

# Giancarlo Visconti

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

*Substantive:* Comparative political behavior, elections, political parties, distributive politics, electoral reform and Latin American politics  
*Methodological:* Causal inference, matching methods, natural experiments and design of observational studies

## EDUCATION

### **Columbia University, New York City, New York, USA**

Ph.D. Political Science (expected 2018)

Major: Comparative Politics, Minor: Quantitative Methodology

Advisors: M. Victoria Murillo, Isabela Mares, Shigeo Hirano, and José Zubizarreta (Columbia Business School)

Dissertation: “Ideological Voting in Adverse Conditions”

### **Columbia University, New York City, New York, USA**

MA Political Science 2013

### **Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Santiago de Chile, Chile**

BA Political Science 2010

## PUBLICATIONS (peer-reviewed)

“Economic Performance and Incumbents’ Support in Latin America” (with M. Victoria Murillo). *Electoral Studies*. Forthcoming.

“Cross-Time Behavior of the Chilean Congress: Growth or Stagnation of its Influence?” *Revista de Ciencia Politica* 31(1): 91-115, 2011. [In Spanish]

## UNDER REVIEW

“Electoral Reform Under Limited Party Competition: The Adoption of Proportional Representation in Latin America” (with Gabriel Negretto)

“Economic Perceptions and Electoral Choices: A Design-Based Approach”

## WORKING PAPERS

“Ideological Preferences after Natural Disasters” (dissertation chapter)

“Crime Victimization and Policy Preferences” (dissertation chapter)

“Voting for the Lesser Evil: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in Romania” (with Isabela Mares)

“Finding the Largest Matched Sample that is Balanced by Design: A Case Study of the Effect of an Earthquake on Electoral Outcomes” (with José Zubizarreta)

## BOOK CHAPTERS

“Stable But Without Roots? Political Parties in the Public Opinion” in *Cultura Política de la Democracia en Chile*, edited by Juan Pablo Luna, Elizabeth Zechmeister, and Mitchell Seligson. Vanderbilt University: 167-195, 2010 (with Juan Pablo Luna, Hector Bahamonde, German Bidegain and Roody Reserve). [In Spanish]

“The 2009-2010 Elections in Chile” in *Cultura Politica de la Democracia en Chile*, edited by Juan Pablo Luna, Elizabeth Zechmeister, and Mitchell Seligson. Vanderbilt University 197-227, 2010 (with Juan Pablo Luna, Hector Bahamonde, German Bidegain and Roody Reserve). [In Spanish]

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Giancarlo Doria Research Fellowship in Comparative Politics, 2015

Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia University, 2015

Katerina Alevizaki Dracopoulos Summer Fellowship Fund, 2015

Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2014

Pre-dissertation Travel Grant, Institute of Latin American Studies, 2014

Dean's Fellow, Columbia University, 2012-2017

## **CONFERENCES AND ANNUAL MEETINGS**

*2016* APSA, REPAL, LASA, MPSA, Texas A&M (conference)

*2015* LASA, Harvard (conference), Maryland (conference), Science Po Reims (conference), Columbia Sustainable Development (conference)

*2014* LASA, PELA

*2011* Universidad Diego Portales Chile (conference), SAAP Argentina

*2010* ACCP Chile

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (TA)**

### **Columbia University**

Analysis of Political Data, Spring 2016, prof. Mark Lindeman.

Latin American Politics, Fall 2013, 2014 & 2015, prof. M. Victoria Murillo.

Voting and Political Behavior, Spring 2015, prof. Michael G. Miller.

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Spring 2014, prof. Mona El Ghobashy.

Pathways to Development: East Asia and Latin America, Summer 2013, prof. Pablo Pinto and Xiaodan Zhang.

### **Diego Portales University, Chile**

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2012, prof. Ana Maria Farias.

### **Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile**

Introduction to Research Design, Fall 2010, 2011 and 2012, prof. Juan Pablo Luna and David Altman.

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2010, 2011 and 2012, prof. M. Valeria Palanza.

Political Institutions, Spring 2010 and 2011, prof. M. Valeria Palanza.

Political Organization in Chile, Spring 2010, prof. Mireya Davila.

Workshop on Research Methods, Spring 2010, prof. Juan Pablo Luna.

**RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant to M. Victoria Murillo (Columbia University), Pablo Pinto (Columbia University), Allison Carnegie (Columbia University), Juan Pablo Luna (PUC-Chile), M. Valeria Palanza (PUC-Chile), Carmen Le-Foulon (PUC-Chile) and Antoine Maillet (U. de Chile).

Research Assistant for State of Democracy Project, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). September 2009- January 2010/ March 2010-August 2010/ September 2011- December 2011.

Member of the Chilean Team, Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP, Vanderbilt University). July 2010-December 2010.

Fieldwork experience: Chile (Copiapó and Santiago), Ecuador (Quito and Guayaquil) and Costa Rica.

**PROGRAMS**

R, Stata, QGIS and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish (native) and English (fluent)

**ACADEMIC  
MEMBERSHIP**

Asociacion Chilena de Ciencia Politica (ACCP)  
American Political Science Association (APSA)  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)  
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)  
Political Economy of Latin America (PELA)

**SERVICE**

Reviewer: Revista de Ciencia Politica.  
Panel Organizer: Causal Inference and Elections, LASA annual conference 2016.  
Discussant: LASA annual conference 2016.