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Academic Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR), Tulane University

Positions Postdoctoral Fellow, 2022-present

Education Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2022

Fields: Political Economy and Methods

Dissertation Tittle: "Resetting public policy? Democracies, Dictatorships, and Policy Change"

Torcuato Di Tella University (UTDT)

M.A. in Political Science, 2015

Thesis Tittle: "Transferencias discrecionales en contextos de centralización fiscal

y desnacionalización del sistema de partidos: Argentina, 2002-2011"

University of Buenos Aires (UBA)

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

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

Fellowships Summer Study Fellowship, Center for International Studies, MIT, 2021

Graduate Woman of Excellence, Office of the Dean for 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 Parliaments Under Fire Project, Team Member, 2020-present

Experience 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

Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Research Assistant, Programa de Historia Política, 2011-2013

Facultad Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA)

Student research scholarship, 2010-2011

Publications Peer-Reviewed Articles in English

"When Mayors Deliver: Political Alignment and Wellbeing"

Studies in Comparative International Development, Published online: 24 May 2022.

Co-authored with Candelaria Garay

"Supporters and Opposition in Authoritarian Legislatures"

Journal of Legislative Studies, Vol 28, N°1, January 2022, pp. 47-66.

"Lawmaking in Personal Dictatorships: Evidence from Spain"

Journal of Legislative Studies, Published online: 05 Jan 2022. Co-authored with Alejandro Bonyecchi

"Divided cities, divided parties. Measuring the effect of intra-party conflict on electoral performance" Revista SAAP, Vol 13, No 1, May 2019, pp. 137-156. 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, pp. 93-120.

"Legislative Institutions and Performance in Authoritarian Regimes"

Comparative Politics, Vol 49, No 4, July 2017, pp. 521-539. Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi

Book Chapters in English

"Economic Crises, Military Rebellions, and Democratic Survival: Argentina, 1983-2020" in Mainwaring, Scott and Mosaoud, Tarek (eds.) Democracy in Hard Places, Oxford University Press, 2022, pp. 188-227. Co-authored with Scott Mainwaring

"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, pp. 93-121. Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi

"Legislatures and Representation in Latin American Politics"

in Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics, Oxford University Press,

Online Publication Date: Sep 2019, pp. 1-30

"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, pp. 27–33. Co-authored with Daniel Ziblatt

Peer-Reviewed Articles in Spanish

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

Revista SAAP, Vol 11, No 1, June 2017, pp. 129-146. Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi

"Descentralización y Partidos Políticos en América Latina: un estado de la cuestión" Revista Ciencia Política (Colombia), Vol 10, Nº 20, December 2015, pp. 243-265

"Distribuyendo transferencias discrecionales: Argentina entre la centralización fiscal y la desnacionalización del sistema de partidos" Revista SAAP, Vol 9, Nº1, May 2015, pp. 93-118

"Estrategias distributivas presidenciales en contextos cambiantes de centralización fiscal y nacionalización partidaria" Revista de Ciencia Política (Chile), Vol 34, N°3, November 2014, pp. 561-582.

Publications Book Chapters in Spanish

"Experimentos en las Ciencias Sociales" in Caminotti, Mariana and Toppi, Hernán Pablo (eds.) Metodología de la investigación social: Caja de herramientas,

Buenos Aires: EUDEBA, 2021, pp. 127-151

"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: UNLP, 2017, pp. 75-111

Teaching

Teaching Assistant

Department of Political Science, MIT

- -Science, Technology, and Public Policy (Kenneth A. Oye), Spring 2022
- -Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression (Teppei Yamamoto), Fall 2021
- -Quantitative Research Methods II: Causal Inference (Daniel Hidalgo), Spring 2019
- -International Political Economy (David Singer), Fall 2018

Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, UBA

-Instituciones Políticas y Procesos Gubernamentales, 2012-2016

Departamento de Ciencia Política y Estudios Internacionales, UTDT

-Lógica y Técnicas de Investigación en Ciencias Sociales, 2013-2015

Instructor

Department of Political Science, MIT

- -Math Camp I for incoming students, Fall 2019, 2020, and 2021
- -Political Methodology Lab Workshop: Introduction to E^AT_FX, Fall 2019, 2020, and 2021

Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político, SAAP

-Introducción a R para las Ciencias Sociales, June 2019

Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, UBA

-Fundamentos de Ciencia Política, 2016

Pedagogical Training

TA Days Training, MIT Teaching+Learning Lab, Summer 2021

Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program (KTCP), MIT Teaching+Learning Lab, Spring 2019

Academic Service

Reviewer

Journals: American Political Science Review, FONDECYT (Chile), Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of Politics, Revista SAAP, Revista Ciencia Política, Revista Colombia Internacional, and British Journal of Politics and International Relations.

Theses: External master thesis reviewer, Universidad de San Andrés

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

Conferences

Assistant of the organizing team, LASA 2023 Congress, ongoing

Discussant, Brown-MIT Development Workshop, February 28th, 2020

Conference Chair, Artificial Intelligence Latin America SumMIT, 2019-2020

Organizer, Jornadas de Jóvenes Investigadores, IIGG, 2011-2015

Co-Advisor

Gandulfo, Alejandro Eloy, Master Thesis, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, 2018

Recent Conference Presentations

"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

"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

Invited Talks

"Authoritarianism in the 21st Century," Bridgewater State University,

Bridgewater, MA, April 20, 2022.

Media

Columnist

Collaborations

Revista Quid, Cultural and literary magazine, 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)

Red de Politólogas #NoSinMujeres

Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político (SAAP)

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Languages

Spanish (native), English (proficient), Portuguese (advanced),

Italian (advanced), German (intermediate)

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