# MARCO ALCOCER

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#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

CADEMIC ATTOMINENTS	
University of California, Merced Assistant Professor	2024 -
Harvard University Academy Scholar, The Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies	2023-2025
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) and Innovations for Poverty Action, Mexico Predoctoral Fellow	2022-2023
Center for U.SMexican Studies Visiting Fellow	2021-2022
EDUCATION	

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#### University of California, San Diego

2017 - 2023

Ph.D in Political Science

Fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology

Committee: Sebastian Saiegh (chair), James Fowler, Simeon Nichter, Federica Izzo, Rafael Fernández de Castro, Francisco Cantu (Univ. of Houston)

University of California, San Diego, M.A. Political Science	2019
George Mason University, M.A. International Security	2017
Southwestern University, B.A. Political Science and Spanish	2014

#### RESEARCH

#### Book Project

• Criminal Entrepreneurs: The War on Drugs and the Transformation of Mexican Cartels

#### Articles

- [2] "Increasing Intergovernmental Coordination to Fight Crime: Evidence from a Police Reform in Mexico" Forthcoming at Political Science Research and Methods.
- [1] "Integrating Potential Outcomes and Causal Mechanisms to Guide Multi-Method Research" Qualitative & Multi-Method Research, 21(2).

#### Working Papers

- [7] "Drug Wars, Organized Crime Expansion, and State Capture: Evidence from Mexico" (Job market paper)
- [6] "Supplemental Online Resources Improve Data Literacy Education" (with Leonardo Falabella, Alex Lange, Nicholas Smith, and Maureen Feeley) Revise and resubmit.
- [5] "The Effect of Women Politicians on Violence Against Women: Evidence from Mexico" (with Rachel Skillman and Angie Torres-Beltran) Under review.
- [4] "Organized Crime Dynamics and Violence Against State Officials in Mexico" (with Megan Erickson) Under review.
- [3] "In the Line of Fire: Criminal Conflicts and the Assassination of Law Enforcement Officers in Mexico"
- [2] "Breaking Ranks: Profits, Survival, and the Fragmentation of Criminal Organizations" (with Lucía Hesles)
- [1] "A Framework for Integrating Causal Effects and Causal Mechanisms in Multi-Method Research"

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## Work in Progress

- [2] "Organized Crime and Violence Against Migrants in Mexico"
- [1] "Political (Dis)Continuity and Institutional Quality: Evidence from Local Police Departments in Mexico" (with Rodrigo Canales and Alina Bitran)

## In Preparation

- [4] Investigating Organized Crime: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment of Judicial Police Officers in Mexico. Survey in field.
- [3] Discrimination and Collaboration when Investigating Crime: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment of Law Enforcement Officers (with Jonathan Furszyfer) Survey in field.
- [2] From Drug Lords to Warlords: Criminal Wars and the Ascendance of Militarized Cartel Leaders
- [1] Women Leadership in Drug Cartels (with Cecilia Farfán-Méndez)

## Original Data

- Signoret, Patrick; Marco Alcocer; Cecilia Farfan-Mendez; Fernanda Sobrino, 2021, "Mapping Criminal Organizations in Mexico: State Panel 2007-2015", https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/N0KGCZ, Harvard Dataverse, V1.
  - In the media: El Financiero, Mexico Today (by Reforma), IMER Noticias, Al Calor Politico, Cuestione

#### DATA PROJECTS

Mapping Criminal Organizations (MCO) (with Patrick Signoret, Fernanda Sobrino, Cecilia Farfan)

- Co-Founder and Lead Investigator
- Supported by the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at UCSD, the Empirical Studies of Conflict Project, and the Data-Driven Social Science Initiative at Princeton University.

#### PROFESSIONAL AND METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)	2021
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research	2018
Summer Program on Mexican Political Institutions, Colegio de Mexico	2017
Combating Transnational Organized Crime in the Americas	2016
• National Defense University, William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Stud	lies

### FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Emerging Methodologists, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (QMMR)	2023
Student Fellow, Public Choice Society	2023
NSF/APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), \$9,580	2021-2022
Course Development and Instructional Improvement Program (CDIIP), UCSD, \$25,000	2020
• with Leonardo Falabella, Alex Lange, and Nicholas Smith	
Friends Fellowship, Friends of the International Center, UCSD	2019
Predoctoral Fellowship (Honorable Mention), Ford Foundation	2019
Conference Travel Grant, APSA	2019
Conference Travel Grant, Universidad de los Andes and CIDE	2018
Conference Travel Grant, Society for Political Methodology	2018
Field Research Grant, Tinker Foundation and CILAS	Summer 2018
Conference Travel Grant, National Science Foundation	2018
John A. Garcia ICPSR Scholarship, Society for Political Methodology	2018
Minority Fellowship Award, American Political Science Association	Spring 2018
Paul W. Drake Research Grant, UCSD Political Science Department	2018
Dean's Fellowship Merit Scholarship, George Mason University	2015-2016
HSF Scholar, Hispanic Scholarship Fund	2016

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking Seminar, UNAM	Spring	
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University	Spring	
David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University	Spring	
The Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR), Tulane University	Spring	
Southwestern University	Spring	
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)		202
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2021, 2022,	
Emerging Methodologists Workshop for Qualitative and Multi-Method Explanat	-	20
American Political Science Association (APSA)	2019, 2020,	
Public Choice Society	T 11	20
ITAM	Fall	
Englehart Research Forum, Bowling Green State University	Fall	
Illicit Economies and Extra-Legal Actors Conference, Center for U.SMexican St	tuaies	20
Latin American Peace Science Society (LAPSS)		20
Southwest Workshop on Mixed-Methods Research (SWMMR)	IDE	20
Seminario para la Política de Drogas en América Latina, U. de los Andes and CI XXXV Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (Polmeth XXXV		20 20
11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshop (Polnet)	<b>v</b> )	$\frac{20}{20}$
ACHING		
Foundations of Quantitative Research in Political Science (Online learning resour	rce)	
• with Leonardo Falabella, Alexandra Lange, and Nick Smith	rec)	
• Supported by UCSD's Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor (CDIIP Gran	nt)	
Teaching Assistant - Discussion Section Leader	110)	
• Political Inquiry (Research design/Intro to statistics)	2018, 2020,	20
• Analyzing Current Security Problems	_===; ====;	20
Teaching Assistant		
• International Politics and Security, School of Global Policy and Strategy (M	aster's Level)	20
• Policy Making Processes, School of Global Policy and Strategy (Master's Le	/	20
• International Human Rights Law: Rights of Migrants	,	20
• Corruption in Developing Countries		20
American Political Parties		20
• Religion and Politics		20
• Latin American Politics		20
• Weapons of Mass Destruction		20
• Comparative Politics of Latin America		20
• US & Latin America: Political and Economic Relations		20
• Race and Ethnicity in American Politics		20
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CSEARCH ASSISTANT	2019	-20
	2019 Fall 2016, Fall	
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### **SERVICE**

President, Graduate Student Council, UCSD Political Science Department

Mentor, Political Science Grad Pals Mentorship Program

Mentor, UCSD Graduate Student Affairs Grad Pals Program

2020-2021

Reviewer, Journal of Illicit Economies and Development, Perspectives on Politics, Studies in Comparative International Development, Plos One

#### LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Computer Languages Language R, Stata, QGIS, ArcGis (intermediate), Python (intermediate), LATEX English (native), Español (native)

#### REFERENCES

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