

# FRANCISCO CANTÚ

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Houston,  
2019-

Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Houston,  
2013-2019

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2013.

M.A. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2009.

Licenciatura en Ciencia Política, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México,  
2006.

## RESEARCH

### *Publications*

"The Fingerprints of Fraud: Evidence from Mexico's 1988 Presidential Election." *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 113, No. 3: 710-726, 2019

"Groceries for Votes: The Electoral Returns of Vote Buying." *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 81, No. 3: 790-804, 2019

"Waiting to Vote in the 2016 Presidential Election: Evidence from a Multi-county Study." *Political Research Quarterly*, forthcoming (with Robert Stein and others)

"The Politics of Committee Chairs Assignment in Ireland and Spain." *Parliamentary Affairs*, Vol. 72, No. 1: 182-201, 2018 (with Jorge Fernandes and Pedro Riera)

"Determinants of Legislative Committee Membership in Proportional Representation Systems." *Party Politics*, Vol. 24, No. 5: 524-535, 2018 (with Pedro Riera)

"Pedagogical Value of Polling Place Observation By Students." *PS: Political Science & Politics*, Vol. 51, No. 4: 831-837, 2018 (with Chris Mann and others)

"Poll Worker Recruitment: Evidence from the Mexican Case." *Election Law Journal*, Vol. 16, No. 4: 495-510, 2017 (with Sandra Ley)

"Endogenous Ballot Structures: The Selection of Open and Closed Lists in Colombia's Legislative Elections." *Electoral Studies*, Vol. 49: 136-154, 2017 (with Susan Achury and Margarita Ramírez)

"The Utility of Unpacking Survey Bias in Multiparty Elections." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, Vol. 28, No. 1: 96-116, 2016 (with Verónica Hoyo and Marco Morales)

"Partisan Losers' Effects: Perceptions of Electoral Integrity in Mexico." *Electoral Studies*, Vol 39: 1-13, 2015 (with Omar García-Ponce)

"Identifying Electoral Irregularities in Mexican Local Elections." *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 58, No. 4: 936-951, 2014

"Methodological Considerations for Students of Mexican Legislative Politics: Selection Bias in Roll-Call Publications." *Política y Gobierno*, Vol. XXI, No. 1, 2014 (with Scott Desposato and Eric Magar)

"The New Federalism of Mexico's Party System." *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, Vol. 19, No. 4: 3-38, 2012 (with Scott Desposato)

"Fraudulent Democracy? An Analysis of Argentina's Infamous Decade using Supervised Machine Learning." *Political Analysis*, Vol. 19, No. 4: 409-433, 2011 (with Sebastián Saiegh)

#### Work in progress

"Right On Time: An Electoral Audit for the Publication of Vote Results." Revised and Resubmitted (with Leonardo Antenangeli)

"Learning to See: Visual Analysis for Social Science Data." Invitation to Revise and Resubmit (with Michelle Torres)

"The Nationalization of the Mexican Party System." Under Review (with Paul Johnson)

"Do Polls Move Electoral Preferences? Evidence from a Survey Experiment" (with Javier Márquez)

"Negative Partisanship in Latin America" (with Agustina Haime)

"Estimating the Magnitude of Fraud in Mexico's 1988 Presidential Election"

"The Impact of Electoral Systems on Ideological Voting" (with Pedro Riera)

"Gender and Family Ties in Latin American Legislatures" (with Leslie Schwindt-Bayer and Agustín Vallejo)

#### Other Publications (Editor-Invited)

"México, 2016: El Declive de la Confianza Institucional." *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Vol. 37, No. 2: 493-519, 2017 (with Verónica Hoyo)

### TEACHING

#### Graduate

Seminar in Comparative Elections, Introduction to Game Theory.

#### Undergraduate

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Comparative Elections, Politics of Mexico, Latin American Politics, Politics in the Southern Cone of Latin America.

#### Summer Instructor

Institutional Change: Limits and Opportunities (Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá. 2016), Introduction to Data Science (FLACSO, México. 2019).

### FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

#### Grants

UH Provost Travel Grant (2016, 2017, 2018); UH Research Small Grant (2015, 2019); UH Research Progress Grant (2015); UH New Faculty Grant (2014); UCSD Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (2010).

#### Fellowships

Mexican Ministry of Education (2007-2010), National Counsel of Science and Technology (2007-2012), Bret Harte International Fellowship (2007-2008), ITAM Tuition Scholarship (2000-2003).

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

#### Conferences

American Political Science Association (2010-14, 2016-19); Midwest Political Science Association (2009-2017, 2019); Latin American Political Methodology

Meeting (2018); Latin American Studies Association (2018); Texas Conference on Political Methodology (2018); Political Methodology Meeting (2017); Southern Political Science Association (2017); Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics, UCLA (2012); Southern California Comparative Political Institutions, USC (2012); The Alexander Hamilton Center for Political Economy, NYU (2010).

#### Workshops

The 2018 Elections, Democracy, and Binational Relations, University of Texas, Austin (2018); Institutional Change: The Origins and Evolution of Political Institutions, SciencesPo (2016); La precisión de las encuestas electorales, Instituto Nacional Electoral, Mexico (2016); The Making Electoral Democracy Work Project's Workshop (2014); Analyzing Politics of Latin America, UH (2014); Corruption Symposium, UCSD Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (2013); Electoral Administration in Mexico Research Workshop, UCSD Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (2010).

#### Talks

FLACSO-México (2019); William & Mary (2018); UT-Dallas (2018); UCSD (2018); ITAM (2018); MIT (2017); University of Oregon (2017); Rice University (2015); Washington University, St. Louis (2015); ITESM, Santa Fe (2015); Florida State University (2014); Universidad Católica Boliviana (2014); Fundación Milenio, La Paz (2014); University of Houston (2012); CIDE (2012); ITAM (2012); University of San Diego (2011).

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

#### Manuscript Reviewer

*American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Bulletin for Latin American Research*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Democratization*, *Economics & Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *Government & Opposition*, *Inter-American Development Bank*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, MIT Press, Oxford University Press, *Party Politics*, *Perfiles Latinoamericanos*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Política y Gobierno*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, *Research & Politics*, *Revista de Ciencia Política*, *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública*, *Revista Mexicana de Sociología*.

#### Editorial Board Member University-Level Service

*Política y Gobierno*

*Faculty Committee Member*: Graduate Studies, Undergraduate Studies;  
*Conference co-organizer*: "Analyzing Latin American Politics" (2014) and "The Political Economy of Elections" (2017); *Field Chair*: Comparative Politics (2019-)

*Dissertation Committee Co-Chair*: L. Antenangeli; *Dissertation Committee Member (Political Science)*: L. Allarakia, C. Huang, S. Konak, M. Ramírez, A. Haime (Rice University); *Dissertation Committee Member (Economics)*: D. Bostashvili, S. Chatterjee, P. Garófalo; *Master Thesis Reader*: J. Téllez-Rios (CIDE, Mexico City); *Honor Thesis Committee Director*: M. Ferreira; *Honor Thesis Committee Reader*: A. Lastra.