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Academic Positions	Lecturer in Latin American Politics , Department of Sociology, Politics and International Relations, Queen Mary University of London (since 2024) Postdoctoral Fellow , Center for Inter-American Policy and Research, Tulane University (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
Publications	Books in English <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bonvecchi, Alejandro, and Emilia Simison. 2026. <i>Lawmaking under Authoritarianism. Factions, Institutions, and Outcomes Across Dictatorships</i>, Cambridge University Press.- Simison, Emilia. Forthcoming. <i>Policy in Transition. How regime change affects policy-making</i>, Cambridge University Press. Peer-Reviewed Articles in English <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bonvecchi, Alejandro, and Emilia Simison. 2023. "Lawmaking in Personal Dictatorships: Evidence from Spain." <i>Journal of Legislative Studies</i> 29(4): 538-59- Garay, Candelaria, and Emilia Simison. 2022. "When Mayors Deliver: Political Alignment and Wellbeing." <i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i> 57(3): 303–36.- Simison, Emilia. 2022. "Supporters and Opposition in Authoritarian Legislatures." <i>Journal of Legislative Studies</i> 28(1): 47-66.- Simison, Emilia and Lukas Wolters. 2019. "Divided cities, divided parties. Measuring the effect of intra-party conflict on electoral performance." <i>Revista SAAP</i> 13(1): 137-56.- Simison, Emilia. 2017. "Nation or My District? Evaluating the Territorial Scope of Bills through Experimental Designs." <i>Journal of Politics in Latin America</i> 9(2): 93-120.- Bonvecchi, Alejandro, and Emilia Simison. 2017. "Legislative Institutions and Performance in Authoritarian Regimes." <i>Comparative Politics</i> 49(4): 521-39. Book Chapters in English <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mainwaring, Scott, and Emilia Simison. 2022. "Economic Crises, Military Rebellions, and Democratic Survival: Argentina, 1983-2020" in <i>Democracy in Hard Places</i>, 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 <i>The Argentinian dictatorship in perspective. Rethinking the 'proceso'</i>, edited by Juan Grigera and Luciana Zorzoli, 93-121. Palgrave Macmillan.- Simison, Emilia. 2019. "Legislatures and Representation in Latin American Politics" in <i>Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics</i> (online). Oxford University Press.- Simison, Emilia and Daniel Ziblatt. 2018. "The Power and Limits of Federalism" in <i>A Research Agenda for New Institutional Economics</i>, edited by Claude Ménard and Mary M. Shirley, 27–33. Edward Elgar Publishers.

Publications	Selected publications in Spanish <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bonvecchi, Alejandro, and Emilia Simison. 2026. <i>Cómo gobernó la dictadura. Facciones, instituciones y políticas en el Proceso de Reorganización Nacional (1976-1983)</i>. Edhasa.- Simison, Emilia. 2023. “Legislaturas y disputa por las políticas públicas en dictadura y democracia.” <i>Revista SAAP</i> 17(2): 193-221.- Garay, Candelaria, and Emilia Simison. 2023. “Argentina 2022: Desafíos profundos y continuidad política.” <i>Revista de Ciencia Política</i> (Chile), 43(2): 143-66.- Simison, Emilia. 2021. “Experimentos en las Ciencias Sociales” in <i>Metodología de la investigación social: Caja de herramientas</i>, edited by Mariana Caminotti and Hernán Pablo Toppi (eds.), 127-151. EUDEBA- Bonvecchi, Alejandro, and Emilia Simison. 2017. “Una dictadura sin centro: historia y ciencia política en la interpretación del Proceso de Reorganización Nacional.” <i>Revista SAAP</i> 11(1): 129-46.- Simison, Emilia. 2015. “Descentralización y Partidos Políticos en América Latina: un estado de la cuestión.” <i>Revista Ciencia Política</i> (Colombia) 10 (20): 243-65- Simison, Emilia. 2015. “Distribuyendo transferencias discrecionales: Argentina entre la centralización fiscal y la desnacionalización del sistema de partidos.” <i>Revista SAAP</i> 9(1): 93-118- Simison, Emilia. 2014. “Estrategias distributivas presidenciales en contextos cambiantes de centralización fiscal y nacionalización partidaria.” <i>Revista de Ciencia Política</i> (Chile) 34(3): 561-82.
Grants and Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- James Buchanan Fellowship, Mercatus Center, 2025-2026- BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant, The British Academy, 2025- Juan Linz Prize for Best Fieldwork in the Comparative Study of Democracy and Autocracy, Democracy & Autocracy Section, APSA, 2023- Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, 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- 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	<p>Parliaments Under Fire Project Team Member, 2020-present</p> <p>Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard Kennedy School Initiative on Democracy in Hard Places, Part-time fellowship, 2019</p> <p>Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET) PhD Fellow, 2013-2017</p> <p>Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, Programa de Historia Política Research Assistant, 2011-2013</p> <p>Facultad Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA) Student research scholarship, 2010-2011</p>

Teaching

Instructor

- Latin America in the Modern World*, 2025 (QMUL)
- 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 LATEX*, 2019-2021 (MIT)
- 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

ADP7118: Curriculum Design, Queen Mary Academy, 2025

ADP7117: Learning and Teaching in the Disciplines, Queen Mary Academy, 2024

ADP7116: Learning and Teaching in Higher Education, Queen Mary Academy, 2024

Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program, MIT Teaching+Learning Lab, 2019

Academic Service

Department Service

Department of Sociology, Politics and International Relations, QMUL

- Deputy Director of Postgraduate Education (since 2024)
- Co-Director MSc in International Business and Politics (since 2024)

Department of Political Science, MIT

- Co-organizer: Women in Poli Sci (2019-21), Latin American Working Group (2018-22)
- Department Representative: Graduate Student Council, 2018-19
- Member: Political Science Gender and Diversity Working Group, 2016-17

Conferences and workshops

Co-organizer: *Authoritarian Political Systems Group* (since 2022), *Women in Legislative Studies Research Workshop* (2023-24), *Spring Virtual Workshop on Legislative Studies* (2025)

Organizing Team: *LASA Congress 2023*

Conference Chair: *LASA 2025 (Public and Social Policies)*, *MPSA Conference 2024 (Subfield: Comparative Politics)*, *Artificial Intelligence Latin America SumMIT 2020*

Award Committees

- *Best PhD Paper Award*, PSA Autocracy and Regime Change Specialist Group, 2025
- *Juan Linz Prize for Best Fieldwork in the Comparative Study of Democracy and Autocracy*, APSA, 2024

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, Political Studies, Revista Argentina de Ciencia Política, Revista Ciencia Política, Revista Colombia Internacional, SAAP, Revista Uruguaya de Ciencia Política and Universidad de San Andrés.

Invited Talks

2025: University of Oxford.
2024: University of Gothenburg, London School of Economics and Political Science
2023: Quaid-i-Azam University.
2022: Bridgewater State University, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, University of Maryland, World Affairs Council of New Orleans.
2020: MIT Club de Argentina, Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Recent Presentations

“Legislative Behavior across Multiple Regime Transitions: The Case of Brazil (1954-2024)”
9th Conference of the ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments. July 2-4, 2025, Barcelona.
(Co-authored with Adrián Lucardi and Juan Pablo Micozzi.)
“Varieties of authoritarian policymaking. Housing policy across dictatorships,” Engaging Democratic and Authoritarian Politics Scholarship in Conversation, Oxford, April 24, 2025.
“Party Members or Congress Members? Legislators in Authoritarian Brazil,” 2024 APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Philadelphia, PA, September 5-8, 2024
“Fiscal Policymaking in Autocracies,” 10th REPAL Annual Meeting, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, July 12-13, 2024 (Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi)
“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
“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
“Economic crises, visibility, and policy change during regime transitions,” 27th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 15-19, 2023
“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)
“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
“Social Mobilization and Social Policy in Latin America,” 2021 REPAL Conference, Virtual Meeting, July 15-17, 2021 (Co-authored with Candelaria Garay)
“Resetting public policy? Regime Change and Housing Policy in Argentina and Brazil,” 2021 LASA Conference, Virtual Meeting, May 26-29, 2021

Media

Appearances

Negocios TV, online (2025); Voice of Islam Radio, London, UK (2024)

Columnist

Revista Quid (2013-2020), *Blog Bastión Digital* (2014-2015)

Documentaries

Las Leyes de la Dictadura y cómo afectan la Democracia, 2017

CAL: El Congreso en Dictadura, 2015

Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA), Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (ALACIP), Latin American Studies Association (LASA), European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Red de Polítólogas #NoSinMujeres, Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político (SAAP), Women Also Know Stuff, Women in Legislative Studies (WiLS)

Languages

Spanish (native), English (proficient), Portuguese (advanced), Italian (advanced), German (intermediate)