VALENTINA GONZÁLEZ-ROSTANI

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Academic University of Southern California (USC) **Appointments** Princeton University

Fall 2025-Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations 2024-2025

Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Department of Politics, affiliated with the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice

Affiliations

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

2025-Present

and Innovation (ANII), Uruguay

Education

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.A. in Accounting, Universidad de la República.	2015

Publications

- "Elections, Right-wing Populism, and Political-Economic Polarization: The Role of Institutions and Political Outsiders." 2025 The Journal of Politics
- "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 PS: Political Science & **Politics**
- "Are Protests Contagious? The Dynamics of Temporal and Spatial Diffusion of Political Protests" with Jeffrey Nonnemacher. 2025 Forthcoming at the Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties
- "Engaged Robots, and Disengaged Workers: Automation and Political Apathy." 2024 **Economics & Politics**
- "Social Media vs. Surveys: A New Scalable Approach to Understanding Political Discourse" with Jose Incio and Guillermo Lezama. 2024 Legislative Studies Quarterly
- "Moral and Economic Dimensions of Ideology" with Scott Morgenstern, Elias Chavarria, and Chen Chuang. 2024 Legislative Studies Quarterly
- "Legislators' Religiosity and Same-Sex Marriage in Latin America." with Scott Morgenstern. 2023 Latin America Research Review.

Research **Under Review**

"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 Al 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

- "Al'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 Al-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 Al" 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.

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

Talks & Guest Lectures	†: conference presentation §: research workshop/invited talks (U): Upcoming (C): Invited presentations I was unable to attend due to v	isa issues
	NYU Data Science Frontiers: Society and Politics§, Polmeth [†] , Yale ISPS§ NABE Tech Economics Conference TEC2025 [†] , UNESCO§ (C), IDB§ (U), University of Oxford§ (C), Universitat de Barcelona§ (C), Penn State-Pitt Mobilization and Political Economy NSF REU§, ISA [†] , MPSA [†] UPenn: Junior Scholars in International Relations§, Columbia University§,	S,
	PolMeth [†] , Princeton University- Niehaus Center, IR Faculty Colloquium [§] , Caltech CSSPP [§] , Princeton University - Political Economy Colloquium [§] , Yale MacMillan Center [§] , IPES-V [§] , LACEA-LAMES [†] , APSA [†]	2024
	Polmeth [†] , Rosenbluth Junior Scholar Workshop in Political Economy [§] , Boston University [§] , University of Strathclyde [§] , MPSA [†] , LASA [†] , CPRG-Pi Universidad de Salamanca [§] , EUSA [†] , APSA [†] , Penn State-Pitt [§] , GSIPE [§] , Universidad Catolica del Uruguay [§] , University of Southern California [§] , EP Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) [§] , Georgia Tech [§] .	°SA [†] ,
	EITM Institute§, IPES†, Techno-Debate§, APSA†, MPSA†, EUSA† Environmental Politics & Governance†.	2022
	LASA [†] , MPSA [†] , Universidad Católica del Uruguay [§] , University of Pittsbu	rgh [§] . 2021
Methods & Political	Gen AI Intensive Course with Google Prompt engineering, embeddings, and generative AI agents.	2025
Economy Training	Association for Comparative Economic Studies, UC Berkeley, USA Summer School in "Political Economy for a Changing World."	2023
	American Political Science Association Dissertation Workshop	2023
	New Topics in European Politics, Kleine (LSE) & L. Obholzer (Leiden	University).
	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Institute, UC Berke Summer School, sponsored by NSF.	ley 2022
	Winter School in Methods, Universidad Católica del Uruguay, URY Bargaining using formal models, N. Bapat (UNC Chapel Hill) Methods for interpretation and analysis of RDD, S. Calonico, (U of M Case studies using process tracing, C. Rosell (UCU)	2018-2016 iami)
	IPSA-USP Summer School in Concepts, Methods and Techniques, BRA	2018
	Field research in PolSci, Melani Cammett (Harvard University)	2010
	Advanced issues in quantitative methods, Bruno Cautres (Sciences Po).
Reviewer	International Interactions, European Political Science Review (EPSR) & Leg Quarterly (LSQ)	gislative Studies
Selected	Broad Audience	
Service	Speaker at the WS x Columbia University GD The Return of Donald	2025
Scivice	Trump: Implications for US-China Relations Fireside Talk Series	2023
	Co-director of the social science diffusion blog <i>Razones y Personas</i>	2024-Present
	Speaker at the series about the future of work by IUSY Political Science	2023
	Member of the APSA Task Force on AI and Political Science, Economic Inequality and Labor Force with Carles Boix, Michael Becher and Daniel Stegmueller.	2025-Present
	Grad Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) team.	2023-2024

	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	
	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	
	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	Computational: Stata, R, Python Survey: Qualtrics Text annotation: Inc	ention
Skills	NLP Tools: spaCy, Hugging Face Transformers, PyTorch, NLTK, OpenAl	
	Language: Spanish (native speaker)	
Other Working	Academic Advisor to the Dean, FCEA Udelar.	2017-2019
Experience	Advisor of a National Congressman.	2015-2017
•	Advice on economic, labor, and budget issues.	
	KPMG. Tax Analyst.	2015-2016
	Political & Union Organizer	2011-2019
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References

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