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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science

Fields: Political Economy and Methods

Dissertation Project: “Resetting public policy? Democracies, Dictatorships, and Policy Change”

Torcuato Di Tella University (Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, UTDT)

M.A. in Political Science, 2015

Dissertation: “Transferencias discrecionales en contextos de centralización fiscal y desnacionalización del sistema de partidos: Argentina, 2002-2011”

University of Buenos Aires (Universidad de Buenos Aires, UBA)

B.A. in Political Science, Honors Diploma, 2011

Awards and Fellowships

Smith Fellow, Mercatus Center and Liberty Fund (2021-2022)

MIT Political Science Luksic Fellowship, 2020

MIT Graduate Woman of Excellence, Office of the Dean for Graduate Education, 2019

MIT Brazil Research Grant, MIT Science and Technology Initiative, 2017

MIT Political Science Luksic Fellowship, 2016-2017

Travel Grant, Latin American Studies Association, 2014

Martín Lardone Award for Research on Federalism, Intergovernmental Relations and Public Policy, Argentinean Society of Political Analysis (SAAP), 2013

International Seminar for Young Leaders, Fulbright Commission Argentina, 2012

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Publications **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

“Supporters and Opposition in Authoritarian Legislatures”

Journal of Legislative Studies, published online: 20 Dec 2020.

“Divided cities, divided parties. Measuring the effect of intra-party conflict on electoral performance”

Revista SAAP, Vol 13, N° 1, May 2019.

Co-authored with Lukas Wolters

“Nation or My District? Evaluating the Territorial Scope of Bills through Experimental Designs”

Journal of Politics in Latin America, Vol 9, N°2, August 2017.

“Legislative Institutions and Performance in Authoritarian Regimes”

Comparative Politics, Vol 49, N° 4, July 2017.

Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi

“Una dictadura sin centro: historia y ciencia política en la interpretación del Proceso de Reorganización Nacional”

Revista SAAP, Vol 11, N° 1, June 2017.

Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi

“Descentralización y Partidos Políticos en América Latina: un estado de la cuestión”

Revista Ciencia Política, Vol 10, N° 20, December 2015

Political Science Department, Colombia National University

“Distribuyendo transferencias discrecionales: Argentina entre la centralización fiscal y la desnacionalización del sistema de partidos”

Revista SAAP, Vol 9, N°1, May 2015

“Estrategias distributivas presidenciales en contextos cambiantes de centralización fiscal y nacionalización partidaria: Transferencias discrecionales en Argentina durante presidencias peronistas”

Revista de Ciencia Política, Vol.34, N°3, November 2014.

Chilean Pontifical Catholic University

Publications **Book Chapters**

“Experimentos en las Ciencias Sociales”

in Caminotti, Mariana and Toppi, Hernán Pablo (eds.)

Metodología de la investigación social: Caja de herramientas

Buenos Aires: EUDEBA, 2020

“Fiscal Federalism and Lawmaking under Authoritarianism: Institutional Design and Economic Policy in Argentina’s Last Dictatorship”

in Grigera, Juan and Zorzoli, Luciana (eds.)

The Argentinian dictatorship in perspective. Rethinking the ‘proceso’.

London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020

Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi

“Legislatures and Representation in Latin American Politics”

in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*

Oxford University Press, 2019

“The Power and Limits of Federalism”

in Ménard, Claude and Shirley, Mary M. (eds.)

A Research Agenda for New Institutional Economics.

Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishers, 2018

Co-authored with Daniel Ziblatt

“Distribución de transferencias con distintos nivel de discrecionalidad en un contexto de centralización fiscal y desnacionalización del sistema de partidos”

in Garriga, Marcelo and Rosales, Walter (eds.)

La relación fiscal Nación-Provincias lo que se discute, lo que falta discutir.

La Plata: Universidad Nacional de La Plata, 2017

Research

**Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation,
Harvard Kennedy School**

Part-time fellowship, Initiative on Democracy in Hard Places, 2019

Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET)

PhD Fellow, 2013-2017

Project: “Transferencias discrecionales en épocas de centralización fiscal: Argentina, 2002-2012”

Advisors: Vicente Palermo and Alejandro Bonvecchi.

Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani

Research Assistant, Programa de Historia Política, 2011-2013

Facultad Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de Buenos Aires, UBA

Student research scholarship, 2010-2011

Project: “La influencia de la sobre y subrepresentación en las dinámicas de negociación por la distribución de los recursos a nivel federal.”

Advisor: Marcos Novaro

Teaching **Department of Political Science, MIT**
Teaching Assistant, *Math Camp I for incoming students*, Fall 2019 and 2020
Instructor, *Political Methodology Lab Workshop Series: Introduction to L^AT_EX*, Fall 2019 and 2020
Teaching Assistant, *17.802: Quantitative Research Methods II, Causal Inference*
(Daniel Hidalgo), Spring 2019
Teaching Assistant, *17.115: International Political Economy* (David Singer), Fall 2018

Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político, SAAP
Instructor, *Introductory workshop on R for Social Science applications*
(“*Introducción a R para las Ciencias Sociales*”), June 2019

Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, UBA
Teaching Assistant, *Fundamentos de Ciencia Política*, 2016
Teaching Assistant, *Instituciones Políticas y Procesos Gubernamentales*, 2012-2016

Departamento de Ciencia Política y Estudios Internacionales, UTDT
Teaching Assistant, *Lógica y Técnicas de Investigación en Ciencias Sociales*, 2013-2015

Instituto Saint-Exupéry
Primary and secondary school auxiliary teacher, 2009-2012

Academic **Reviewer**
Service American Political Science Review, FONDECYT (National Fund for Scientific and
Technological Development, Chile), Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of Politics,
Revista SAAP, Revista Ciencia Política (Chile), Revista Colombia Internacional, and
British Journal of Politics and International Relations

Department Service
Co-organizer, Women in Poli Sci, monthly coffee hour for women students in the
department, 2019-present
Co-organizer, Latin American Working Group, 2018-present
Department Representative, Graduate Student Council, 2018-2019
Member, Political Science Gender and Diversity Working Group, 2016-2017

Conferences
Discussant, Brown-MIT Development Workshop, February 28th, 2020
Conference Chair, Artificial Intelligence Latin America SumMIT, 2019-2020
Organizer, Jornadas de Jóvenes Investigadores del IIGG, 2011-2015.

Co-advisor
Gandulfo, Alejandro Eloy (2018), “Haciendo cuentas: recursos presupuestarios y juego
electoral en los municipios de la provincia de Buenos Aires (2008-2013)”.
Master Dissertation, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

Recent Conference Presentations	“Social Policy Expansion, Continuity, and Change in Latin America” 2020 APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition Virtual Meeting, September 10-13, 2020 Co-authored with Candelaria Garay
	“Democratic Survival in Argentina” 2019 APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition Washington, DC, August 29-September 1, 2019 Co-authored with Scott Mainwaring
	“Lawmaking under Authoritarianism: Theory and Evidence from Argentina and Spain” XIV Congreso Nacional de Ciencia Política, SAAP-UNSAM San Martín, July 17-21, 2019 Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi
	“Economic Crisis, Military Rebellions, and Democratic Survival: Argentina, 1983-2003” Conference on Democracy in Hard Places, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA, May 1-2, 2019 Co-authored with Scott Mainwaring
	“Business Influence on Economic Policymaking: Lobbying the Executive and the Legislature for Economic Policy in Argentina’s Last Dictatorship” 77th Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2019 Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi
	“Representation in Authoritarian Regimes: The Brazilian Congress, 1964-1985” IV Meeting Legislative Studies Group, ALACIP, Mexico City, August 9-10, 2018
Media Collaborations	“Lawmaking in Authoritarian Regimes: Spain and Argentina in Comparative Perspective” 9th Latin American Political Science Association Conference, ALACIP, Montevideo, July 26-28, 2017 Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi
	Columnist Revista Quid, Cultural and literary magazine, 2013-present Blog Bastión Digital, 2014-2015
	Documentaries Las Leyes de la Dictadura y cómo afectan la Democracia, 2017 CAL: El Congreso en Dictadura, 2015
Languages and Skills	Spanish (native), English (proficient), Italian (advanced), Portuguese (advanced), German (intermediate) Gephi, L ^A T _E X, R, Stan, Stata
Other Training	Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program (KTCP) , Spring 2019