

# Francisca Castro

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Protests, social movements, state repression, intra-state conflict, political violence, causal inference	
POSITIONS	<b>International Security &amp; Development Center</b> , Germany Postdoctoral Researcher	2024 - Current
	<b>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</b> , Germany Doctoral Fellow	2020 - 2024
EDUCATION	<b>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</b> , Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) Ph.D. Political Science (Dr. phil., <i>summa cum laude</i> ) Committee Members: Anselm Hager (Chair), Vera Tröger, Hanna Schwander	2025
	<b>Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile</b> , Santiago, Chile M.A. Sociology B.A. Sociology B.A. Political Science	2017 2015 2014
	<b>University of California</b> , Los Angeles Academic Exchange	2012
PUBLICATIONS	Castro F., Oser, J., Feitosa, F. & Grinberg, N. External Cues and Policy Preferences: Rethinking the Drivers of Policy Positions. Accepted for publication at <i>International Journal of Public Opinion and Research</i> .  Castro, F. 2025. Deterrence or Defiance? How Severity and Selectivity Shape Protest Responses to Repression. <i>Mobilization</i> , 30(4). <a href="https://doi.org/10.17813/1086-671X-30-4-387">https://doi.org/10.17813/1086-671X-30-4-387</a>  Castro, F. & Retamal, R. 2024. Does Electoral Behavior Change After a Protest Cycle? Evidence from Chile and Bolivia. <i>Electoral Studies</i> , 89 (June). <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2024.102777">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2024.102777</a>  Rivera, V. & Castro, F. 2021. Between Social Protests and a Global Pandemic: Working Transitions under the Economic Effects of COVID-19. <i>Social Sciences</i> , 10(4), p.145  Acevedo, C. & Castro, F. 2015. State Capacity: Perceptions within Chile, in Vanderbilt University (Ed.), <i>Political Culture in Times of Change</i> , Santiago: Latin American Public Opinion Project	
WORKING PAPERS	“Social Media and Social Movements: Visualizing the Canonical Literature of the Field and the Evolution of Scholarly Interests over Two Decades” (with Aya Shoshan & Jennifer Oser). <i>Under Review</i>	

“The Mobilizing Potential of Mass Migration: Experimental Evidence from Honduras” (with Jesse Acevedo). *Revise & Resubmit, The Journal of Politics*

“Violent Conflict and Forced Displacement: Evidence on Social Behavior and Economic Well-Being Among Refugees in Jordan” (with Tilman Brück, Hadi Jaafar and Wolfgang Stojetz). *Under Review*

“Pathways of Negotiated Radicalization: Evidence from Hong Kong and Chile” (with Samson Yuen). *Under Review*

“Understanding Extreme Attitudes: Identity Politics and Social Polarization in Kyrgyzstan” (with Damir Esenaliev, Philipp Schröder, Wolfgang Stojetz and Tilman Brück). *Under Review*

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Guerrilla Shadows on Gender: The Lingering Effects of Peru’s Internal Armed Conflict on Women’s Political Aspirations”

- Partially funded by WarEffects Global Fellows Network

“Countering the Erosion of Trust: Mitigating the Impact of Electoral Fraud Allegations”

- Funded by the Electoral Integrity Project Fellowship

“Does Social Mobilization on Contentious Issues Affect Citizens’ Evaluations of Political Elites?” (with Jennifer Oser)

- Partially funded by APSA Women, Gender & Politics Small Research Grant and Erasmus+ Program, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

“Backlash or Chilling Effect? Attacks on Environmental Activists and Support for Climate Action” (with Winnie Xia)

- Funded by Aarhus University Small Grant

“Abortion Laws and Institutional Trust: Insights from Mexico’s Legal Shifts” (with Frida Nilsson)

“Political Participation and Mass-Elite Congruence in Latin America” (with Jesper Lindqvist and Jennifer Oser)

“Memory Sites and Political Preferences: Do Former Dictatorship Detention Centers Influence Far-Right Voting?”

## AWARDS AND FUNDING

### External Funding

Aarhus University Small Grant (with Winnie Xia), 2025, DDK 38,000

WarEffects Global Fellowship, 2025, €1,500

Politics & Gender Conference Travel Grant, 2025 (Declined)

DAAD Kongressreisenprogramm, 2025 (Declined)

Electoral Integrity Project Junior Fellowship, 2025, CAD \$1,000

DAAD Mobility with partner countries (KA171), 2024-2027, €20,000

WCPS Travel Assistance at APSA, 2024, USD \$300

Midwest Women’s Caucus Graduate Travel Award, 2024 (Declined)

International Studies Association Travel Grant, 2024 (Declined)

APSA Comparative Politics Section Support Grant, 2023, USD \$500

APSA Women, Gender & Politics Research Small Research Grants, 2023, USD \$1,000

DAAD Kongressreisenprogramm, 2023, €1,863

Travel Grant “Conflict & Change” PhD Workshop, UCL, 2023, £250

Travel Grant “New Challenges to Democracy” Workshop, University of Montreal, 2022, CAD\$1,000

Student Sponsorship, Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies, 2017, USD \$1,650

LASA Travel Grant, 2017, USD \$490

Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies Scholarship, 2016-2017, USD \$3,300  
Double Major Scholarship, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2012-2016, USD \$27,391  
Calbuco Found Scholarship, 2016-2017, USD \$13,915  
University of Bath Travel Grant, November 2015, USD \$1,662  
Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BARI) Scholarship, June 2015, USD \$287  
Academic Scholarship, Telefónica Chile S.A, 2010, 2014, and 2015, USD \$13,696

### **Internal Funding**

Women's Fund, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, 2023, €281  
Budget Commission, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, 2023, €355  
Budget Commission, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, 2022, €1,125  
Budget Commission, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, 2022, €450  
Kultur-, Sozial- und Bildungswissenschaftliche Fakultät Funding, Humboldt University, 2021, €417  
Women's Fund, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, 2021, €634  
Budget Commission, Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, 2021, €1,550  
Kultur-, Sozial- und Bildungswissenschaftliche Fakultät Funding, Humboldt University, 2020, €600  
Academic Exchange Scholarship, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2012, USD \$3,085

### ACADEMIC TRAINING

**Summer School for Women\* in Political Methodology**, Basel, Switzerland  
Web Scraping, Text Analysis, Word Embeddings and Images as Data July, 2023

**Dynamics Research Training Group**, Berlin, Germany  
Image Analysis June, 2023  
Advances in Differences-in-Differences Designs November, 2022

**GESIS Leibniz Institut für Sozialwissenschaften**, Cologne, Germany  
Advanced Bayesian Statistical Modelling in R and Stan October, 2022

**Hertie School**, Berlin, Germany  
Introduction to Teaching in Higher Education March, 2022

**University of Essex**, UK  
*Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis* July, 2021  
Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis  
Panel Data Analysis For Comparative Research

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**ERC Starting Grant Project “Participation and Representation in the Digital Age (PRD)”**  
*Postdoctoral Researcher* September, 2023 - present  
European Research Council Starting Grant  
PI: Prof. Jennifer Oser

**Institute of Sociology, Pontificia Universidad Católica**, Chile  
*Research Assistant* May - December 2017  
FONDECYT Project 1160921 “The moral economy of meritocracy and redistributive preferences”

**Institute of Political Science, Pontificia Universidad Católica**, Chile  
*Research Assistant* December, 2015 - April, 2016  
Project “Public Support for Regional Integration in Latin America”

*Research Assistant* March, 2013 - March, 2015

FONDECYT Project 1130897 "Web in movement: the students' movement in Chile and the use of the internet"

*Technical Staff* September, 2014 - October, 2015  
FONDECYT Project 11130538 "Opening the Black Box for Territorial Party Contestation: The Impact of Subnational Politics in the Americas"

*Coordinator Latin American Public Opinion Project* July - December 2014  
Millennium Nucleus of Stateness and Democracy in Latin America, Project NS100015

*Thesis Student* March - December 2013  
FONDECYT Project 1130897 "Web in movement: the students' movement in Chile and the use of the internet"

**School of Political Science, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile**

*Technical Staff* March - August, 2015  
Millennium Nucleus about Critical Citizenship, Polarization of Inequalities, and Institutions: Political Representation of Chile in a Comparative Perspective

*Technical Staff* August, 2014 - March, 2015  
FONDECYT Project 1140101 "Populism, Constitutionalism and the Politics of Representation: Cross-Regional Patterns"

FIELDWORK Argentina (October 2023); Republic of Congo (July 2024), Perú (August 2025)

TEACHING **Hertie School of Government**, Berlin, Germany  
*Laboratory Assistant*, Statistics II (MA Level), Summer Semester 2023  
*Laboratory Assistant*, Statistics I (MA Level), Winter Semester 2021 & 2023

**Humboldt University, Institute of Social Sciences**, Berlin, Germany  
*Lecturer*, Comparative Politics and International Relations (BA Basic Course), Winter Semester 2020-2024  
*Lecturer*, Collective Political Violence (BA Specialization Seminar), Summer Semester 2021 & 2023  
• Nominated for the Prize for Good Teaching 2023, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
*Lecturer*, Conflict in Latin America: A Century of Turmoil (BA Specialization Seminar), Summer Semester 2024

**Universidad de Talca, School of Public Policy and Public Administration**, Chile  
*Teaching Assistant*, Methods for Quantitative Research, 1st Semester 2017

**Pontificia Universidad Católica, Institute of Political Science**, Chile  
*Teaching Assistant*, Politics and Social Movements, 2nd Semester 2016  
*Teaching Assistant*, Introduction to Political Theory, 2nd Semester 2013 and 2014

**Pontificia Universidad Católica, Institute of Sociology**, Chile  
*Teaching Assistant*, Sociology of Public Opinion, 1st Semester 2017  
*Teaching Assistant*, Gender Studies, 2nd Semester 2016  
*Teaching Assistant*, Methods for Social Sciences II, 1st Semester 2016  
*Teaching Assistant*, Political Sociology, 1st Semester 2016  
*Teaching Assistant*, Qualitative Methods, 1st Semester 2015  
*Teaching Assistant*, Formation and Development of Modern Society, 1st Semester 2014  
*Teaching Assistant*, Formation and Development of Modern Culture, 2nd Semester 2013 and 2014

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS **2025 MPSA Annual Meeting (Online); WIDER Development Conference (Helsinki, Finland); Jan**

Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (Barcelona, Spain); EPSA Conference (Madrid, Spain); Fragile Lives Conference (Berlin, Germany); Life in Kyrgyzstan Conference (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan).

**2024** APSA Virtual Research Meeting (Online); MPSA Annual Meeting; EPSA Conference (Cologne, Germany); APSA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, USA); Fragile Lives Conference (Berlin, Germany).

**2023** 6th International Conference on the Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship (Münster, Germany); APSA Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, USA); Annual Conference of the Institute for Social Movement and Protest Studies (Berlin, Germany).

**2022** APSA Annual Meeting (Montreal, Canada); Elections, Public Opinion and Parties Conference (Newcastle, UK); EPSA Conference (Prague, Czech Republic); MPSA Annual Meeting (Chicago, USA).

**2021** Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS) Annual Conference (Online); MPSA Annual Meeting (Online).

**2018** Latin American Studies Association Congress (Barcelona, Spain).

**2017** 9th Chilean Congress of Sociology (Talca, Chile); Latin American Sociological Association Congress (Montevideo, Uruguay).

#### WORKSHOPS & INVITED TALKS

*How to Measure Violence* (Guest Lecture). Identity, Order, and Violence in the Post-Cold War. Open Society University Network (OSUN) Online Course, October 2024.

*Political Participation and Congruence*. Multi-Data Perspectives on Democracy Workshop, GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, July 2024.

*The Backlash Effect of State Coercion: Protest Resilience Under Costly and Targeted Repression*. Democratic Resilience Workshop, Centre for Elections, Democracy, Accountability and Representation (CEDAR), University of Birmingham, April 2024.

*Negotiated Radicalization in Mass Mobilizations: Evidence from Hong Kong and Chile*. Conceptualization of Protest Camps Logistic, Free University Berlin, March 2024.

*Guerrilla Shadows on Gender: The Lingering Effects of Shining Path Violence on Women's Political Aspirations*. War Effects: The Micro-Level Effects of Civil Wars on Multiple Dimensions of Women's Empowerment, University of Bergen, October 2023.

*Exploring the Mobilization Dynamics of Mass Emigration: Experimental Findings from Honduras*. Yet They Persist: Democracies in an Age of Autocratization, University of Milan, June 2023.

*Exploring the Mobilization Dynamics of Mass Emigration: Experimental Findings from Honduras*. Quantitative Political Economy Workshop, King's College London, May 2023.

*The backlash effect of state coercion: Protest resilience under visible, costly, and targeted repression*. Conflict & Change Annual PhD Workshop, University College London, February 2023.

*Exploring the Mobilization Dynamics of Mass Emigration: Experimental Findings from Honduras*. Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Hamburg, February 2023.

*The backlash effect of state coercion: Protest resilience under visible, costly, and targeted repression*. WZB Colloquium, December 2022.

*Can transitional justice improve regime perceptions? Attitudinal changes after reconciliation processes.* Comparative Politics Colloquium, University of Hamburg, July 2022.

*Do protests change voting behavior? Electoral trends in the aftermath of contention.* WZB Colloquium, June 2022.

*Do protests change voting behavior? Electoral trends in the aftermath of contention.* Political Behavior Workshop Berlin-Hamburg, May 2022.

*The backlash of state coercion: Varieties of repression and their effect on mobilization.* Gender and Political Participation Graduate Working Group, March 2022.

*The relationship between Transitional Justice and Corruption: A Cross National Analysis.* Internal Colloquium, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, October 2021.

*Chilean student movement: Impacts and Consequences.* Social movements and the state in the context of the ‘left turn’ in Latin America, University of Bath, United Kingdom, December 2015.

*Alternative ways to denounce: The role of YouTube videos in the Chilean students’ protests.* Social Movements in Movement: Concepts and Methods for the study of social movements in Latin America, Universidad de La República, Montevideo, Uruguay, June 2015.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Peer Review: The Journal of Politics; European Journal of Political Research; Political Behavior; British Journal of Political Science; Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties; Electoral Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Party Politics; Representation.

Memberships: American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, Latin American Studies Association, Women in Conflict Studies, Estudios de Género y Violencia en América Latina (eGAL) Network.

Departmental/University Service: Organizer of Empirical Political Science in Progress Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (2022)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Statistical Software: R, Python, Stata
- Other Software: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics, QuestionPro, UCINET, NVivo, MaxQDA
- Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), German (TELC B1), Korean (basic)
- Citizenship: Chilean, German