

# Camilo Nieto-Matiz

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy, state capacity, criminal and political violence, politics of land conflict and land inequality, Latin America

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, 2022-present  
**University of Texas at San Antonio**  
Department of Political Science & Geography

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2020-2022  
**Tulane University**  
Center for Inter-American Policy and Research

## EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2020; M.A., Political Science, 2016

Universität Erfurt, Erfurt, Germany  
M.A., Public Policy and Conflict Studies, 2013

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia  
B.A., Political Science, 2009

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“When the state becomes complicit: mayors, criminal actors, and the deliberate weakening of the local state in Colombia”, conditionally accepted at *Comparative Political Studies*

(with Guillermo Trejo) “Dismantling Criminal Networks through Internationalized Investigative Bodies: The Case of the UN and the CICIG in Guatemala”, conditionally accepted at *Comparative Political Studies*

“Land and state capacity during civil wars: how land-based coalitions undermine property taxation in Colombia”, forthcoming at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

“Democracy in the Countryside: the Rural Sources of Violence against Voters in Colombia”, in *Journal of Peace Research*, vol. 56, n. 2, pp. 264-278, 2019.

(with Luis Schenoni) “Backing Despots?: Foreign Aid and the Survival of Autocratic Regimes”, in *Democracy and Security*, 2020.

WORKING PAPERS	<p>(with Natán Skigin) “<a href="#">Democratic Reforms and Violence: Evidence from Brazil</a>”.</p> <p>“Destroying Democracy through Violence: Selective Violence and the Quality of Democracy”</p> <p>(with Natán Skigin) “Political campaigns and criminal violence”</p> <p>(with Moisés Arce) “Extractivism and political violence”</p> <p>“Political consequences of property rights and state violence”</p>
BOOK CHAPTERS	<p>“El encuentro entre políticos y paramilitares: configuración regional, arreglos institucionales y disputas por el poder político en Meta y Casanare”, González, Fernán (ed.), <i>Conflicto y Territorio en el Oriente Colombiano</i>, Odecofi-Cinep, Bogotá, 2012.</p>
AWARDS	<p>Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowship, 2019-20 (\$20,000)</p> <p>Kellogg Institute for Int’l Studies, Dissertation Fellowship, 2019-20 (\$21,500)</p> <p>Graduate Research Grant, Kellogg Institute for Int’l Studies, 2017-18 (\$7,000)</p> <p>American Political Science Association, Travel Grant, 2016 (\$400)</p> <p>Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Professionalization Grant, 2016 (\$1,500)</p> <p>Notebaert Professional Development Fund, University of Notre Dame, 2016 (\$2000)</p> <p>Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, 2011-13</p> <p>Colciencias, ‘Virginia Gutiérrez de Pineda’ Research Grant, 2010</p>
INVITED TALKS	<p>University of Konstanz, Political Science, January 2021</p> <p>Kroc Institute-Universidad Javeriana, Peace Accord Implementation, 2020</p>
PRESENTATIONS	<p>Latin American Studies Association, scheduled 2022</p> <p>Latin American Peace Society Conference 2022</p> <p>Latin American Peace Society Conference 2021</p> <p>Midwest Regional Peace and Conflict Conference, University of Michigan 2020</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL 2019</p> <p>Midwest Regional Peace and Conflict Conference, Michigan State University 2019</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL 2017</p> <p>American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA 2016</p> <p>Latin American Studies Association, New York, NY 2016</p>

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

[Tulane University](#)

Comparative Politics

Spring 2021

Scope and Methods in Political Science

Fall 2020

[University of Notre Dame](#)

TA, World Politics, Andrew Gould

2019

TA, Introduction to Public Policy, Claudia Anewalt

2017

TA, Introduction to International Relations, Susan Rosato

2016

TA, Science, Politics, and Saving the Planet, Debra Javeline

2016

TA, Introduction to International Relations, Sebastian Rosato

2015

[Pontificia Universidad Javeriana](#)

Introduction to Political Science

2011-13

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

[University of Notre Dame](#)

Research Assistant for Guillermo Trejo and Sandra Ley

2019

Research Assistant for Sarah Zukerman Daly

2017

[German Institute of Global Affairs](#)

Junior Research Fellow, Institute of Latin American Studies

2013-14

[Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular](#)

Junior Research Fellow, Conflicto y Estado en Colombia

2009-11

SERVICE

[University of Notre Dame](#)

Comparative Politics Workshop Coordinator

2016-17

Comparative Politics Student Representative

2016-17

Climate Survey Committee, Political Science Department

2016-17

ACADEMIC  
REFEREE

American Political Science Review, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Latin American Research Review

## SKILLS

### **Statistical Analysis**

R, Stata

### **Additional Training**

IQMR, 2017; ICPSR, 2016 (EITM certification)

### **Languages**

Spanish (native), English (proficient), German (proficient)

### **Fieldwork**

Colombia (2018), Guatemala (2019)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association,  
Latin American Studies Association