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I am a PhD Researcher in the Department of Latin American Studies at the Institute for History at the Faculty of Humanities at Leiden University, Netherlands. I hold an MA (1st) in Political Science from the Institute of Public Affairs at the Universidad de Chile. Moreover, I earned a BA (1st) and a BPS (1st) in Public Administration from the Universidad de Santiago de Chile (USACH).

I am interested in technocracy in Latin America, public policies and legislative processes. My doctoral project is supervised by Professor Patricio Silva and Dr María Gabriela Palacio and focuses on the relationship between technocracy, democracy, and sociopolitical conflicts. In particular, I study the role of experts in ad hoc presidential advisory commissions. The Chilean National Agency for Research and Development and the Slicher van Bath de Jong Foundation, through the Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation (CEDLA) of the University of Amsterdam, fund my PhD project.



## EDUCATION

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| 2022 - Today | <b>PhD in Politics, Culture and National Identities</b><br>Institute for History, Faculty of Humanities<br>Leiden University              |
| 2017 - 2020  | <b>MA in Political Science</b> (1st, First-class honours)<br>Institute of Public Affairs<br>Universidad de Chile                          |
| 2011 - 2016  | <b>BA in Public Administration</b> (1st, First-class honours)<br>Faculty of Economics and Management<br>Universidad de Santiago de Chile  |
| 2011 - 2016  | <b>Public Service Administrator</b> (1st, First-class honours)<br>Faculty of Economics and Management<br>Universidad de Santiago de Chile |



## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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| Today<br>Aug 2016    | <b>RGP Associate Editor, UNIVERSIDAD DE VALPARAÍSO, Santiago, Chile</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Support the editorial process</li><li>➤ Manage the Open Journal System (OJS) platform</li><li>➤ I worked as an Editorial Assistant between 2016 and 2020</li></ul>  |
| Today<br>Jan 2020    | <b>Coordinator and Research Associate, TRAINING DATA LAB, Santiago, Chile</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Coordinate the activities of the research group</li><li>➤ Working on collaborative research projects</li></ul>  |
| Aug 2023<br>Jan 2021 | <b>Lecturer, UNIVERSIDAD MAYOR, Santiago, Chile</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Lecturing at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Arts</li></ul>  |
| Dec 2022<br>Apr 2022 | <b>Research Assistant, CHILEAN NATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH (GRANT 11201140), Santiago, Chile</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Summarise relevant articles on political mediatisation and social networks</li><li>➤ Elaborate data sets on social media activity</li><li>➤ Ximena Orchard (Principal Investigator)</li></ul> |
| Aug 2022<br>Apr 2021 | <b>Predoctoral Fellow, LEIDEN UNIVERSITY, Leiden, Netherlands</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Research and preparation of PhD project</li><li>➤ Prof. Patricio Silva (Supervisor)</li></ul>   |

Jan 2022 Apr 2018	<b>Research Assistant, CHILEAN NATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH (GRANT 1181390), Santiago, Chile</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Conduct archive revision on Chilean state-owned companies</li> <li>➤ Summarise relevant articles on state commercial policies</li> <li>➤ Elaborate databases based on the archive revision</li> <li>➤ Diego Barría (Principal Investigator)</li> </ul>
Dec 2017 Jul 2016	<b>Research Assistant, CHILEAN NATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH (GRANT 11140348), Santiago, Chile</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Conduct archive revision on Chilean state modernisation</li> <li>➤ Summarise relevant articles on state modernisation</li> <li>➤ Elaborate databases based on the archive revision</li> <li>➤ Diego Barría (Principal Investigator)</li> </ul>

## PUBLICATIONS

- ESCI** Cisternas, C., & González-Bustamante, B. (2022). Ciencias sociales en contextos de represión: Análisis bibliométrico de la producción histórica de la Corporación de Estudios para Latinoamérica, Chile (1979-1989). *eCiencias de la Información* 12(2), 1-18. URL: <https://revistas.ucr.ac.cr/index.php/eciencias>. SocArXiv: [10.31235/osf.io/2jrvm](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/2jrvm)
- Scopus** Castañeda, F., Ormazabal, F. & Cisternas, C. (2022). Socio-Demographic Determinants of Financial Literacy Levels. *Studies in Business and Economics Journal*, 17(2), 44–61. DOI: [10.2478/sbe-2022-0024](https://doi.org/10.2478/sbe-2022-0024)
- WoS** Cisternas, C. (2021). Estrategias de copatrocinio legislativo en la Cámara de Diputados de Chile, 2010-2018. *Revista de Estudios Políticos*, 194, 249-279. DOI: [10.18042/cepc/rep.194.09](https://doi.org/10.18042/cepc/rep.194.09)
- ESCI** Barría, D., González-Bustamante, B., & Cisternas, C. (2019). La literatura sobre gobierno abierto en español. Análisis sobre las dinámicas de producción y citación. *Nóesis, Revista de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades*, 28(56), 22-42. DOI: [10.20983/noesis.2019.2](https://doi.org/10.20983/noesis.2019.2).
- Scopus** Cisternas, C., & Vásquez, J. (2018). Comisiones Asesoras Presidenciales: Entre la expertise y la pluralidad de actores sociales en Chile. *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, 106, 1-22. DOI: [10.32992/er-lacs.10349](https://doi.org/10.32992/er-lacs.10349)
- Latindex** González-Bustamante, B., & Cisternas, C. (2016). Élite políticas en el poder legislativo chileno: la Cámara de Diputados (1990-2014). *Política, Revista de Ciencia Política*, 54(1), 19-52. URL: <https://revistapolitica.uchile.cl>
- ESCI** Cisternas, C. (2016). Espinoza, F. (2015). Bolivia: La Circulación de sus Élite (2006-2014). Santa Cruz de la Sierra: Editorial El País. *Revista de Gestión Pública*, V(1), 143-152. URL: <https://revistas.uv.cl>

## WORKING PAPERS

González-Bustamante, B., & Cisternas, C. (2020). Aplicación de ForceAtlas2, un algoritmo de diseño gráfico continuo, para el estudio de las élites. *Tufte Working Papers*, 1, 1-15. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.6739266](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6739266). SocArXiv: [10.31235/osf.io/gxrkc](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/gxrkc)

Castañeda F., Brown, E., Cloke, J., Gil, F. J., González, M., & Cisternas, C. (2020). Social Inclusion: The Higher Education Sector in Chile and in the United Kingdom. *CIRIEC Working Papers*, 9, 1-30. URL: [www.ciriec.uliege.be](http://www.ciriec.uliege.be)

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

### RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

2020

Military Intervention in Democratic Latin America: The Cases of Argentina and Ecuador in Comparative Perspective  
María Cristina Escudero (UCHILE) & Jaime Baeza (UCHILE)

<b>RESEARCH ASSISTANCE</b>	2020
Transitions in the Stock Markets of the US, Brazil and Mexico Francisco Castañeda (UMAYOR)	
<b>RESEARCH ASSISTANCE</b>	2017
Family Ties in the Chilean Chamber of Deputies, 1990-2018 Alfredo Joignant (UDP) & Bastián González-Bustamante (USACH)	
<b>RESEARCH ASSISTANCE</b>	2016
Elite-Mass Congruence in Chile and Uruguay Bastián González-Bustamante (USACH)	
<b>RESEARCH ASSISTANCE</b>	2016
Revolving Door? Analysis of Public-Private Circulation in Chile (2000-2014) Antoine Maillet (UCHILE), Bastián González-Bustamante (USACH) & Alejandro Olivares (UCHILE)	
<b>RESEARCH ASSISTANCE</b>	2016
Undersecretaries Turnover in Chile: An Exploration of the Second Line of Government, 1990-2014 Bastián González-Bustamante (USACH) & Alejandro Olivares (UCHILE)	

## SELECTED CONFERENCES

<b>SLAS</b>	González-Bustamante, B., & <b>Cisternas, C.</b> (2022). <i>Seniority and Cosponsorship in the Chilean Lower House 2006-2018</i> . Presentation delivered at the Society of Latin American Studies Latin America Annual Conference, Bath, UK.
<b>IPSA</b>	<b>Cisternas, C.</b> , & González-Bustamante, B. (2021). <i>Political Careers and Cosponsorship in the Chilean Lower House 2006-2018</i> . Presentation delivered at the XXVI World Congress of the Political Science, Online.
<b>LASA</b>	<b>Cisternas, C.</b> (2019). <i>Producción de leyes y copatrocinio legislativo en la Cámara de Diputados (2010-2018)</i> . Presentation delivered at the XXXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Boston, USA.
<b>USACH</b>	González-Bustamante, B., & <b>Cisternas, C.</b> (2018). <i>Social Network Analysis: Application for Elites Study</i> . Presentation delivered at the Symposium of Political-Administrative Elites: Planning a Research Agenda, Santiago, Chile.
<b>ACCP</b>	<b>Cisternas, C.</b> , & Vásquez, J. (2016). <i>El rol de las Comisiones Asesoras Presidenciales (2006-2014)</i> . Presentation delivered at the XII Chilean Congress of Political Science, Pucon, Chile.
<b>CLAD</b>	Barría, D., González-Bustamante, B., & <b>Cisternas, C.</b> (2016). <i>Open Government in Latin America and Spain: Analysis of the Scientific Production in Spanish</i> . Presentation delivered at the XXI CLAD International Congress on the State Reform and Public Administration, Santiago, Chile.
<b>PreALAS</b>	<b>Cisternas, C.</b> , González-Bustamante, B., & Barría, D. (2016). <i>Analysis of the Scientific Production in Spanish on Public Administration and Public Policies (2010-2012)</i> . Presentation delivered at the IX Chilean Congress of Sociology, Talca, Chile.
<b>PreALAS</b>	González-Bustamante, B., & <b>Cisternas, C.</b> (2016). <i>Co-Authorship Networks of the Political Science in Spanish (2010-2015)</i> . Presentation delivered at the IX Chilean Congress of Sociology, Talca, Chile.
<b>UBO</b>	<b>Cisternas, C.</b> , & González-Bustamante, B. (2016). <i>The CIEPLAN Monks: Intellectual Production and Co-Citation Networks During the Eighties</i> . Presentation delivered at the International Seminar of Social Sciences at the Crossroad: Latin American Intellectuals and Technocrats in Authoritarianism Times, Santiago, Chile



## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Today<br>Sep 2021    | Teaching Assistant, LEIDEN UNIVERSITY, Leiden, Netherlands<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Civil Society and Public Policy</li> </ul>  |
| Aug 2023<br>Jan 2021 | Lecturer, UNIVERSIDAD MAYOR, Santiago, Chile<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Organizational Behaviour and Development</li> <li>› Research Seminar</li> <li>› Machine Learning Applications in Public Policy and Economics</li> </ul>   |
| Dec 2018<br>Aug 2018 | Teaching Assistant, UNIVERSIDAD ALBERTO HURTADO, Santiago, Chile<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Comparative Politics</li> </ul>   |
| Dec 2017<br>Mar 2014 | Teaching Assistant, UNIVERSIDAD DE SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Santiago, Chile<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Research Methodology I</li> <li>› Research Methodology II</li> <li>› Organizational Theory</li> <li>› Organizational Behaviour</li> <li>› Political Science I</li> <li>› Political Science II</li> <li>› Globalisation Theories</li> <li>› History of Political and Administrative Institutions</li> </ul> |
| Aug 2016<br>Mar 2016 | Teaching Assistant, UNIVERSIDAD DE CHILE, Santiago, Chile<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Study of Political Phenomena</li> </ul>  |



## LANGUAGES

- › Spanish (native speaker)
- › English (upper intermediate)



## SOFTWARES

- › R and Python (intermediate)
- › Stata and SPSS/PSPP (advanced)
- › L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and LuaL<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X (intermediate)
- › Gephi (advanced)



## AWARDS

- 2022-2026 Full PhD Scholarship at Leiden University funded by the Chilean National Agency for Research and Development
- 2020 Highest rating of the MA in Political Science cohort, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile
- 2019 Travel Grant Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Boston, USA
- 2017-2018 Full MA Scholarship at the Univ. de Chile funded by the Chilean National Agency for Research and Development



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