

# Eric Magar

## *curriculum vitae*

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## 1 Education

- BA in Political Science (1994, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México).
- PhD in Political Science (2001, University of California at San Diego).  
**Dissertation:** “[Bully Pulpits: Posturing, Bargaining, and Polarization in the Legislative Process of the Americas](#)” co-advised by Gary W. Cox and Paul W. Drake.

## 2 Research interests

- Comparative Political Institutions; legislative process; elections and electoral systems; formal theory; applied statistics.

## 3 Employment

- 2023, Non-Resident Visiting Scholar, [Department of Political Science](#), University of California San Diego.
- 2014–15, Visiting Scholar, [Department of Political Science](#), Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2000–present, Associate Professor, [Department of Political Science](#), ITAM.
- 2007, Visiting Professor, [Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals](#), Barcelona, Spain.
- 2004–2007, Chair, [Department of Political Science](#), ITAM.
- 2000–2003, Director of Undergraduate Studies, ITAM.
- 1994, Advisor to the Director Ejecutivo de Prerrogativas y Partidos Políticos, [Instituto Federal Electoral](#), Mexico City.

## 4 Awards

- 2017–present, Level II Researcher, [Sistema Nacional de Investigadores](#), Mexico.
- 2014, Premio al Mérito Profesional en el Sector Académico, ex-ITAM (former alumni association).
- 2005–2016, Level I Researcher, Sistema Nacional de Investigadores, Mexico.
- 2002–2005, Researcher candidate, Sistema Nacional de Investigadores, Mexico.
- 2001, The [Peggy Quon Prize](#) for distinguished research contribution to political science, Dept. of Political Science, UCSD.
- 1994, Premio Los Mejores Estudiantes de México, *El Diario de México*.
- 1994, Premio a la Excelencia Académica Miguel Palacios Macedo, ITAM.
- 1994, [Honors Mention](#) in the BA thesis defense, ITAM.

## 5 Publications

### 5.1 In peer-reviewed journals

- “No Accountability without Transparency and Consistency: Evaluating Mexico’s Redistricting-by-Formula” with Alejandro Trelles, Micah Altman, and Michael P. McDonald, *Election Law Journal* vol. 22, num. 1, pp. 80–99, May 2023.
- “[Presidents on the Fast Track: Fighting Floor Amendments with Restrictive Rules](#)” with Valeria Palanza and Gisela Sin, *The Journal of Politics* vol. 83, num. 2 (2021) pp. 633–46.
- “[La partición de un cartel: votaciones nominales y guerra faccional en la Asamblea Legislativa del Distrito Federal](#)” *Revista Uruguaya de Ciencia Política* vol. 26, num. 1 (2017) pp. 35–58.
- “[Components of partisan bias originating from single-member districts in multi-party systems: The case of Mexico](#)” with Alejandro Trelles, Micah Altman, and Michael P. McDonald, *Political Geography* vol. 57, March 2017, pp. 1–12.
- “[Datos abiertos, transparencia y redistribución en México](#)” with Alejandro Trelles, Micah Altman y Michael P. McDonald, *Política y Gobierno* vol. 23, num. 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2016, pp. 331–64 (also appeared in English [here](#)).
- “[Consideraciones metodológicas para estudiantes de política legislativa mexicana: sesgo por selección en votaciones nominales](#)” with Francisco Cantú and Scott Desposato, *Política y Gobierno* vol. 21, num. 1, 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2014, pp. 25–53.
- “[Gubernatorial Coattails in Mexican Congressional Elections](#)” *The Journal of Politics* vol. 74 no. 2, Apr. 2012, pp. 383–99.
- “[Factions with clout: presidential cabinet coalition and policy in the Uruguayan Parliament](#)” with Juan Andrés Moraes, *Party Politics* vol. 18 num. 3 (May 2012) pp. 427–51.
- “[Coalición y resultados: aprobación y duración del trámite parlamentario en Uruguay \(1985–2000\)](#)” with Juan Andrés Moraes, *Revista Uruguaya de Ciencia Política* vol. 17, num. 1 (Jan.-Dec. 2008), pp. 39–70.
- “[Partisanship in Non-Partisan Electoral Agencies and Democratic Compliance: Evidence from Mexico’s Federal Electoral Institute](#)” with Federico Estévez and Guillermo Rosas, *Electoral Studies* vol. 27, num. 2 (June 2008), pp. 257–71.
- “[México: reformas pese a un gobierno dividido](#)” with Vidal Romero, *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol. 28, num. 1 (June 2008), pp. 265–85.
- “[México en 2006: la accidentada consolidación democrática](#)” with Vidal Romero, *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol. 27, special num. (July 2007), pp. 184–204.

- “How Much is Majority Status in the U.S. Congress Worth?” with Gary W. Cox, *American Political Science Review* vol. 93, num. 2 (June 1999), pp. 299–309.
  - “How Much is Majority Status in the U.S. Congress Worth? — CORRIGENDUM” with Gary W. Cox, *American Political Science Review* vol. 117, num. 2 (May 2023), p. 781.
- “On the Absence of Centripetal Incentives in Double-Member Districts: The Case of Chile” with Marc R. Rosenblum and David Samuels, *Comparative Political Studies* vol. 31, num. 6 (December 1998), pp. 714–39.

## 5.2 Chapters in edited volumes

- “Mexico: Parties and floor access in Mexico’s Cámara de Diputados” in *The Politics of Legislative Debate around the World*, ed. Hanna Bäck, Marc Debus, and Jorge M. Fernandes (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021, pp. 572–93).
- “The electoral institutions: party subsidies, campaign decency, and entry barriers” in *Mexico’s Evolving Democracy: A Comparative Study of the 2012 Elections*, ed. Jorge I. Domínguez, Kenneth G. Greene, Chappell Lawson and Alejandro Moreno (Washington DC: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2015, pp. 63–85).
- “Los contados cambios al equilibrio de poderes” in *Reformar sin mayorías: La dinámica del cambio constitucional en México, 1997–2012*, edited by María Amparo Casar and Ignacio Marván Laborde (Mexico City: Taurus, 2014, pp. 259–94).
- “Legalist vs. Interpretivist: The Supreme Court and Democratic Transition in Mexico” with Beatriz Magaloni and Arianna Sánchez in *Courts in Latin America*, edited by Gretchen Helmke and Julio Ríos Figueroa (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011). Translated to Spanish in *Tribunales constitucionales de América Latina*, edited by Gretchen Helmke and Julio Ríos Figueroa (Mexico City: Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación, 2011).
- “National Election Results for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Peru, and Venezuela during the 1980s and 1990s” with Kevin J. Middlebrook, statistical appendix in *Conservative Parties, the Right, and Democracy in Latin America*, edited by Kevin J. Middlebrook (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000).
- “Medios de comunicación y democracia” with Juan Molinar in *Elecciones, diálogo y reforma: México 1994*, vol. 2, edited by Jorge Alcocer and Jorge Carpizo (Mexico City: Centro de Estudios para un Proyecto Nacional Alternativo, 1996, pp. 145–42).

## 5.3 Edited book

- *Mujeres legisladoras en México: avances, obstáculos, consecuencias y propuestas*, with Magdalena Huerta García (Mexico City: INMUJERES-CONACYT-Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-ITAM, 2006, ISBN 970-95099-0-X, 575 pp.)

## 5.4 In magazine

- “IFE: La casa de la partidocracia” with Federico Estévez and Guillermo Rosas, *Nexos* 376 (April 2009), pp. 124–7.

## 5.5 Book reviews

- “Judicial Power and Strategic Communication in Mexico. By Jeffrey K. Staton,” *Latin American Politics and Society* vol. 53, num. 3 (Fall 2011), pp. 185–8.
- “Informal Coalitions and Policymaking in Latin America: Ecuador in Comparative Perspective. Por Andrés Mejía Acosta,” *Política y Gobierno* vol. 17, num. 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2010), pp. 384–6.

- “Ambition, Federalism, and Legislative Politics in Brazil. By David Samuels,” *The Americas* vol. 62, num. 3 (January 2006), pp. 498–500.
- “Nested Games: Rational Choice in Comparative Politics de George Tsebelis,” *Perfiles Latinoamericanos de FLACSO* vol. 2, num. 3 (December 1993), pp. 194–8.

## 6 Public data bases

- “Recent Mexican Election Vote Returns” repository, <https://github.com/emagar/elecRetrns>, GitHub 4 Apr. 2018 (last updated 2 Feb. 2024).
- “Nighttime Lights in Mexico at Units of Substantive Interest” repository, <https://github.com/emagar/luminosity>, GitHub 30 May 2021 (last updated 30 Sep. 2022).
- “Recent Mexican Electoral Geography” repository, <https://github.com/emagar/mxDistritos>, GitHub 22 de Oct. 2019 (last updated 15 Feb. 2023).
- “Roll Call Votes Data for the Mexican Chamber of Deputies” repository, <https://github.com/emagar/dipMex>, GitHub.
- “Consecutive Reelection Institutions and Electoral Calendars Since 1994 in Mexico”, <http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/X2IDWS>, Harvard Dataverse (Apr. 2017).
- “México Estatal: Conformación de las Legislaturas Locales de México por Partido Político, por Principio de Representación y por Género de 1985–2015” with Alejandra Ríos Cázares, <http://datos.cide.edu/handle/10089/17392>, Laboratorio Nacional de Políticas Públicas CIDE (Sep. 2015).

## 7 Professional conferences and seminars (since 2017)

- 25 Apr. 2024, “Las elecciones del 2 de junio: El ¿breve? experimento con la reelección consecutiva” at ITAM’s Faculty Meeting.
- 10 Nov. 2022, “The Personal Vote in Mexico: Separating Incumbency and Campaign Effects with Survey Evidence” (con Alejandro Moreno) at the brown bag seminar, ITAM.
- 25 Jun. 2022, “Slippage among the Experts? Agency Costs in Partisan Election Regulation” (with Federico Estévez and Guillermo Rosas) at the Mathew McCubbins Memorial Conference, UC, San Diego, CA.
- 3 May. 2022, discussant of the book *El imperio de los otros datos: tres años de falsedades y engaños desde Palacio* by Luis Estrada, ITAM Mexico City.
- 9 Apr. 2022, discussant of the “Separate Together: Legislators, Parties, and Coalitions” panel of the Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 7 Apr. 2022, “Redistricting and the separation of incumbency and campaign effects: name recognition in Coahuila” (with Alejandro Moreno) at the Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 19 Nov. 2021, discussant of “Heterogeneous Districts, Interests, and Trade Policy” by Kishore Gawande, Pablo M. Pinto, and Santiago M. Pinto, at the 2021 Latin American Political Methodology Meeting, ITAM Mexico City.
- 21 Oct. 2021, discussant at the “Democratic erosion” panel at The Public and Democracy in the Americas virtual conference, LAPOP-Vanderbilt University.
- 17 May 2019, “The dark side of electoral reform: the geography of public good distribution”, IV Taller La ciencia política desde México, Casa de la Marquesa, ITAM.
- 7 Apr. 2019, “The dark side of electoral reform” (with Adrián Lucardi) at the Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

- 4 Apr. 2019, discussant at the “JSS SESSION: Don’t Stop ’Til You Get Enough: Resources and Redistribution,” Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 7 Dec. 2018, “*Incumbency advantage en elecciones municipales*”, preparation seminar for a special issue on the 2018 elections for *Política y Gobierno*, CIDE, Mexico City.
- 5 Oct., 2018, “*Del gobierno abierto a la participación efectiva*”, at the Observatorio de participación ciudadana y cultura de la transparencia y la legalidad: E-lecciones en tiempos de internet conference, Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila, Saltillo.
- 10 Aug., 2018, “*The removal of single-term limits, redistricting, and name recognition: The case of Coahuila’s state races*”, IVth meeting of the Grupo de Estudios Legislativos, Mexico City.
- 10 Aug., 2018, “*Presidents on the Fast Track: Fighting Floor Amendments with Restrictive Rules*”, IVth meeting of the Grupo de Estudios Legislativos, Mexico City.
- 25 Jun. 2018, “*Mexico’s 2018 Congressional elections*”, Mexico Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC.
- 18 May 2018, “*Name recognition en Coahuila*”, III Taller La ciencia política desde México, Casa de la Marquesa, ITAM.
- 28 Feb. 2018, “*Experiencias académicas*”, roundtable at the 25th anniversary of ITAM’s political science department ITAM.
- 9 Nov. 2017, “*Un método para obtener texto del internet y analizarlo*”, 1er Simposio TLH en las ciencias sociales, UAM-Cuajimalpa.
- 8 Nov. 2017, “*Lo que nos espera en 2018*”, roundtable at the Alonso Lujambio Prize ceremony, ITAM.
- 2 Nov. 2017, “*Another nail in the coffin of Mexican exceptionalism: The removal of (most) single-term limits*” at the Mexico 2018 Election Conference, Center for U.S.–Mexican Studies, UCSD.
- 14 Sept. 2017, “*Restrictive rules in the Chilean Cámara: Fighting floor amendments with urgency authority*”, at the Seminario de Investigación Política, ITAM.
- 2 Sept. 2017, discussant at panel “*Legislative Activity and Output*,” annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 1 Sept. 2017, “*Restrictive rules in the Chilean Cámara: Fighting floor amendments with urgency authority*” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 24 Aug. 2017, “*Tensiones esperables entre la reelección consecutiva y las normas electorales*,” Seminario Permanente de Análisis de Justicia Electoral en México, ITAM-CIDE-III.
- 26 May 2017, “*Restrictive rules in the Chilean Congress*”, II Taller La ciencia política desde México, Casa de la Marquesa, ITAM.
- 11 May 2017, “*Mesa de encuestas*,” pre-election polls roundtable, ITAM.
- 5 Apr. 2017, “*Elecciones en Francia: contexto político e implicaciones macroeconómicas*,” roundtable, ITAM.
- 9 Mar. 2017, “*La reelección consecutiva de legisladores y alcaldes*,” at the Mexican constitution’s centennial roundtable, ITAM Mexico City.

## 8 Service

### 8.1 Referee/reviewer

#### 8.1.1 Journals

*American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Applied Geography*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Economía Mexicana Nueva Época*, *EconoQuantum*, *Foro Internacional*, *Italian Political Science Review*, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *Journal of Politics*,

*Latin American Politics and Society, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Party Politics, Perfiles Latinoamericanos, Política y Gobierno, Political Analysis, Political Research Quarterly, Regional & Federal Studies, Revista Mexicana de Sociología, Revista Sociológica, Social Choice and Welfare, World Politics.*

### **8.1.2 University presses**

Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política, El Colegio de México, FLACSO–México, Fondo de Cultura Económica, Oxford University Press.

### **8.1.3 Other academic texts**

Oxford Bibliographies.

## **8.2 Academic Committees**

- 2020, [Evan Ringquist Award](#) for best paper in the topic of political institutions selection committee, Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2016, Jewell/Loewenberg award selection committee, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association.
- 2014, Fulbright-García Robles Scholarship Award committee member, (COMEXUS, Mexico City).
- 2014–18, Editorial Board [member](#), *Política y Gobierno*, (CIDE, Mexico City).
- 2013, [Kellogg/Notre Dame Award selection committee](#), Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2012–14, [Member](#) of the Academic Coordination Committee for the Masters in Government and Public Affairs, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Mexico.
- 2010–12, Editorial Board member, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Mexico.
- 2009–16, Research Associate, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (UC, San Diego.)
- 2006–, Editorial board member, *La Gaceta de Ciencia Política* (ITAM, Mexico City.)
- 2001–2004, Member of the Academic Coordination Committee for the Masters in Government and Public Affairs, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Mexico.

## **8.3 Other committees**

- 2012, Comité Técnico de Especialistas de la Comisión Temporal de Debates, member of the advisory board to the committee in charge of televised presidential candidate debates, Instituto Federal Electoral, Mexico City.
- 2006, *Reforma* newspaper, member of the Research Board, Mexico City.
- 2005–2006, Tu Rock es Votar, member of the Advisory Board, Mexico City.

# **9 Courses taught**

## **9.1 Graduate level**

- Positive Political Theory and Legislative Studies, Ph.D. in Political Science–Instituto de Ciencia Política, Universidad de la República, Uruguay, 6 hours: Fa2008.
- Estudios de América Latina, Master in International Relations IBEI–Barcelona, 16 hours: Fa2007.
- Introducción al Análisis Político, Master in Public Policy ITAM, 33 hours: Fa2006.
- Análisis político institucional, Master in Public Policy ITAM, 33 hours: Fa2000, Fa2001, Fa2002, Fa2003.



## 9.2 Undergraduate level

- Comparative Political Institutions (Política Comparada II), ITAM, 48 hours: Sp2022, Fa2020, Sp2020, Fa2019, Sp2019, Fa2018, Sp2018, Fa2017, Sp2017, Sp2016, Fa2015, Sp2014, Fa2013, Fa2012, Sp2012, Fa2011, Fa2010, Sp2010, Sp2009, Fa2008, Sp2008, Fa2006, Fa2005, Fa2004, Fa2003, Sp2003, Fa2002.
- Latin- and Anglo-American Politics (Política Comparada III), ITAM (48 hours: Fa2001, Fa2000).
- Legislative Bargaining (Elección Pública III), lic. en ciencia política ITAM, 48 hours: Sp2022, Fa2021, Sp2021, Fa2020, Sp2020, Fa2019, Sp2019, Fa2018, Sp2018, Fa2017, Sp2017, Fa2016, Sp2016, Fa2015, Sp2014, Sp2013, Fa2012, Sp2012, Fa2011, Sp2011, Fa2010, Sp2010, Fa2009, Sp2009, Fa2008, Sp2008, Fa2006, Sp2006, Sp2005, Sp2004, Sp2003.
- New Institutionalism (Política Comparada III), ITAM, 48 hours: Fa2021, Fa2018.
- Research Thesis Seminar (Seminario de Investigación Política), ITAM, 48 hours: Sp2021, Fa2017, Fa2013, Sp2013, Sp2011, Fa2009, Sp2004, Sp2002, Sp2001.

## 9.3 Short courses

- Contemporary Mexican Politics, invited lecture at the Chapman Family Foundation International Program, University of San Diego (2 hours: Fa2022).
- Geo-Referenced Data Analysis, Data Journalism Workshop ITAM–DataCivica , Análisis de datos georreferenciados, (3 hours: Su2017)
- Separation of Power in Latin America and the United States, Judicial Training Program for Argentine Judges, Washington University in St. Louis (with Guillermo Rosas, 2 hours: Su2015).
- Latent Variable Estimation Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis–ITAM (15 hours: Sp2011).

## 10 Consulting

- 2023, /Amicus Curiae/ Consideraciones en materia de delimitación electoral para el análisis constitucional de las reformas político electorales 2022–2023 (con Alejandro Trelles, Micah Altman y Michael McDonald). Submitted to the Mexican Supreme Court April 27th, 2023.
- 2020, Electoral Boundaries Specialist of the Electoral Observation Mission of the United States, Organization of American States (Washington D.C.).
- 2008–09, “The Political Economy of Fiscal Reforms in Latin America: The Case of Mexico” with Vidal Romero and Jeffrey F. Timmons, background paper for the Inter-American Development Bank *The Political Economy of Fiscal Reforms in Latin America* by Mark Hallerberg.
- 2006, “Changing Patterns of Governance in Mexican States: What do They Tell Us About Future Directions of National Politics?” with Vidal Romero, background paper for the Institutional Governance Report *Democratic Governance in Mexico: Beyond State Capture and Social Polarization* by Philip Keefer (Mexico City: World Bank-INAP-CIDE, 2007).

## 11 References

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- ELISABETH GERBER, Jack L. Walker, Jr. Professor of Public Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Univ. of Michigan.  
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