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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle <i>Ph.D. Student Political Science</i>	2027 (<i>expected</i>)
University of Washington, Seattle <i>M.A. Political Science</i>	2024
University College London UCL <i>M.Sc. Public Policy</i>	2019
Universidad Nacional de Colombia <i>B.A. Political Science</i>	2014

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Echavarria, Elizabeth, Joannie Tremblay-Boire, Nives Dolsak, & Aseem Prakash.

The Impact of the Black Lives Matter Movement on Missions and Activities of Environmental NGOs, 2011-2023.
Invited to Revise & Resubmit at *Regulation & Governance*.

Echavarria, Elizabeth.

Diffusion Channels of Private Governance in the Energy Transition Minerals Sector: Disentangling Labor and Environmental Drivers.
Presented at the Environmental Governance and Politics EPG 2025 Annual Conference in Sachseln, Switzerland.
Under Review.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Echavarria, Elizabeth.

Institutionalized Strategies in Resistance to Mining. The Role of Local Elected Officials.
Presented at the Political Economy of Climate and Environment PECE 2025 Annual Conference in Vancouver, Canada.

Echavarria, Elizabeth.

Explaining Community Solar Delays: the Role of Rurality and Infrastructure Economics.
Presented at the American Political Science Association APSA 2025 Annual Conference in Vancouver, Canada.

Echavarria, Elizabeth & Kayla Morton.

Navigating the Deep-Sea Mining Debate: Domestic Determinants for Moratorium Support.
Presented at the International Studies Association ISA 2025 Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

Echavarria, Elizabeth, Joannie Tremblay-Boire, Nives Dolsak & Aseem Prakash.

Has the Climate Crisis Motivated Environmental NGOs to Embrace Nuclear Energy?
Presented at the Association of Voluntary Action Scholars ARNOVA 2023 Annual Conference in Orlando, FL.

OTHER WRITINGS / POLICY REPORTS

2020. Artisanal and small-scale miners facing Covid-19. Preliminary study on impact perceptions.

- Commissioned by: Solidaridad Network / Alliance for Responsible Mining. Co-authorship.

2018. Understanding the economic contribution of Small-scale Mining in East Africa (Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda).

- Commissioned by: Department for International Development, DFID, UK. Research Assistantship.

2015. Evaluation of mining formalization policies' implementation in Colombia (gold and coal case studies).

- Commissioned by: US Department of Labor. Lead authorship.

2014. Addressing Forced Labor in Artisanal and Small-scale Mining.

- Commissioned by: Humanity United. Research Assistantship.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Washington, Seattle:

POL S 203. Introduction to International Relations
POL S 204. Introduction to Comparative Politics
POL S 331. Government and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa
POL S 321. American Foreign Policy

(Teaching Assistant) Autumn, 2025
(Teaching Assistant) Spring, 2025
(Teaching Assistant) Winter, 2025
(Teaching Assistant) Autumn, 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

Policy Data Analyst, Coalition for Community Solar Access, Seattle, WA.

June - August 2024

Main Project

- Analysis of publicly available interconnection queue data to obtain insights about timelines and challenges in the deployment of community solar projects.

Mining Program Manager, Solidaridad Network. South America.

March 2020 - September 2022

Main Projects

- Technical Support Program + Alternative Livelihoods in Suriname. Client: Newmont Corporation.
- Practice for Change “Good practices in Peru and Colombia through private sector and small-scale producers’ collaboration”. Donor: Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Strategic Coordinator, CI ANEXPO SAS. Colombia.

July 2019 - March 2020

Main Project

- Access to responsible markets, good practices, and territorial governance in artisanal mining in Choco, Colombia. Donor: European Partnership for Responsible Minerals EPRM.

Head of Governance, Alliance for Responsible Mining. South America.

October 2015 - November 2018

Main Projects

- Responsible Mining Labs: from dialogue to action. Donor: Ford Foundation / Colombia and Peru.
- Scoping Study in Colombia to assess viability of the Fairmined / Fairtrade Standard. Donor: Swiss Better Gold Initiative / Switzerland State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO.

Policy Analyst, Alliance for Responsible Mining. South America.

March 2014 - October 2015

Main Project

- Scoping Study in Ecuador and Brazil to assess viability of the Fairmined / Fairtrade Initiative. Donor: Inter-American Development Bank.

SERVICE AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

2022. Judge. Artisanal Mining Grand Challenge. The Amazon - Hosted by Conservation X Labs.

- Evaluated innovative solutions for artisanal and small-scale mining, scoring proposals to improve environmental performance, water and biodiversity outcomes, and social equity in ASM, particularly in the Amazon region.

2016-2018. Civil society representation before the Colombian National Committee of the Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).

- Oversaw accountability of participant companies; promoted inclusion of sub-national data and non-fiscal costs and payments in country reports

VOLUNTEERING

2024. Development of accessible infographic materials on renewable energy subsidies for rural non-English speakers in WA state.

- In collaboration with Spark Northwest, Front and Centered, and the Latino Educational Training Institute.

2023. Just Hack: A Just Transition Challenge — Mentor.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CSSS) Travel Award — University of Washington — 2025.
- Richard B. Wesley Fellowship in Environmental Politics and Governance — University of Washington — 2024-2025.
- Critical Minerals Research Lab Fellowship — Resources for the Future — 2024-2025.
- Clean Energy Institute (CEI) Travel Grant — University of Washington — 2024 and 2025.
- Gradel Institute Social Impact Doctoral Fellowship — New College, University of Oxford — 2024.
- Renewable Energy Scholarship Foundation Award — 2024.
- Fund for Latino Scholarship Award — American Political Science Association APSA — 2023.
- Clean Energy Institute CEI Fellowship and Tuition Waiver — University of Washington — 2023-2024.
- Department of Political Science Fellowship and Graduate School Top Scholar Tuition Waiver — University of Washington — 2022-2023
- Chevening Award to study MSc in Public Policy — Foreign and Commonwealth Office UK — 2018
- Best Undergraduate Dissertation Award — Universidad Nacional de Colombia — 2014
- Undergraduate tuition exemption for top 5 percent students in the Department of Human and Economic Sciences — Universidad Nacional de Colombia — 2012-2013

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association APSA	2023, 2025
International Studies Association ISA	2025
Western Political Science Association WPSA	2025
Environmental Governance and Politics EPG	2025
Political Economy of Climate and Environment PECE	2025
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action ARNOVA	2023, 2024
Workshop for the Resilient Supply of Critical Minerals	2024

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (full professional proficiency).

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Software, Programming & Tools: R / RStudio, Stata, Python, L^AT_EX.