trials online databases for randomised and cluster randomised controlled trials reporting treatment outcomes for different methods of vector control. The primary outcome was treatment success, calculated as the difference between the treatment and control groups. We calculated the pooled relative risk (RR) using random-effects models from the selected studies. In addition, we estimate subgroup analysis of index type (type of measurement), location of study, size of the community, number of clusters and  $n$ . We measured study heterogeneity using the  $Q$  and  $I^2$  statistics. We also test for publication bias using Egger's linear regression method.

### Oral history interviews I have assisted, revised and edited

These oral histories interviews were a part of the project "Pax Brasiliana? A Study of Brazil's Role in Constitutional and Political Crises in Latin (1990-2015)", coordinated by Dr. Oliver Stuenkel and financed by the Brazilian national research institutions FAPESP and CNPq.

- Ex-Minister of Defense in Honduras, [Edmundo Orellana](#), 2019.
- Ex-President from Honduras, [Manuel Zelaya](#), 2018.
- Ex-President from Paraguay, [Luis Ángel Gonzáles Macchi](#), 2018.
- Ex-President from Paraguay, [Raúl Cubas Grau](#), 2018.
- Ex-President from Paraguay, [Juan Carlos Wasmosy](#), 2018.
- Ex-President from Paraguay, [Federico Franco](#), 2018.
- Brazilian Ambassador [Sérgio Watson](#), 2018.
- Brazilian Ambassador [Márcio Dias](#), 2018.