

# Clemente T. Sánchez

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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

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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 1<sup>st</sup> out of an incoming cohort of 59

## Independent research

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### Working papers

2023     “Eyes beneath the canopy: co-enforcing environmental crackdowns in the Brazilian Amazon.” Under Review.

### 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](#).

### Undergraduate thesis

2019     “Sharing is for suckers: tactical distribution, institutions, and movement politics in Bolivia.” Advisor: Carla Alberti. [LINK](#). Fieldwork in La Paz and El Alto funded by the FONDECYT #1191068 grant.

## Teaching assistantships

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### 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

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**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

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### Language proficiency

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

### Software proficiency

Advanced          R and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
Intermediate      Python  
Beginner          STATA