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My main interests lie within comparative politics, encompassing state building and environmental enforcement. I have a regional focus on Latin America. I am also interested in bureaucratic politics, causal inference, and state-society relations in frontier territories.

Education

Fall 2021 - present

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Doctoral program in Political Science Luksic PhD Fellowship, Luksic Scholars Foundation Graduate Student Work-In-Progress workshop coordinator (2022-2023) Comparative Politics Work-In-Progress workshop coordinator (2023-2024) Graduate Student Council president (2023-2024)

Spring 2020

New York University (NYU)

International exchange program 16 credits at the Department of Politics (4.0 GPA)

2016 - 2020

Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC-Chile)

BA in Political Science ($Titulo\ profesional$, five year degree) Honors registration award, best incoming student (2016) 6.53 GPA (3.86 US equivalent), maximum distinction Graduated 1^{st} out of an incoming cohort of 59

Independent research

Academic articles

2023	(with David Altman and Sergio Huertas-Hernández) "Two paths towards the
	exceptional extension of national voting rights to non-citizen residents." Journal of
2021	Ethnic and Migration Studies, 49(10), pp. 2541-2560. LINK.
	(with David Altman) "Citizens at the polls: direct democracy in the world, 2020."
2020	Taiwan Journal of Democracy, 17(2), pp. 85-106. LINK.
	"Sharing is for suckers: tactical distribution, institutions, and movement politics in
	Bolivia." Working paper, Social Science Research Network. LINK.

Undergraduate thesis

2019

(approved with the highest grade) Cuando el instrumento distribuye: alineación local y partidos-movimientos, evidencia a partir de Bolivia. Advisor: Carla Alberti. Fieldwork in La Paz and El Alto funded by the FONDECYT #1191068 grant. Two to Tango? The interplay of national and subnational politics in Latin America.

Teaching assistantships

MIT17.801	Political Science Scope and Methods (2023. Instructor: Fotini Christia)
ICP0101	Introduction to Political Science (2019, 2018. Instructor: Carla Alberti)
ICP0103	Introduction to Comparative Politics (2018. Instructor: Julieta Suárez)
ICP0114	Indigenous Politics In Latin America (2019. Instructor: Carla Alberti)
ICP0147	Political Processes in Latin America (2019. Instructor: Valeria Palanza)
ICP0505	Qualitative Research Methods in PS (2018. Instructor: Julieta Suárez)
ICP0601	Writing in Political Science (2018, 2017. Instructor: Maria de la Calle)

Research assistantships

MIT (2022) Summer research assistant. Researcher in charge: Daniel Hidalgo.

ANID-Chile (2021) FONDECYT grant. Fiscal Origins of Democracy: How Different Sources of Income Affect Democratization. Researcher: Diego Díaz.

(2020) FONDECYT grant. The impact of migratory waves and the extension of suffrage in contemporary democracies. Researcher: David Altman.

(2020) FONDECYT grant. Becoming parties: indigenous social movements and party politics in Latin America. Researcher: Carla Alberti.

(2020) FONDECYT grant. The paradoxical adoption of citizen-initiated mechanisms of direct democracy. Researcher: David Altman.

IMFD-Chile (2021) Research area #1. Data for the study of highly complex social problems.

Researcher: Juan Pablo Luna Project: Congress digries 1810 2010.

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PUC-Chile (2019) Winter research assistant. Researcher: Carla Alberti. (2019) Summer research assistant. Researcher: Carla Alberti. (2018) Winter research assistant. Researcher: Valeria Palanza. (2018) Summer research assistant. Researcher: Carmen Le Foulon.

Skills and certificates

Language proficiency

Native Spanish
Fluent English (TOEFL and CAE)
Beginner Portuguese (one graduate course)

Software proficiency

Advanced user

Intermediate user

Python
Beginner user

STATA