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Leonardo da Rocha Loures Bueno

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| Current Position | 2021 – present: Political Science Ph.D. Candidate – University of California, San Diego (UCSD)  2016 – present: Researcher – FGV CIDADES (Research Center of city policies – Fundação Getúlio Vargas). As an assistant researcher, I have worked on a diverse set of projects related to urban public policies (housing, public transit, health, environment, civic participation). |
| Previous Positions | Public Policy Doctorate at Fundação Getúlio Vargas (2018-2020)  Independent Consultant in Urban Policies  2017-2020: While pursuing my Master’s and Ph.D. in Brazil, I worked as an independent consultant for multiple NGOs and local governments on housing policies and public transportation. I have worked with NGOs and international research organizations such as WRI, Bloomberg Philanthropy, ITDP, TECHO Brazil, Fundação Tide Setúbal, and Instituto Escolhas. I have also worked as a consultant for the city governments of São Paulo and São José dos Campos.  FIPE – Fundação Instituto de Pesquisas Econômicas (*Institute for Economic Research*)  2015-2016: Researcher on Regional Studies. I was responsible for developing Input-Output Matrices that measured the impacts of tax reform on greenhouse gas emissions.  LCA Consultores  2013-2015: Internship in Market Inteligence. I helped to develop micro-econometric models to forecast market share and sales to big retail companies in Brazil. |
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| Education | 2021 – present: Ph.D. Political Science – UCSD, San Diego, USA.  2021 – 2023: M.A in Political Science – UCSD, San Diego, USA.  2018 – 2020: Ph.D. in Public Policy and Government, FGV/EAESP, São Paulo, Brazil  2016 – 2018: M.A in Public Policy and Government, FGV/EAESP, São Paulo, Brazil  2011 – 2015: B.A in Economics, São Paulo University (FEA/USP), São Paulo, Brazil |

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| Fields of interest | Political Economy of Development, Urban Politics and Policy, Health Policies |

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| Publications |  |

Working Papers:

* *Housing, Social Cohesion, and Mental Health: Experimental Evidence from Brazilian Slums* (under review: Journal of Development Economics). With Natalia Bueno, Daniel Da Mata, Ciro Biderman, and George Avelino.
* *It is not (just) the economy, stupid: Policy Innovation and Retrospective Voting in São Paulo, Brazil. With Ciro Biderman, George Avelino, and João V. Guedes-Neto.*
* *Race and Substantive Representation: Evidence from Brazil. With Scott Desposato and Andrew Janusz.*

Work in Progress:

* *Health care infrastructure expansion and favored access to hospitalization.*
* *From Local Power to Regional Influence: Exploring Political Favoritism in Brazil’s Decentralized Healthcare System.*
* *Violent Legacies of Dictatorship in Brazil. With Mariana Carvalho and Tiago Ventura*

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| Project Portfolio |  |

* [**TECHO (Emergency Housing Field Experiment):**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/188H1Vl9MPisumkP_ZOKT1F2qvuBW9lUR/view) Led a three-year field experiment in partnership with TECHO, evaluating the effects of emergency housing on COVID-19 distancing measures, mental well-being, and civic engagement in over 600 families across six Brazilian states. Secured funding from MIT/GOV LAB and Emory’s Global Health Institute.
* [**WRI Mexico (Demand-Responsive Transit)**](https://es.wri.org/sites/default/files/Demand_Responsive_Transit_FINAL_0.pdf)**:** Co-authored a working paper on Demand-Responsive Transit (DRT), cataloging over 150 global cases and proposing a typology of emerging transit systems. Conducted qualitative and quantitative research, applying findings to global urban mobility challenges.
* [**LABMOB/UFRJ (Paulista Aberta Initiative):**](http://www.labmob.prourb.fau.ufrj.br/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/BOOKLET_R01.pdf) Led a research team studying the impacts of the “Paulista Aberta” initiative, transforming São Paulo’s Paulista Avenue into a park on Sundays. Utilized survey research and synthetic control design to measure impacts on mobility, pollution, and local commerce.
* [**Bloomberg Initiative for Global Road Safety (BIGRS) (Transit Safety Areas, São Paulo):**](https://itdpbrasil.org/area40saomiguelpaulista/) Collaborated with Bloomberg Philanthropies and the São Paulo city government to develop a data-driven methodology for creating “transit safety areas,” reducing traffic casualties and improving walkability. Applied innovative econometric techniques and worked closely with public officials.
* [**Jardim Lapena (Participatory Urbanization Plan):**](https://cepesp.fgv.br/publicacao/plano-de-bairro-jardim-lapenna-rota-para-um-territorio-de-direitos) Developed a participatory urbanization plan ("Plano de Bairro") in collaboration with a local NGO, engaging residents in the peripheral community of Jardim Lapena, São Paulo. Focused on improving urban infrastructure through citizen participation and collaboration with municipal administration.
* [**São José dos Campos (Public Transportation Auction):**](https://fgvcidades.fgv.br/projeto/mobilidade-do-futuro-um-modelo-disruptivo-para-sao-jose-dos-campos) Provided consultancy to the government of São José dos Campos, conducting financial viability studies for public transportation auctions. Advised on technical planning and assisted with the design of a new public transportation system for the city.
* [**Instituto Escolhas (Electric Sector Emissions Study):**](https://escolhas.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Impactos_de_Mudan%C3%A7as_na_Matriz_El%C3%A9trica_Brasileira-SUM%C3%81RIO-EXECUTIVO.pdf)The study analyzed the impact of different electricity generation scenarios on Brazil’s economy, employment, and greenhouse gas emissions, considering the increasing use of carbon-emitting energy sources (natural gas, oil, coal) in the national grid.
* **Yellow Shared Scooters (Transit Accidents Study)**: Hired by LABMOB/UFRJ to analyze and project transit accidents involving shared electric scooters in São Paulo. Applied time-series econometric methods to assess accident patterns and future risks associated with scooter use.
* **FIPE – Fundação Instituto de Pesquisas Econômicas:** I joined the team of economists that were responsible for developing price indexes for two mid-sized cities in the state of São Paulo.
* **Property Taxes:** worked with Prof. Francisco Garfias (GPS -UCSD) and The World Bank in a project related to Property Taxes in Mexico.

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| Teaching/ Teaching Assistantship |  |

* 2017-2018: I was a T.A. for the econometrics course of the M.A program in Public Administration and Government at FGV.
* 2018-2019: I was a T.A. for the microeconomy course of the undergrad program in Business at FGV.
* 2021-present: series of courses on politics and quantitative methods at UCSD. List of courses: POLI 30D, POLI 100W, POLI 120F, POLI 125D, POLI 134D, GPCO 454 (quantitative methods II at GPS).
* 2024- Leading instructor for summer preparation course in Data Analytics at the School of Global Policy and Strategy (GPS/UCSD)

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| Additional courses |  |

* 2016 - IME/USP (Institute of mathematics of São Paulo University) summer school: Introduction to Probability Calculus.
* 2016 – FGV Methods Winter School: Experimental Methods for Political Science.
* 2019 – FGV Methods Winter School: Data Science with Spatial and Temporal Data.
* 2019 – IPSA-USP Summer School: Multi-Methods Track.
* 2020 – IPSA-USP Summer School: Causal Inference Track.

Language and   
Software skills

Portuguese: native speaker

English: Comprehends Well, Speaks Well, Reads Well, Writes Well.

Spanish: Comprehends Well, Speaks Reasonably, Reads Well, Writes Reasonably.

Office Package: Advanced knowledge in Excel, Powerpoint and Word. Intermediary knowledge in Access.

Programing languages: R (Advanced), STATA (Advanced), LATEX (Intermediary), Python (Basic).

Awards/ Grants

Academic:

* *Research grant from MIT GOV LAB: There is no Place like Home: A study of Slum Housing Improvement in Brazil. With Prof. Natalia S. Bueno.*
* *Research grant from Emory's Global Health Institute: There is no Place like Home: A study of Slum Housing Improvement in Brazil. With Prof. Natalia S. Bueno.*
* *Research grant from FAPESP SPRINT. With Ciro Biderman.*
* *Scholarships: CAPES doctorate scholarship (Brazil Ministry of Education)*
* *Best poster award in Applied Methodology Section – IPSA-USP Summer School*
* *Honorable Mention: Best Doctoral Dissertation – “Prize FGV Pesquisa 2021”*

Non-Academic:

* *RYLA – Rotary youth leadership award – Rotary International*

Voluntary Work

* 2019-2020: Volunteer in the NGO TETO. We build wooden houses to vulnerable families.
* 2011-212: Director of the youth movement Habonim Dror São Paulo.
* Founding member of “Faz Diferença?” (“Does it make a difference?”), an advocacy group for reducing social inequalities in Brazil.