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Academic Positions

School of Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University of London
Lecturer in Latin American Politics, 2024-present
Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR), Tulane University
Postdoctoral Fellow, 2022-2023

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Ph.D. in Political Science, 2022
Torcuato Di Tella University (UTDT), M.A. in Political Science, 2015
University of Buenos Aires (UBA), B.A. in Political Science, Honors Diploma, 2011

Book Project

Dictatorships, Democracies, and Policy Change: How Regime Transitions affect Policymaking
(Under contract with Cambridge University Press)

Publications

Books in English

- Bonvecchi, Alejandro, and **Emilia Simison**. Forthcoming. *Lawmaking under Authoritarianism. Factions, Institutions, and Outcomes Across Dictatorships*, Cambridge University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles in English

- Bonvecchi, Alejandro, and **Emilia Simison**. 2023. "Lawmaking in Personal Dictatorships: Evidence from Spain." *Journal of Legislative Studies* 29 (4): 538-59
- Garay, Candelaria, and **Emilia Simison**. 2022. "When Mayors Deliver: Political Alignment and Wellbeing." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 57 (3): 303-36.
- **Simison, Emilia**. 2022. "Supporters and Opposition in Authoritarian Legislatures." *Journal of Legislative Studies* 28 (1): 47-66.
- **Simison, Emilia** and Lukas Wolters. 2019. "Divided cities, divided parties. Measuring the effect of intra-party conflict on electoral performance." *Revista SAAP* 13 (1): 137-56.
- **Simison, Emilia**. 2017. "Nation or My District? Evaluating the Territorial Scope of Bills through Experimental Designs." *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 9 (2): 93-120.
- Bonvecchi, Alejandro, and **Emilia Simison**. 2017. "Legislative Institutions and Performance in Authoritarian Regimes." *Comparative Politics* 49 (4): 521-39.

Book Chapters in English

- Mainwaring, Scott, and **Emilia Simison**. 2022. "Economic Crises, Military Rebellions, and Democratic Survival: Argentina, 1983-2020" in *Democracy in Hard Places*, edited by Scott Mainwaring and Tarek Masoud, 188-227. Oxford University Press
- Bonvecchi, Alejandro, and **Emilia Simison**. 2020. "Fiscal Federalism and Lawmaking under Authoritarianism: Institutional Design and Economic Policy in Argentina's Last Dictatorship" in *The Argentinian dictatorship in perspective. Rethinking the 'proceso'*, edited by Juan Grigera and Luciana Zorzoli, 93-121. Palgrave Macmillan.
- **Simison, Emilia**. 2019. "Legislatures and Representation in Latin American Politics" in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics* (online). Oxford University Press.
- **Simison, Emilia** and Daniel Ziblatt. 2018. "The Power and Limits of Federalism" in *A Research Agenda for New Institutional Economics*, edited by Claude Ménard and Mary M. Shirley, 27-33. Edward Elgar Publishers.

Publications **Peer-Reviewed Articles in Spanish**

- **Simison, Emilia.** 2023. "Legislaturas y disputa por las políticas públicas en dictadura y democracia." *Revista SAAP* 17 (2): 193-221.
- Garay, Candelaria, and **Emilia Simison.** 2023. "Argentina 2022: Desafíos profundos y continuidad política." *Revista de Ciencia Política* (Chile), 43 (2): 143-66.
- Bonvecchi, Alejandro, and **Emilia Simison.** 2017. "Una dictadura sin centro: historia y ciencia política en la interpretación del Proceso de Reorganización Nacional." *Revista SAAP* 11 (1): 129-46.
- **Simison, Emilia.** 2015. "Descentralización y Partidos Políticos en América Latina: un estado de la cuestión." *Revista Ciencia Política* (Colombia) 10 (20): 243-65
- **Simison, Emilia.** 2015. "Distribuyendo transferencias discrecionales: Argentina entre la centralización fiscal y la desnacionalización del sistema de partidos." *Revista SAAP* 9 (1): 93-118
- **Simison, Emilia.** 2014. "Estrategias distributivas presidenciales en contextos cambiantes de centralización fiscal y nacionalización partidaria." *Revista de Ciencia Política* (Chile) 34 (3): 561-82.

Book Chapters in Spanish

- **Simison, Emilia.** 2021. "Experimentos en las Ciencias Sociales" in *Metodología de la investigación social: Caja de herramientas*, edited by Mariana Caminotti and Hernán Pablo Toppi (eds.), 127-151. EUDEBA
- **Simison, Emilia.** 2017. "Distribución de transferencias con distintos nivel de discrecionalidad en un contexto de centralización fiscal y desnacionalización del sistema de partidos" in *La relación fiscal Nación-Provincias: lo que se discute, lo que falta discutir*, edited by Marcelo Garriga and Walter Rosales, 75-111. UNLP.

Awards and Fellowships

- **Juan Linz Prize for Best Fieldwork in the Comparative Study of Democracy & Autocracy**, Democracy & Autocracy Section, APSA, 2023
- **Smith Fellow**, Mercatus Center and Liberty Fund (2021-2022)
- **Summer Study Fellowship**, Center for International Studies, MIT, 2021
- **Graduate Woman of Excellence**, Office of Graduate Education, MIT, 2019
- **Research Grant**, MIT Science and Technology Initiative, 2017
- **Luksic Fellowship**, Political Science, MIT, 2016-2017, 2020
- **Travel Grant**, Latin American Studies Association, 2014
- **Martín Lardone Award for Research on Federalism, Intergovernmental Relations and Public Policy**, Argentinean Society of Political Analysis, 2013
- **International Seminar for Young Leaders**, Fulbright Commission Argentina, 2012

Research Experience

Parliaments Under Fire Project

Team Member, 2020-present

Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School, Initiative on Democracy in Hard Places

Part-time fellowship, 2019

Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET)

PhD Fellow, 2013-2017

Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, Programa de Historia Política

Research Assistant, 2011-2013

Facultad Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA)

Student research scholarship, 2010-2011

Teaching

Instructor

- PGT Dissertation*, since 2025 (QMUL)
- Latin American Politics*, since 2024 (QMUL)
- Math Camp I for incoming students*, 2019-2021 (MIT)
- Political Methodology Lab Workshop: Introduction to L^AT_EX*, 2019-2021 (MIT)
- Introducción a R para las Ciencias Sociales*, 2019 (SAAP)
- Fundamentos de Ciencia Política*, 2016 (UBA)

Teaching Assistant

- Science, Technology, and Public Policy* (Kenneth A. Oye), 2022 (MIT)
- Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression* (Teppei Yamamoto), 2021 (MIT)
- Quantitative Research Methods II: Causal Inference* (Daniel Hidalgo), 2019 (MIT)
- International Political Economy* (David Singer), 2018 (MIT)
- Instituciones Políticas y Procesos Gubernamentales*, 2012-2016 (UBA)
- Lógica y Técnicas de Investigación en Ciencias Sociales*, 2013-2015 (UTDT)

Pedagogical Training

ADP7116: Learning and Teaching in Higher Education, Queen Mary Academy, 2024
Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, MIT Teaching+Learning Lab, 2019

Academic Service

Reviewer

American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, FONDECYT, Governance, Government and Opposition, International Association of Constitutional Law, International Political Science Review, International Security, Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of Politics, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Revista Argentina de Ciencia Política, Revista Ciencia Política, Revista Colombia Internacional, Revista SAAP, Revista Uruguay de Ciencia Política and Universidad de San Andrés.

Conferences and workshops

Co-organizer: *Authoritarian Political Systems Group*
 Co-coordinator: *Women in Legislative Studies Research Workshop*
 Organizing Team Member: *LASA Congress 2023*
 Conference Chair: *LASA 2025 (Public and Social Policies)*, *Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2024 (Subfield: Comparative Politics)*, *Artificial Intelligence Latin America SumMIT 2020*
 Panel Co-organizer: *APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition*, 2023
 Co-Organizer: *Jornadas de Jóvenes Investigadores, IIGG*, 2011-2015
 Discussant: *APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition* (2023, 2024), *IPSA World Congress* (2023), *LASA Congress* (2023), *Public Sector & Democratic Governance Workshop* (2023), *Brown-MIT Development Workshop* (2020)

Awards

Committee Member: *Juan Linz Prize for Best Fieldwork in the Comparative Study of Democracy and Autocracy*, APSA, 2024

Postgraduate Supervision

Co-Advisor: Alejandro Eloy Gandulfo, Master Thesis, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, 2018

Department Service (Political Science, MIT)

Co-organizer: Women in Poli Sci, monthly coffee hour for women students (2019-2021)
 Co-organizer: Latin American Working Group (2018-2022)
 Department Representative: Graduate Student Council, 2018-2019
 Member: Political Science Gender and Diversity Working Group, 2016-2017

Invited Talks	<p>2024: University of Gothenburg, London School of Economics and Political Science</p> <p>2023: Quaid-i-Azam University.</p> <p>2022: Bridgewater State University, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, University of Maryland, World Affairs Council of New Orleans.</p> <p>2020: MIT Club de Argentina, Universidad de Buenos Aires.</p>
Recent Presentations	<p>“Varieties of authoritarian policymaking. Housing policy across dictatorships,” Engaging Democratic and Authoritarian Politics Scholarship in Conversation, Oxford, 24 April 2025.</p> <p>“Party Members or Congress Members? Legislators in Authoritarian Brazil,” 2024 APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Philadelphia, PA, September 5-8, 2024</p> <p>“Fiscal Policymaking in Autocracies,” 10th REPAL Annual Meeting, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, July 12-13, 2024 (Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi)</p> <p>“A brand-new world? Regime transitions and policy change,” Cuatro décadas de la tercera ola de democratización en América Latina, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and online, November 27-28, 2023</p> <p>“Yes (but) Party: Legal Opposition in Congress during the Brazilian Military Regime,” 2023 APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Los Angeles, CA, August 31-September 3, 2023</p> <p>“Economic crises, visibility, and policy change during regime transitions,” 27th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 15-19, 2023</p> <p>“Yes, and yes, sir, parties? Amending Executive bills in Authoritarian Brazil,” Women in Legislative Studies Conference, Houston, TX, October 21-22, 2022 (Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi)</p> <p>“Democracies, Dictatorships, and Policy Change: Banking Policy Across Regime Types in Argentina and Brazil,” Autocratic Politics Mini-conference, 2022 WPSA Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, March 10-12, 2022</p> <p>“Social Mobilization and Social Policy in Latin America’,’ 2021 REPAL Conference, Virtual Meeting, July 15-17, 2021 (Co-authored with Candelaria Garay)</p> <p>“Resetting public policy? Regime Change and Housing Policy in Argentina and Brazil,’ ’2021 LASA Conference, Virtual Meeting, May 26-29, 2021</p> <p>“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)</p> <p>“Democratic Survival in Argentina,” 2019 APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Washington, DC, August 29-September 1, 2019 (Co-authored with Scott Mainwaring)</p>
Media	<p>Appearances</p> <p>Negocios TV, online Spanish outlet, 2025</p> <p>Voice of Islam Radio, London, UK, 2024</p> <p>Columnist</p> <p><i>Revista Quid</i>, Cultural and literary magazine, 2013-2020</p> <p>Blog <i>Bastión Digital</i>, 2014-2015</p> <p>Documentaries</p> <p>Las Leyes de la Dictadura y cómo afectan la Democracia, 2017</p> <p>CAL: El Congreso en Dictadura, 2015</p>
Memberships	<p>American Political Science Association (APSA), Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (ALACIP), Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Red de Politólogas #NoSinMujeres, Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político (SAAP), Women Also Know Stuff, Women in Legislative Studies (WiLS)</p>
Languages	<p>Spanish (native), English (proficient), Portuguese (advanced), Italian (advanced), German (intermediate)</p>