

# VALENTINA GONZÁLEZ-ROSTANI

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| <b>Academic Appointments</b> | University of Southern California (USC)   | Fall 2025–Present |
|                              | Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations  |                   |
|                              | Princeton University  | 2024–2025         |
|                              | Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Department of Politics, affiliated with the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice   |                   |
| <b>Affiliations</b>          | Mobilization & Political Economy Program, University of Pittsburgh  | 2023–Present      |
|                              | Program Advisor, NSF REU (Award No. 2150250)  |                   |
|                              | National System of Researchers (SNI), National Agency for Research and Innovation (ANII), Uruguay   | 2025–Present      |
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| <b>Education</b>             | Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh.   | 2024              |
|                              | Dissertation: Political-Economic Polarization   |                   |
|                              | Committee: Jude Hays (chair), Michaël Aklin, Max Goplerud, and Erica Owen   |                   |
|                              | M.A. in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh.  | 2021              |
|                              | Master in Public Policy, Universidad Católica del Uruguay.  | 2019              |
|                              | Diploma of Specialization in Methods, Universidad Católica del Uruguay.   | 2017              |
| <b>Publications</b>          | B.A. in Accounting, Universidad de la República.  | 2015              |
|                              |   |                   |
|                              | “Elections, Right-wing Populism, and Political-Economic Polarization: The Role of Institutions and Political Outsiders.” 2025 <i>The Journal of Politics</i>  |                   |
|                              | “Engaging Diversity: An Inclusive Approach to Undergraduate Mentorship in Mobilization and Political Economy” with Chie Togami, Mariely Lopez-Santana, Tania Ramirez, Fernando Tormos-Aponte, and Mayra Velez-Serrano. 2025 <i>PS: Political Science &amp; Politics</i> |                   |
|                              | “Are Protests Contagious? The Dynamics of Temporal and Spatial Diffusion of Political Protests” with Jeffrey Nonnemacher. 2025 <i>Forthcoming at the Journal of Elections, Public Opinion &amp; Parties</i>   |                   |
|                              | “Engaged Robots, and Disengaged Workers: Automation and Political Apathy.” 2024 <i>Economics &amp; Politics</i>   |                   |
|                              | “Social Media vs. Surveys: A New Scalable Approach to Understanding Political Discourse” with Jose Incio and Guillermo Lezama. 2024 <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>  |                   |
|                              | “Moral and Economic Dimensions of Ideology” with Scott Morgenstern, Elias Chavarria, and Chen Chuang. 2024 <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>   |                   |
| <b>Research</b>              | “Legislators’ Religiosity and Same-Sex Marriage in Latin America.” with Scott Morgenstern. 2023 <i>Latin America Research Review</i> .  |                   |
|                              |   |                   |
|                              | <b>Under Review</b>   |                   |
|                              | “Love of Variety? An Experimental Study of Heterogeneous Responses to Foreign Brands in the Marketplace” with Jude Hays (R&R at Political Science Research and Methods)   |                   |

“The Threat of Automation and Public Support for Environmental Regulation” with Michaël Aklin and Liam Beiser-McGrath (R&R at Ecological Economics)

“The Path from Automation to Right-Wing Populism.”

“Navigating Uncertainty: How Experience Shapes Perception and Politics in the AI Era” with Tobias Tober.

“Immigration Shocks and Politicians’ Rhetoric: Evidence from The Venezuelan Migration Crisis” with Jose Incio and Guillermo Lezama.

“Creating Pathways to Graduate Success: Reducing Barriers for Underrepresented Minority Students in the Social Sciences” with Chie Togami, Mariely Lopez-Santana, Tania Ramirez, Fernando Tormos-Aponte, and Mayra Velez-Serrano

### **Working Papers**

“The Political Economy of Automation and Fragmented Production in a Global Economy: Evidence from Mexico” with Carles Boix and Erica Owen.

“Who Influences Whom? Analyzing the Interplay of Mainstream and Outsider Parties in Social Media Campaigns.”

“Multi-Level Models with Spatial and Temporal Dependence” with Jude Hays.

“Unevenly Distribution of Minimum Wage Effects Across Firms: Does Firms’ Size Matters?.”

### **Selected Works in Progress**

“AI’s Economy and Its Political and Institutional Consequences” with Carles Boix, Michael Becher, and Daniel Stegmueller

“Augmentation or Displacement? The Behavioral and Policy Implications of AI-Assisted Work” with Shir Raviv

“Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Democracy: Political and Institutional Consequences of Economic Dislocation” with Carles Boix.

“AI, Capital Concentration, and the Fate of Competition: Natural Monopolies, Antitrust, and the Politics of Big Tech Power” with Carles Boix.

“When Machines Manage: Workers’ Demands and Trade Union Responses to AI” with Paolo Agnolin.

“The Untouchables: Why We Don’t Demand Taxes on Big Tech?” with Santiago Lopez-Cariboni

“You Can’t Stop It If You Can’t See It: Introducing a New Scalable System to Measure Populist Narratives at Higher Resolution” with Michael Colaresi and Bree Bang-Jensen.

“When Money Talks: Rethinking Income Redistribution and Political Inequality” with Jude Hays.

### **Software**

`tscsdep`: Tools for analyzing country-year time-series-cross-sectional data with spatial and temporal dependence. Available on  [Github](#) [STADL](#) with Jude Hays, Scott Cook, and Robert Franzese.

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| <b>Selected Research Grants</b> | <b>[Invited to submit full proposal following LOI - <a href="#">RSF</a>], \$200,000</b>                          | 2025 – Present           |
|                                 | <b>Center for International Studies RA support, \$41,200</b>   | 2025 - 2026              |
|                                 | <b>Princeton University \$10,000</b>   | 2024 - 2025              |
|                                 | <b>Andrew W. Mellon Predoctoral Fellow</b>   | 2023 - 2024              |
|                                 | <b>National Science Foundation</b>   |                          |
|                                 | PolMeth  | 2023, 2025               |
|                                 | Mobilization and Political Economy, Summer Research Program  | 2023                     |
|                                 | EITM Summer School   | 2022                     |
|                                 | <b>Georgia Tech's Center for European Studies - J. Monnet, Erasmus+</b>  | 2023                     |
|                                 | <b>American Political Science Association</b>  |                          |
|                                 | Political Economy Rosenbluth Junior Scholar  | 2023                     |
|                                 | APSA Travel Grants   | 2023                     |
|                                 | Formal Theory Section Grant  | 2022                     |
|                                 | <b>University of Pittsburgh</b>  |                          |
|                                 | European Studies Center Grant  | 2022- 2023               |
|                                 | Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation (SSDD)   | 2022 - 2023              |
|                                 | Arts & Sciences Summer Fellowships   | Summer 2021, 2022 & 2023 |
| <b>Teaching &amp; Mentoring</b> | <b>University of Southern California</b>   |                          |
|                                 | <i>Advanced Methodology: Text as Data</i> (Graduate)   | Fall 2025                |
|                                 | <i>Introduction to Data Analysis</i> (Undergraduate)   | Fall 2025                |
|                                 | <i>The Politics of International Trade</i> (Undergraduate)   | Spring 2026              |
|                                 | <b>Committee Membership</b>  |                          |
|                                 | Paula Martinez (Master's in Economics, Udelar)   | 2025                     |
|                                 | <b>Prior Teaching and Mentoring Experience</b>   |                          |
|                                 | <b>Mobilization and Political Economy, NSF REU</b>   |                          |
|                                 | <i>Instructor and Mentor</i>   | Summer 2023              |
|                                 | Placed students from underrepresented backgrounds in grad programs.  |                          |
|                                 | Supervised 4 undergraduate research projects and Ph.D. applications.   |                          |
|                                 | <b>University of Pittsburgh</b>  |                          |
|                                 | <i>Research Methods in Political Science</i> (Undergraduate)   |                          |
|                                 | Instructor of Record   | Summer 2022              |
|                                 | Teaching Assistant   | Fall 2021 & Spring 2022  |
|                                 | Undergraduate and Graduate Student Mentoring   | 2022–2024                |
|                                 | Supervised 4 undergraduate research assistants.  |                          |
|                                 | Mentored 6 first-year Ph.D. students.  |                          |
|                                 | <b>Universidad de la República (Uruguay)</b>   |                          |
|                                 | <i>Teaching Assistantships</i> (Undergraduate Courses)   | 2014–2019                |
|                                 | Labor Law and Social Security; Accounting I–III; Administration of Organizations; Housing Cooperatives Training. |                          |
|                                 | Mentored 60+ first-generation undergraduate students   | 2013–2016                |
|                                 | <b>Training in Pedagogy</b>  |                          |
|                                 | Achievement in Pedagogy Badge, University of Pittsburgh  | 2021–2022                |
|                                 | Faculty Development Practicum, University of Pittsburgh  | Fall 2021                |
|                                 | Faculty Development Course, Universidad de la República  | Spring 2016              |



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| Chair & discussant at EPSA, panel on the political economy of labor. | 2023 |
| Discussant at Conference “Rethink Populism and Technocracy” at Pitt. | 2022 |
| Chair at LASA.   | 2021 |

#### University of Pittsburgh

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| Search Committee member for Associate Professor - Structural Racism | 2022–2023 |
| Search Committee member for Assistant Professor - Structural Racism | 2022–2023 |
| Search Committee member for Postdoc with DEI focus                  | 2022      |
| Grad student rep at Diversity Equity and Inclusion PolSci committee | 2020–2022 |
| President of PolSci graduate students                               | 2021–2022 |
| Representative of PolSci at the GSO.                                | 2021–2022 |

#### Universidad de la Republica

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| TA representative of faculty at University government.          | 2019      |
| Undergraduate student representative at University government.  | 2013–2015 |
| Member of several advisory committees (e.g, Study plan design). | 2013–2015 |
| Student representative at University government.                | 2013–2015 |

**Relevant Skills** Computational: Stata, R, Python | Survey: Qualtrics | Text annotation: Inception  
NLP Tools: spaCy, Hugging Face Transformers, PyTorch, NLTK, OpenAI  
Language: Spanish (native speaker)

**Other Working Experience** Academic Advisor to the Dean, FCEA Udelar. 2017–2019  
Advisor of a National Congressman. 2015–2017  
Advice on economic, labor, and budget issues.  
KPMG. Tax Analyst. 2015–2016  
Political & Union Organizer 2011–2019

#### References

##### Carles Boix

Robert Garrett Professor of Politics and Public Affairs, Princeton University  
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##### Jude C. Hays

Professor, University of Pittsburgh  
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##### Michaël Aklin

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##### Michael Colaresi

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##### Scott Morgenstern

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