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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

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

Undergraduate thesis

- 2019 “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. *Approved with the highest grade*.

Teaching assistantships

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

2023 17.801 *Political Science Scope and Methods* (Fotini Christia)

Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC-Chile)

2019 ICP0101 *Introduction to Political Science* (Carla Alberti)
 ICP0114 *Indigenous Politics In Latin America* (Carla Alberti)
 ICP0147 *Political Processes in Latin America* (Valeria Palanza)

2018 ICP0101 *Introduction to Political Science* (Carla Alberti)
 ICP0103 *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (Julieta Suárez)
 ICP0505 *Qualitative Research Methods in Political Science* (Julieta Suárez)
 ICP0601 *Writing in Political Science* (Maria de la Calle)

2017 ICP0601 *Writing in Political Science* (Maria de la Calle)

Research assistantships

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

ANID 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.
 FONDECYT grant. *Becoming parties: indigenous social movements and party politics in Latin America*. Researcher: Carla Alberti.
 FONDECYT grant. *The paradoxical adoption of citizen-initiated mechanisms of direct democracy*. Researcher: David Altman.

IMFD 2021 Research area #1. *Data for the study of highly complex social problems*. Researcher: Juan Pablo Luna. Project: *Congress diaries, 1810-2010*.

PUC 2019 Winter research assistant. Researcher: Carla Alberti.
 Summer research assistant. Researcher: Carla Alberti.

 2018 Winter research assistant. Researcher: Valeria Palanza.
 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 R and L^AT_EX
Intermediate Python
Beginner STATA