

## 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	
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> ) 2025 Committee Members: Anselm Hager (Chair), Vera Tröger, Hanna Schwander  <b>Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile</b> , Santiago, Chile M.A. Sociology 2017 B.A. Sociology 2015 B.A. Political Science 2014  <b>University of California</b> , Los Angeles Academic Exchange 2012	
PUBLICATIONS	Castro, F. (Forthcoming). Deterrence or Defiance? How Severity and Selectivity Shape Protest Responses to Repression. <i>Mobilization</i> .  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>Revise &amp; Resubmit</i>  “The Mobilizing Potential of Mass Migration: Experimental Evidence from Honduras” (with Jesse Acevedo). <i>Under Review</i>  “External Cues and Policy Preferences: Rethinking the Drivers of Policy Positions” (with Jennifer Oser, Fernando Feitosa & Nir Grinberg). <i>Revise &amp; Resubmit</i>  “Can Transitional Justice Improve Regime Perceptions? Attitudinal Changes After Reconciliation Processes” (with Dilan Gunes). <i>Under Review</i>	

“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*

## 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

“Prosecuting Activism: Legal Criminalization of Protesters in Chile” (with Sebastián Galleguillos)

“Understanding Extreme Attitudes: Identity Politics and Social Polarization in Kyrgyzstan” (with Damir Esenaliev and Wolfgang Stojetz)

“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

WarEffects Global Fellowship, 2025, €1,500

Politics & Gender Conference Travel Grant, 2025 (Declined)

DAAD Kongressreisenprogramm, 2025, €2,100 (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

## ACADEMIC & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **Ben-Gurion University**, Israel

*Researcher* September, 2023 - present  
ERC Starting Grant Project "Participation and Representation in the Digital Age"  
PI: Prof. Jennifer Oser

### **Humboldt University**, Berlin, Germany

*Research Fellow* May, 2020 - May, 2024  
Chair of International Politics, Institute of Social Sciences

### **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"

	<p><i>Technical Staff</i> September, 2014 - October, 2015 FONDECYT Project 11130538 “Opening the Black Box for Territorial Party Contestation: The Impact of Subnational Politics in the Americas”</p> <p><i>Coordinator Latin American Public Opinion Project</i> July - December 2014 Millennium Nucleus of Stateness and Democracy in Latin America, Project NS100015</p> <p><i>Thesis Student</i> March - December 2013 FONDECYT Project 1130897 “Web in movement: the students’ movement in Chile and the use of the internet”</p>
	<p><b>School of Political Science, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile</b></p> <p><i>Technical Staff</i> March - August, 2015 Millennium Nucleus about Critical Citizenship, Polarization of Inequalities, and Institutions: Political Representation of Chile in a Comparative Perspective</p> <p><i>Technical Staff</i> August, 2014 - March, 2015 FONDECYT Project 1140101 “Populism, Constitutionalism and the Politics of Representation: Cross-Regional Patterns”</p>
FIELDWORK	Argentina (October 2023); Republic of Congo (July 2024), Perú (August 2025).
TEACHING	<p><b>Hertie School of Government, Berlin, Germany</b> <i>Laboratory Assistant</i>, Statistics II (MA Level), Summer Semester 2023 <i>Laboratory Assistant</i>, Statistics I (MA Level), Winter Semester 2021 &amp; 2023</p> <p><b>Humboldt University, Institute of Social Sciences, Berlin, Germany</b> <i>Lecturer</i>, Comparative Politics and International Relations (BA Basic Course), Winter Semester 2020-2024 <i>Lecturer</i>, Collective Political Violence (BA Specialization Seminar), Summer Semester 2021 &amp; 2023 • Nominated for the Prize for Good Teaching 2023, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin <i>Lecturer</i>, Conflict in Latin America: A Century of Turmoil (BA Specialization Seminar), Summer Semester 2024</p> <p><b>Universidad de Talca, School of Public Policy and Public Administration, Chile</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Methods for Quantitative Research, 1st Semester 2017</p> <p><b>Pontificia Universidad Católica, Institute of Political Science, Chile</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Politics and Social Movements, 2nd Semester 2016 <i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Introduction to Political Theory, 2nd Semester 2013 and 2014</p> <p><b>Pontificia Universidad Católica, Institute of Sociology, Chile</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Sociology of Public Opinion, 1st Semester 2017 <i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Gender Studies, 2nd Semester 2016 <i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Methods for Social Sciences II, 1st Semester 2016 <i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Political Sociology, 1st Semester 2016 <i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Qualitative Methods, 1st Semester 2015 <i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Formation and Development of Modern Society, 1st Semester 2014 <i>Teaching Assistant</i>, Formation and Development of Modern Culture, 2nd Semester 2013 and 2014</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p><b>2025</b> MPSA Annual Meeting (Online); WIDER Development Conference (Helsinki, Finland); Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference (Barcelona, Spain); EPSA Conference (Madrid, Spain); Fragile Lives Conference (Scheduled); Life in Kyrgyzstan Conference (Scheduled).</p>

**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.

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 SKILLS

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