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Research Interests

State Development, Historical Political Economy, Political Geography, Political Regimes, Latin America

Education

UC San Diego

Ph.D. in Political Science	2028 (expected)
M.A. in Political Science (Comparative Politics, International Relations/Methods)	2025

Universidad de la Republica (UdelaR), Uruguay

Diploma in International Studies	2022
Diploma in Economics	2021
B.A. in Political Science	2020

Research

Working Papers

- The Resource Blessing. How Commodity Booms Ended Territorial Disputes in South America.

Works in Progress

- Coerced Labor or Sovereignty. How Mass Threats Shaped National Borders.

Pre-Ph.D. Publications (in Spanish)

- 2023. Las donaciones de China hacia América Latina y sus determinantes: Enseñanzas del caso uruguayo. *Revista Uruguaya de Ciencia Política* (with Diego Telias).
- 2022. La batalla virtual por la memoria: un análisis de las memorias en disputa durante la Marcha del Silencio del 2020 en Twitter en Uruguay. *Teknokultura. Revista de Cultura Digital y Movimientos Sociales* (with Federico Acosta y Lara).
- 2021. “We are fantastic”: Are We? in Moraes, J. y Pérez, V. (ed.) *De la estabilidad al equilibrio inestable: elecciones y comportamiento electoral en Uruguay, 2019*. Montevideo: UdelaR (with Juan Moraes and Federico Acosta y Lara).

Awards and Grants

- 2025 Marsha Chandler Fellowship, UCSD
- Academic excellence in the first and second years of the PhD program

Presentations

- 2021 VII - Congreso Uruguayo de Ciencia Política, Presenter

Teaching

Teaching Assistant

- POLI 104U: Introduction to Business Law (Nichter)
Spring 2025, Summer 2025, Winter 2026
- POLI 134D: Politics, Policies, and Economic Prosperity in Latin America (Saiegh)
Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025
- POLI 163: Analyzing Politics (Saiegh)
Fall 2024, Fall 2025
- POLI 104J: Introduction to Legal Reasoning (Nichter)
Winter 2024, Winter 2025, Summer 2025
- POLI 140: International Human Rights Law — Rights of Migrants (Wong)
Spring 2024

Other Work Experience

- 2020 Regulatory and Control Unit of Personal Data - AGESIC, Uruguay - *Consultant*

- In charge of the evaluation of the personal data protection policy in the Uruguayan central administration.

Languages and Skills

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (fluent), Portuguese (intermediate)

Skills: R, L^AT_EX

References

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