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## Education

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science  
Fields: Political Economy and Methods

### **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 (“Licenciada en Ciencia Política”), 2011

## Awards and Fellowships

**MIT Political Science Luksic Fellowship**, 2020

**Graduate Woman of Excellence**,

Office of the Dean for Graduate Education, MIT, 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

## Publications **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

“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**

“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  
Instructor, *Political Methodology Lab Workshop Series: Introduction to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X*, Fall 2019  
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

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

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

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

Academic     **Reviewer**  
Service       American Political Science Review, Journal of Applied Economics, Revista SAAP,  
Revista Ciencia Política (Chile), Revista Colombia Internacional, and The 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	“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
	“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
Media Collaborations	<b>Columnist</b> Revista Quid, Cultural and literary magazine, 2013-present Blog Bastión Digital, 2014-2015
	<b>Documentaries</b> 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 <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, R, Stan, Stata
Other Training	<b>Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program (KTCP)</b> , Spring 2019

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