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My main substantive interests lie within comparative politics, encompassing state capacity and its institutional and societal determinants, with a special focus on Latin American and environmental politics. My main methodological interests include quantitative analysis, design-based inference, and archival research.

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 (*Título profesional*, five year degree)
Honors registration award, best incoming student (2016)
6.53 GPA (3.86 US equivalent), maximum distinction
Graduated 1st 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 Ethnic and Migration Studies*, DOI: 10.10801369183X.2023.2182713. LINK.

2021 (with David Altman) "Citizens at the polls: direct democracy in the world, 2020." *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, 17(*2*), pp. 85-106. LINK.

2020 "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 diaries, 1810-2010.*

PUC-Chile (2019) Winter research assistant. Researcher: Carla Alberti.
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(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)
Begginer	Portuguese (one graduate course)

Software proficiency

Advanced user	R and LaTeX
Intermediate user	Python
Beginner user	STATA