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EDUCATION

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| Columbia University | 2022 – |
| Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science (<i>with distinction</i>) | |
| <i>Fields:</i> Political Economy, Geopolitics, Quantitative Methods, Game Theory | |
| Sciences Po Paris / London School of Economics and Political Science | 2019 – 2021 |
| Double Masters in International Economic Policy / Political Economy (<i>summa cum laude</i>) | |
| University of Warwick (UK) | 2013 – 2016 |
| BSc (<i>Hons</i>) in Economics | |

PUBLICATIONS

1. Varieties of Anxieties: Disaggregating Emotion and Voting Behavior in the COVID-19 Era / with Ranjit Lall (2025). *British Journal of Political Science*
2. Do Provinces that Win the Spanish Christmas Lottery Experience a Surge in Incumbent Popularity? / with Carolina Bernal and Donald Green. *Conditionally Accepted, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics*

WORKING PAPERS

1. Varieties of Political Risk: Firm Outcomes and Strategies in an Age of Uncertainty *Draft available upon request.*
2. Non-Market Strategy and its Discontents: Firm Value and Democratic Costs of Political Appointments. *Draft available upon request.*
3. The Politics of Abandonment: Private Service Deprivation and Support for the Far Left. *Winner of the Columbia University Giancarlo Doria Prize. Draft available upon request.*
4. Why and When do Governments Bail Out Banks? *Draft available upon request.*
5. Bond Markets and the Geopolitical Costs of Dependence *Draft available upon request.*

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

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| Columbia University | 2022 – |
| · <i>Exogenous Shocks and Political Outcomes.</i> PI: Donald Green. | |
| · <i>Criminal Violence and Democratic Dissent in Latin America.</i> PI: Sarah Z. Daly. | |
| · <i>Political Reactions to Broken Promises in Latin America.</i> PI: Maria Victoria Murillo. | |
| London School of Economics | 2020-2021 |
| · <i>Making International Institutions Work: The Politics of Performance.</i> PI: Ranjit Lall. | |

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

Aegis Energy <i>External Consultant</i>	2022 – Present
Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) <i>External Consultant, Private Finance for Sustainable Development</i>	2020 – 2024
Universitat Pompeu Fabra <i>Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow (With Prof. Ruben Durante)</i>	2021 – 2022
Goldman Sachs <i>Investment Banking Analyst, Equity Capital Markets</i>	2017 – 2019

TEACHING

Columbia University	2023 - 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Introduction to Comparative Politics (Prof. Benjamin McLelland): Spring 2025, Spring 2024· Latin American Politics: Inequalities, Democracy, and the Rule of the Law (Prof. Maria Victoria Murillo): Fall 2024, Fall 2023· The Rise of the Modern World Economy (Prof. Jeffry Frieden): Fall 2025	

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Dissertation Development Grant of \$2,700 (2025), to acquire relevant data for my dissertation
Columbia University Giancarlo Doria Prize (2024), for best paper in the department

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

2025

CBS-Princeton Money in Politics Conference (CBS)
European Political Science Association (UC3M)
Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NYU)
Columbia University Graduate Student Seminar

2024

Columbia University Political Economy Colloquium
Columbia University Comparative Politics Seminar
Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (Columbia)
Columbia University Graduate Student Seminar, Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science

2023

Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (Harvard)
Workshop on Empirical Political Science (UPF).

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

Programming	Stata, R, Python
GIS	ArcGIS, QGIS, OSM
Languages	Catalan & Spanish (native), English, French, Italian