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Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my deep interest in applying for a fellowship affiliation at the George J. Stigler Center for the Study of the Economy and the State. As a recent graduate of Business Economics with a focus on applied microeconomics and public policy analysis, I am enthusiastic about continuing my academic and professional development in the field of political economy. I believe that the fellowship affiliation will provide me with valuable research experience and allow me to contribute to the vibrant intellectual community at the Stigler Center. The opportunity to collaborate with prominent researchers at the Stigler Center would be a valuable step toward advancing my career in this field.

My interest in political economy began during my undergraduate studies, where I took courses in economic development and international trade. These courses have raised my curiosity about how economic systems are shaped and shaped by political institutions and ideologies. As a graduate student at the Insper Institute of Research and Education, I have developed a strong foundation in economic theory and analysis. I have also had the opportunity to apply this knowledge through my research assistantships, where I have contributed to projects on topics such as regulation and public procurement.

Working with research on how public and private actors interact and organize their activities has sparked my interest in exploring the relationship between political economy and economic/social performance. For example, my dissertation focused on understanding the dynamics and measuring the efficiency of public procurement in Brazil in a context strongly influenced by political and judicial actors. In addition to public procurement, I am interested in studying the political economy of public audits and machine learning applications on both topics.

One of my main goals is to establish consistent and relevant academic collaborations with researchers from other areas of knowledge, such as Law, Political Sciences, and Sociology, in order to be able to expand my research to other dimensions of analysis. The resources and guidance available at the Stigler Center would be invaluable in helping me further my research and take me to new academic heights.

In addition to my academic background, I am a highly motivated and organized individual with excellent communication skills. I am confident that my enthusiasm and dedication would make me a valuable asset to the Stigler Center, and I am excited to contribute to the vital research being conducted there.

In my current role as an Assistant Professor at the Insper Institute of Research and Education, I have had the opportunity to present my research at conferences and workshops and have received positive feedback on my work. I believe that my experience in research and presentation, along with my passion for political economy, makes me a strong candidate for the Affiliate Fellow program.

I am particularly excited about the opportunity to work with the esteemed faculty at the Stigler Center and to be a part of a community of scholars who share my passion for exploring the complex relationships between the economy and the state. I am also drawn to the Center's commitment to promoting research and dialogue that has a real-world impact, and I believe that participating in the fellowship program would provide me with the skills and knowledge to make a meaningful contribution to this mission.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to further discussing how the fellowship affiliation at the Stigler Center aligns with my goals and how I can contribute to the Center's research and community.

Sincerely,

Darcio Genicolo-Martins