

# 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. Citations: 6.

## 2 Research interests

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

## 3 Employment

- 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

“Presidents on the Fast Track: Fighting Floor Amendments with Restrictive Rules” with Valeria Palanza and Gisela Sin, *The Journal of Politics* (accepted June 2019).

“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. Citations: 2.

“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. Citations: 3.

“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. Citations: 1.

“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. Citations: 8.

“México: reformas pese a un gobierno dividido” with Vidal Romero, *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol. 28, num. 1 (June 2008), pp. 265–85. Citations: 1

“México en 2006: la accidentada consolidación democrática” with Vidal Romero, *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol. 27, special num. (July 2007), pp. 184–204. Citations: 2.

“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. Citations: 35.

“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. Citations: 40.

## 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 y Jorge M. Fernandes (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021, ch. 28, pp. , ISBN ).
- “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. Interpretativist: 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). Citations: 1.
- “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). Citations: 3.

## 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.) Citations: 1.

## 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 In working paper series

- “Of Coalition and Speed: Passage and Duration of Statutes in Uruguay’s Parliament, 1985–2000” with Juan Andrés Moraes, IBEI working papers num. 2008/15 ISSN:1886-2802 (June 2008).

## 5.6 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 electoral geography” repository, <https://github.com/emagar/mxDistritos>, GitHub (updated Nov. 26, 2019).
- “Recent Mexican Election Vote Returns” repository, <https://github.com/emagar/elecRetrns>, GitHub (updated Nov. 20, 2019).
- “Roll call votes data for the Mexican Chamber of Deputies” repository, <https://github.com/emagar/dipMex>, GitHub (updated Sep. 11, 2018).
- “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 2015)

- 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.
- 12 Dec. 2016, “[Redistribución automatizada en México: retos y oportunidades](#)”, at the Redistribución electoral, reelección legislativa y el rol de las cortes: perspectiva comparada desde México y los Estados Unidos de América Seminar, Tribunal Electoral del Poder Judicial de la Federación, Mexico City.
- 24 Nov. 2016, “[Presidential obstruction of the agenda in Chile’s Congress](#)”, at the Seminar ICP–UC, Santiago, Chile.
- 18 Nov. 2016, “[The crowded plenary: Urgency, logrolls, and the conclusive procedure in Brazil’s Câmara](#)”, at the III Encuentro GEL–ALACIP, Santiago, Chile.
- 21 Sep. 2016, “[Saturación del pleno: urgencias del ejecutivo y el poder conclusivo en la Câmara brasileña](#)”, at the Seminario Racionalidad, evolución y aprendizaje, claves del cambio institucional en México, UAM-Xochimilco and AMEP, Mexico City.
- 28 May 2016, “[Presidential obstruction of the agenda in Chile’s Congress](#)”, at the sesquiannual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, New York, NY.
- 13 May 2016, “Automated redistricting and partisan strategic interaction in Mexico”, Taller La ciencia política desde México, Casa de la Marquesa, ITAM.
- 29 Oct. 2015, “[Transparency, automated redistricting, and partisan strategic interaction in Mexico](#)”, at El Colegio de México.
- 29 Oct. 2015, “[From open data to participation in redistricting](#)”, at the Open Government Partnership Summit, Mexico City.
- 25 Sep. 2015, “[Measuring malapportionment, gerrymander, and turnout effects in multi-party systems](#)”, at the Political Science Research Seminar, ITAM.
- 4 Sep. 2015, “[Presidential obstruction of the agenda in Chile’s Congress](#)”, at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2 Sep. 2015, “[Transparency, automated redistricting, and partisan strategic interaction in Mexico](#)”, at the Electoral Integrity Project pre-APSA workshop, San Francisco, CA.
- 28 Jul. 2015, “[Measuring malapportionment, gerrymander, and turnout effects in multi-party systems](#)”, at the Political Economy of Social Choices workshop, Casa Matemática Oaxaca.

- 18 Apr. 2015, “The effects of malapportionment, turnout, and gerrymandering in Mexico’s mixed-member system”, at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 13 Mar. 2015, “Malapportionment, party bias, and responsiveness in Mexico’s mixed-member system”, at the Seminar in Politics, University of Florida, Gainesville.
- 9 Feb. 2015, “Congress skips turn, again: agenda obstruction in the Chilean Congress”, at the Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Campaign.

## 8 Referee/reviewer

### 8.1 Journal articles

*American Journal of Political Science* (2000, 2004, 2004, 2006), *American Political Science Review* (2003, 2004, 2004, 2007, 11/2018), *Applied Geography* (11/2017), *Comparative Political Studies* (1998, 2009, 3/2018), *Economía Mexicana Nueva Época* (2008, 2011), *EconoQuantum* (2012, 2012), *Foro Internacional* (2012), *Journal of Legislative Studies* (2010), *Journal of Politics in Latin America* (2014), *Journal of Politics* (2011, 2015, 2016, 1/2017, 6/2019, 10/2020), *Latin American Politics and Society* (2015), *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2013, 2014), *Revista Sociológica de la UAM* (2003), *Party Politics* (2008), *Perfiles Latinoamericanos de FLACSO-México* (2009), *Política y Gobierno* (2001, 2002, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 5/2018, 2/2020), *Political Analysis* (2/2021), *Political Research Quarterly* (2013), *Revista Mexicana de Sociología* (2001, 2005), *Social Choice and Welfare* (2012), *World Politics* (2004).

### 8.2 Books

El Colegio de México (6/2019), FLACSO-Sede México (2003, 2004), Fondo de Cultura Económica (2013), Oxford University Press (2008).

### 8.3 Book chapters

Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (2012, 2012)

### 8.4 Research projects

- Fondo de Cooperación México-Chile of the Agencia Mexicana de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo and Chile’s Agencia de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (2/2020).
- CONICYT, Chile (9/2019).
- Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología, Mexico (2009, 2009)

## 9 Academic and Research 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.

## 10 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.

## 11 Professional association membership

- American Political Science Association (since 1998)
- Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (since 2002)
- Asociación Mexicana de Estudios Parlamentarios (since 2011)
- Midwest Political Science Association (since at least 2001)
- Public Choice Society (since 2006)

## 12 Recent academic events organized

- 12 Nov. 2020, “Mesa post-electoral 2020”, Mexico city (via zoom), ITAM.
- 17 May 2019, “IV Taller La Ciencia Política desde México”, Mexico City, ITAM → [web page](#).
- 9–10 Aug., 2018, “IVth meeting of ALACIP’s Grupo de Estudios Legislativos” with Adrián Lucardi and Juan Pablo Micozzi, Mexico City, ITAM-WashU-LSQ → [program](#).
- 18 May 2018, “III Taller La Ciencia Política desde México”, Mexico City, ITAM → [web page](#).
- 26 May 2017, “II Taller La Ciencia Política desde México”, Mexico City, ITAM → [web page](#).
- 13 May 2016, “Taller La Ciencia Política desde México”, Mexico City, ITAM → [web page](#).
- 13–17 Jun. 2011, “Latent variable estimation workshop” co-taught with Professor Guillermo Rosas from Washington University St. Louis, Mexico City, ITAM.
- 6–7 Nov. 2008, “Bayesian methods in the social sciences” seminar, co-organized by the Political Science Departments of Washington University in St. Louis, CIDE and ITAM, Mexico City, at CIDE and ITAM.

## 13 Courses taught

### 13.1 Graduate level

- La separación de poderes en América Latina y Estados Unidos, Judicial Training Program for Argentine Judges, Washington University in St. Louis (with Guillermo Rosas, 2 hours: S2015).
- Teoría política positiva y estudios legislativos en Latinoamérica, master and Ph.D. in political science of the Instituto de Ciencia Política, Universidad de la República, Uruguay (6 hours: F2008).
- Estudios de América Latina, Máster en Relaciones Internacionales IBEI, Barcelona (16 hours: F2007).
- Introducción al Análisis Político, mtría. en políticas públicas ITAM (33 hours: W2006).

- Análisis político institucional, mtría. en políticas públicas ITAM (33 hours: F2000, F2001, F2002, F2003)

### 13.2 Undergraduate level

- Latent variable estimation workshop (15 hours: S2011).
- Política Comparada II (comparative political institutions), lic. en ciencia política ITAM (48 hours: S2014, F2013, F2012, S2012, F2011, F2010, S2010, S2009, F2008, S2008, F2006, F2005, F2004, F2003, S2003, F2002).
- Política Comparada III (Latin America and the U.S.), lic. en ciencia política ITAM (48 hours: F2001, F2000).
- Elección Pública III (legislative bargaining), lic. en ciencia política ITAM (48 hours: S2014, S2013, F2012, S2012, F2011, S2011, F2010, S2010, F2009, S2009, F2008, S2008, F2006, S2006, S2005, S2004, S2003).
- Seminario de Investigación Política (thesis workshop), lic. en ciencia política ITAM (48 hours: F2013, S2013, S2011, F2009, S2004, S2002, S2001).

## 14 Students

I have advised theses for one Ph.D. student, four M.A. students, and twenty-one B.A. students.

## 15 Consulting

- 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).

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