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## Research Interests

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

## Education

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### 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

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### 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

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

## Presentations

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- 2021     VII - Congreso Uruguayo de Ciencia Política, Presenter

## Teaching

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### 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

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- 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

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

**Skills:** R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## References

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