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**Academic Positions**      **Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR)**, Tulane University  
Postdoctoral Fellow, 2022-present

**Education**      **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**  
Ph.D. in Political Science (Political Economy and Methods), 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 Projects**      *Resetting public policy? Democracies, Dictatorships, and Policy Change*  
*Lawmaking under Authoritarianism* (Co-authored with Alejandro Bonvecchi)

**Publications**      **Peer-Reviewed Articles in English**

- 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.
- Bonvecchi, Alejandro, and **Emilia Simison**. 2022. "Lawmaking in Personal Dictatorships: Evidence from Spain." *Journal of Legislative Studies*, Online: 05 Jan 2022
- **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**

- Garay, Candelaria, and **Emilia Simison**. 2023. "Argentina 2022: Desafíos profundos y continuidad política." *Revista de Ciencia Política* (Chile), Online: 31 Jul 2023
- 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 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 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	<b>Teaching Assistant</b>
	<b>Department of Political Science, MIT</b>
	- <i>Science, Technology, and Public Policy</i> (Kenneth A. Oye), Spring 2022 - <i>Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression</i> (Teppei Yamamoto), Fall 2021 - <i>Quantitative Research Methods II: Causal Inference</i> (Daniel Hidalgo), Spring 2019 - <i>International Political Economy</i> (David Singer), Fall 2018
	<b>Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, UBA</b> - <i>Instituciones Políticas y Procesos Gubernamentales</i> , 2012-2016
Pedagogical Training	<b>Departamento de Ciencia Política y Estudios Internacionales, UTDT</b> - <i>Lógica y Técnicas de Investigación en Ciencias Sociales</i> , 2013-2015
	<b>Instructor</b>
	<b>Department of Political Science, MIT</b>
	- <i>Math Camp I for incoming students</i> , Fall 2019, 2020, and 2021 - <i>Political Methodology Lab Workshop: Introduction to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</i> , Fall 2019, 2020, and 2021
Academic Service	<b>Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político, SAAP</b> - <i>Introducción a R para las Ciencias Sociales</i> , June 2019
	<b>Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, UBA</b> - <i>Fundamentos de Ciencia Política</i> , 2016
	<b>TA Days Training</b> , MIT Teaching+Learning Lab, Summer 2021
	<b>Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program</b> , MIT Teaching+Learning Lab, Spring 2019
Invited Talks	<b>Reviewer</b>
	American Political Science Review, FONDECYT, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Governance, International Political Science Review, 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, and Universidad de San Andrés.
	<b>Conferences and workshops</b>
	Co-organizer: Authoritarian Political Systems Group Co-coordinator: Women in Legislative Studies Research Workshop Members of the organizing team: LASA Congress 2023 Panel Co-organizer: APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition (2023) Discussant: APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition (2023), IPSA World Congress (2023), LASA Congress (2023), Public Sector & Democratic Governance Workshop (2023), Brown-MIT Development Workshop (2020) Conference Chair: Artificial Intelligence Latin America SumMIT, 2019-2020 Co-Organizer: Jornadas de Jóvenes Investigadores, IIGG, 2011-2015
	<b>Supervision</b>
	Co-Advisor: Alejandro Eloy Gandulfo, Master Thesis, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, 2018
	<b>Department Service (Political Science, MIT)</b>
	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
	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 Conference Presentations	<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 &amp; Exhibition, Virtual Meeting, September 10-13, 2020 Co-authored with Candelaria Garay</p> <p>“Democratic Survival in Argentina,” 2019 APSA Annual Meeting &amp; Exhibition Washington, DC, August 29-September 1, 2019 Co-authored with Scott Mainwaring</p> <p>“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</p> <p>“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</p>
Media Collaborations	<p><b>Columnist</b></p> <p><i>Revista Quid</i>, Cultural and literary magazine, 2013-2020 Blog <i>Bastión Digital</i>, 2014-2015</p> <p><b>Documentaries</b></p> <p>Las Leyes de la Dictadura y cómo afectan la Democracia, 2017 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>

References **Ben Ross Schneider**  
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