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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021-** **Member**, Study Group on Representation, Political Parties, and Democracy, Fluminense Federal University, Niterói, Brazil
- 2020-** **Researcher**, Laboratory City and Power (LCP), Fluminense Federal University, Niterói, Brazil
- 2017-** **Researcher**, International Relations and Global South Group, Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2019-2021** **Researcher**, The footprint of ideology, Fluminense Federal University, Niterói, Brazil
- 2018-2019** **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Department of Political Science, Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Faculty Advisor: André Luiz Coelho Farias de Souza, PhD
Project: Democracy in Latin America
- 2017-2020** **Undergraduate Research Assistant Fellow**, International Relations in Latin America, Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

EDUCATION

- 2020-2024** **Ph.D. in Political Science**, Fluminense Federal University (UFF).
Dissertation: The Radical Left in Two Strategies: PCB and PSOL against the neoliberal rationality
Faculty Advisor: Soraia Marcelino Vieira, PhD
- 2019-2021** **M.A. in Political Science**, Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (UNIRIO).
Thesis: Latin American media coverage of Nicolás Maduro's constituent assembly
Faculty Advisor: André Luiz Coelho Farias de Souza, PhD
- 2014-2018** **B.A. in Political Science**, Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (UNIRIO).
- 2012-2017** **B.A. in International Relations**, IBMR University.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Ferreira, L. C., & Nunes Junior, E. M. (2025). Anti-colonial struggle in the United States: Theory and practice of the Black Panther Party. *Revista Passagens*, 17, 311–338. <http://dx.doi.org/10.15175/1984-2503-202517206>

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2021). Media, fake news and racism: The punitivism in rumors as a violence's legitimizer. *Revista Brasileira de Segurança Pública*, 15, 10–21. <https://doi.org/10.31060/rbsp.2021.v15.n1.1122>

Nunes Junior, E. M., & Ferreira, L. C. (2021). The dispute of the imaginary and the left: For the reconstruction of a revolutionary imaginary. *Marx e o Marxismo*, 8. <https://doi.org/10.62782/2318-9657.2020.354>

Coelho, A., Rosa, B., & Nunes Junior, E. (2020). Maduro, Chavism and Bolivarianism: Continuity or rupture?. *Revista Desigualdade & Diversidade*, 21. <https://doi.org/10.17771/PUCRio.DDCIS.56317>

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2018). Wikileaks: The leak of secret information as a form of counter-hegemony. *Fronteira (PUCMG)*, 17.

FORTHCOMING

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2025). Debates on the Common: Theoretical Trajectories and Contributions from the Global South to a Praxis of Cooperation. *Cadernos de Estudos Sociais e Políticos (IESP-UERJ)*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Nunes Junior, E.M. (2024). We are it. The Party as “political body” in three images. In: NEDER, Gizlene; BARCELOS, Ana Paula; ROQUE, Jônatas (Org.). *História Transnacional e Global: circulação de ideias e apropriações culturais*. 1ed. Rio de Janeiro: Mauad X.

Nunes Junior, E.M. (2021). Put on the mask, take off the gag: State, neoliberalism and disinformation during the pandemic. In: MADEIRA FILHO, Wilson; SOARES, Mara Magda. (Org.). *Pensamento Crítico e Políticas de Segurança Pública*. 1ed. Rio de Janeiro: Autografia, v. , p. 113-127.

Rosa, B.; Mendes Nunes, E.M. (2019). Turning Venezuela around: the pillars and challenges of Nicolás Maduro's government. In: MUÑOZ, Enara Echart; COELHO, André Luiz; VILLAMAR, María del Carmen (Org.). *Sulatinidades: debates do GRISUL sobre a América Latina*. 1ed. Périplos: Rio de Janeiro, p. 85-100.

BOOK REVIEW

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2019). Review of ‘Che Guevara and the Economic Debate in Cuba’. *Revista da Sociedade Brasileira de Economia Política*, 53, 147–151.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2019). Review of ‘Karl Marx and the Birth of Modern Society’. *Sociologias Plurais*, 5, 511–517.

BOOK

Loureiro, G. A., Siqueira, A. P. C., Silva, B. B. M. S. E., **Nunes Junior, E. M.**, Lima, M. I. S., Lins, R. S. M., & Oliveira, S. B. (Eds.). (2020). *State, democracy and society: Contemporary challenges* (1st ed., 215 pp.). Initia Via.

CONFERENCE PAPERS (PUBLISHED IN PROCEEDINGS)

Nunes Junior, E. M., & Ferreira, L. C. (2022). The Black Panther Party and the Anticolonial Struggle: Theory and Practice. In *Conference Proceedings of III International Virtual Conference on Scientific Research: Society, Culture and Power* (pp. 83–97). Editora Cravo. (Porto, Portugal)

Ferreira, L. C., & **Nunes Junior, E. M.** (2021). Anticolonial struggle in the United States: The interpretation of the Black Panther Party. In *Conference Proceedings of 45th ANPOCS Annual Meeting*. (Brazil)

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2019). The question of the State: Rescuing guevarist economic thought for a critique of neoliberalism. In *Proceedings of the III Meeting of International Political Economy of the Graduate Program in International Political Economy of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro* (pp. 740–759).

Ferreira, L. C., & **Nunes Junior, E. M.** (2019). The dispute of the Imaginary and the Left: For the reconstruction of a revolutionary imaginary. In *Proceedings of International Colloquium Marx and Marxism*. (Niterói)

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS (PUBLISHED IN PROCEEDINGS)

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2021). The Meanings of the Political Party: Party organizations in a lexical dispute. Presented at the *III Student Conference of the Postgraduate Program in Political Science*. Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2018). Media, Presidentialism and Crisis: Venezuela and Brazil in comparative perspective. Presented at the *XVII Undergraduate Research Retreat of UNIRIO*. Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro.

OUTREACH AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2025. "The ricochet of a conspiracy: Trump and the Epstein files." The Conversation. (Analysis)

2025. "Disinformation and racism: How fake news reinforces the criminalization of the black population." Alma Preta. (Analysis)

2021. Ferreira, L. C. & **Nunes Junior, E. M.** "Fear and Doubt." Lavrapalavra.

2021. Ferreira, L. C. & **Nunes Junior, E. M.** "“I Am Because We Are”: Towards a Psychoanalytic Approach to the Political Party." Núcleo Observando o Sul.

2021. "Webinar: Media, Racism and Violence." Brazilian Public Security Forum. (Interview)

2021. "The season of political maneuvering ahead of the 2022 elections." Jornal Informes. (Interview)

PRESENTATIONS

GUEST LECTURES/SPEECH

2025 – “The Radical Left in Two Strategies”, Course: Topics in Topics in International Relations and Global Politics, Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (UNIRIO)

2022 – “XIV Vocational Day”, Immaculate Heart of Mary College, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2025). Disinformation and digital radicalization in the attacks of January 6 and 8: a comparative analysis between Brazil and the United States. XIX Student Conference of the Graduate Program in Social Sciences of the State University of Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2025). Performative politics in the era of AI: the “Congress Enemy of the People” campaign and the Workers' Party's use of generative artificial intelligence. XIII Fluminense Sociology Seminar (UFF). [Niterói], Brazil.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2024). Justice in times of Democratic Crisis: the responses of the Brazilian and American Judiciary to the Invasions of 2021 and 2023. International Political Science Association (IPSA) Work In Progress Sessions. [Online].

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2024). La permanencia de Nicolás Maduro: virtù y fortuna en la política exterior venezolana hacia Brasil y Estados Unidos (2017-2023). XII Latin American Congress of Political Science (ALACIP). Lisbon, Portugal.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2024). Brazil-Venezuela Relations in the Lula III Government: Continuity or Rupture?. V Student Conference of the Postgraduate Program in Political Science at Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2024). Notes on the Beautiful Soul in Hegel: the political, the anti-political and the apolitical. 20th Meeting of the National Association for Graduate Studies in Philosophy. Pernambuco, Brazil.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2024). Fake News and Dynamics of Belonging: the role of Conspiracy Theories in the invasions of the Capitol in the USA and the Praça dos Três Poderes in Brazil. XVIII Student Conference of the Graduate Program in Social Sciences of the State University of Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2024). The Common and the Cooperation in Critical Theory: contemporary perspectives. VII Meeting of Political Theory and Brazilian Political Thought. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2021). The Meanings of the Political Party: party organizations in a lexical dispute. III Student Conference of the Postgraduate Program in Political Science at Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Ferreira, L. C. & **Nunes Junior, E. M.** (2021). Anticolonial struggle in the United States: The Interpretation of the Black Panther Party. 45th National Association of Postgraduate Studies and Research in Social Sciences (ANPOCS) Annual Meeting. Brazil.

Nunes Junior, E. M. & Ferreira, L. C. (2021). The Black Panther Party and the Anticolonial Struggle: Theory and Practice. III International Virtual Conference on Scientific Research: Society, Culture and Power. Porto, Portugal.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2019). The question of the State: Rescuing guevarist economic thought for a critique of neoliberalism. III National Meeting of International Political Economy. Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Ferreira, L. C. & **Nunes Junior, E. M.** (2019). The dispute of the Imaginary and the Left: for the reconstruction of a revolutionary imaginary. International Colloquium Marx and Marxism: Marxism without taboos – Facing oppression. Niterói, Brazil.

Ferreira, L. C. & **Nunes Junior, E. M.** (2019). Homophobia in class society: a materialist critique of Friedrich Engels. II LGBTI+ Week. Niterói, Brazil.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2018). Media, Presidentialism and Crisis: Venezuela and Brazil in comparative perspective. XVII Undergraduate Research Retreat of UNIRIO. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2017). The new way of public policies: a Marxist perspective on the ideology present in the Cidade Linda program. II NUPPAA Seminar: Thinking and Rethinking Public Policies. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Nunes Junior, E. M. (2017). Presidentialism and the Media in Latin America: a comparative study between Venezuela and Brazil. 11th Undergraduate Education Week at Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND SUPERVISION

Visiting Professor

- Department of Political Science, 2025-, Fluminense Federal University (UFF).
 - *Course: States and Interests (invited by Prof. Eduardo Rodrigues Gomes, PhD)*

Adjunct Professor

- Department of Political Science (fixed-term contract), 2021-2023, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ).
 - *Courses taught: Introduction to Political Science for International Relations; Marxist Political Analysis; Political Science for Administration; Political Parties, Organization and Representation; Political Science for Economics; Political Science for Social Sciences*

Teaching Assistant

- Contemporary Politics: Political Representation and Political Parties, 2020, Fluminense Federal University.
 - *Advisor: Eduardo Rodrigues Gomes, PhD*
- Politics and Society in Latin America, 2019, Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro.
 - *Advisor: André Luiz Coelho Farias de Souza, PhD*

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

- Politics and Society in Latin America, 2017, Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro.
 - *Advisor: André Luiz Coelho Farias de Souza, PhD*

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Supervision

- Ariel de Oliveira Lucena, 2023, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Tiago Augusto Machado, 2022, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Daniella Aparício dos Santos, 2022, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Paulo Rodrigues de Abreu, 2021, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Camila Beatriz Pompeu de Miranda, 2021, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Fellowships

- 2024 – CAPES doctoral fellowship (\$30,000.00)
- 2017 – UNIRIO grant for undergraduate teaching assistant (\$640.00)
- 2018 – UNIRIO grant for undergraduate research (\$640.00)

Awards

- 2025 – Best paper presented in the WG, V Student Conference of the Postgraduate Program in Political Science at UNIRIO
- 2018 – Best Political Science Paper presented in Oral Communication, XVII Undergraduate research Retreat of UNIRIO

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ad-hoc reviewer

- Revista Intratextos, State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ)
- Revista Cadernos de Estudos Sociais e Políticos, State University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ)
- Revista ZIZ – Revista Discente de Ciência Política, Fluminense Federal University (UFF)
- Revista Sociologias Plurais, Federal University of Paraná (UFPR)

Undergraduate Thesis Committee

- Yuri Patrocínio de Azevedo, Political Science, Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (UNIRIO)
- Matheus Degani, Political Science, Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro (UNIRIO)

Academic and Organizational Activities

2023 – Coordinator, VIII IESP-UERJ Student Seminar. WG 2: Political Organization and Collective Action.

2019 – Coordinator, II Student Conference of the Graduate Program in Political Science, UNIRIO

2017 – Organization, UNIRIO Diplomatic University Model (MUDUNI).

2017 – Organization, Politics Week: Politics in different faces, UNIRIO.

2016 – Survey Enumerator, Rio de Janeiro LGBT Pride Parade. Results published in Insight Inteligência.
<https://insightinteligencia.com.br/parada-do-orgulho-lgbt-a-voz-e-o-voto/>

Membership

International Political Science Association (2024 – present)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2025 – Introduction to Machine Learning, University of São Paulo (USP)

2025 – Data Analysis in R Language, National School of Public Administration (ENAP, Brazil)

2025 – Introduction to Data Science, Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV, Brazil)

2024 – U.S. Political Institutions: Congress, Presidency, Courts, and Bureaucracy, HarvardX (EDX)

2024 – Basic Elements of Scientific Publishing, Institute of Social and Political Studies (IESP-UERJ)

2022 – Introductory Online Course on Climate Change, United Nations Institute for Training and Research

2017 – Militant Research in Latin America, Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO)

2021 – Psychoanalysis and Brazilian Society: Critical Perspectives, University of São Paulo (USP, Brazil)

2021 – Introduction to Documentary Filmmaking, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ, Brazil)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Portuguese: Fluent (native)

English: Fluent (DET Score: 140/160)

Spanish: Upper-intermediate (DELE B2)

French: Upper-intermediate (DELF B2)

German: Beginner

References available upon request.