

GUILTERMO TORAL

MIT Department of Political Science – 77 Massachusetts Avenue, E53-470 – Cambridge, MA 02139 – USA

📧 www.guillermotoral.com ✉ gtoral@mit.edu ☎ +1-202-803-1867

Research interests	Comparative politics and political economy of development, governance, corruption, education. Causal inference and qualitative fieldwork. Regional focus on Latin America.	
Education	Massachusetts Institute of Technology , PhD candidate in Political Science 2014 - present <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Fields: Political Economy and Methods■ Committee: Ben Ross Schneider (Chair), Lily Tsai, and F. Daniel Hidalgo University of Oxford , MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government), <i>Distinction</i> 2009 - 2011 Universidad Autónoma de Madrid , Masters in Immigration and Refuge, <i>Distinction</i> 2008 - 2009 Sciences Po Paris , International Program Diploma 2006 - 2007 Universidad Complutense , <i>Licenciatura</i> in Political Science & Public Administration 2004 - 2009	
Affiliations	Democracy Visiting Fellow at the Harvard Ash Center 2019 - 2020 Graduate Research Fellow at MIT GOV/LAB 2016 - present Visiting Researcher at Universidade de São Paulo January 2018 - January 2019 Visiting Researcher at Fundação Getúlio Vargas , São Paulo February 2018 - January 2019 Visiting Research Scholar at Fundação Getúlio Vargas , Rio de Janeiro January - March 2017	
Dissertation & book project	“Unpacking patronage: How the different political uses of public employment affect government accountability and effectiveness”	
Papers	“The benefits of patronage: How the political appointment of bureaucrats can enhance their accountability and effectiveness” – <i>Job Market Paper</i> “Accountability backlash: Negative electoral responses to public service provision in Brazil” (with Taylor Boas and F. Daniel Hidalgo) – <i>Revise & Resubmit at The Journal of Politics</i> “Political bureaucratic cycles: How politicians’ responses to electoral incentives and anti-corruption policies disrupt the bureaucracy and public service delivery around elections” “Information, oversight, and compliance: A field experiment on horizontal accountability in Brazil” “When losers rule: Causes and consequences of bureaucratic reshuffles under lame-duck mayors” “The electoral consequences of EU voting rights: Evidence from Spain.” (with Jeremy Ferwerda) “Franchise reforms in the age of migration: Why do governments give voting rights to non-citizens?”	
Policy reports	“Taxation and accountability in developing countries” (with Lily Tsai , Blair Read, and Varja Lipovsek). Transparency and Accountability Initiative (2018).	

Chapters in books	In Great Teachers: How to Raise Student Learning in Latin America and the Caribbean , edited by Barbara Bruns and Javier Luque, World Bank (2015).		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Recruiting better teachers” (with Barbara Bruns, Javier Luque, David Evans, and Soledad de Gregorio), pages 139 – 178. ▪ “Grooming great teachers” (with Barbara Bruns, Javier Luque, David Evans, Noah Yarrow, and Soledad de Gregorio), pages 179 – 222. 		
Teaching experience	Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Department of Political Science – Cambridge, MA		
	Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning & Data Science in Politics (undergraduate)	Spring 2020	
	Teaching Assistant, Making Public Policy (undergraduate)		Fall 2019
	Co-Instructor, Political Science Laboratory (undergraduate) – rating 6.6/7	Spring 2019	
	Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods I (graduate) – rating: 6.5/7	Fall 2017	
	Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte – Natal, Brazil		
	Instructor, Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Public Policy	June 2019	
	IPSA-USP Summer School in Methods in Political Science, Public Policy and IR – São Paulo		
	Teaching Fellow, Advanced Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis	January 2019	
	Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) – Cambridge, MA		
Research assistance	Teaching Assistant, Course on Randomized Evaluation of Social Programs	June 2017	
	Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Department of Political Science – Cambridge, MA		
	RA for Ben Ross Schneider , Lily Tsai , and F. Daniel Hidalgo	2015 - 2019	
	University of Oxford , Department of Politics and International Relations – Oxford		
	RA for Nancy Bermeo	2010 - 2011	
Other training	MIT Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program – Cambridge, MA		
		February - May 2019	
	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research – Syracuse, NY		
Grants & awards		June 2017	
	J-PAL Certificate in Public Policy Impact Evaluation & Surveys – Santiago, Chile		
		April 2013	
	Program on Governance and Local Development Short-Term Research Grant: \$3,200		
		2019	
	NSF & Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting Grant: \$1,300 (used in part)		
		2019	
	Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant : \$3,500		
		2019	
	MIT GOV/LAB Dissertation Grant: \$35,000		
		2018	
	Lemann Foundation Fellowship (research & tuition grant): \$80,000		
		2016 - 2018	
	MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives research grant: \$5,500		
		2016	
	MIT Department of Political Science PhD Fellowship: ~\$30,000 + tuition per year		
		2015 - 2020	
	MIT Presidential Fellowship : ~\$30,000 + tuition		
		2014 - 2015	
	La Caixa Foundation Fellowship for masters in the UK: £24,000 + tuition		
		2009 - 2011	
	Spanish National Research Council Introduction to Research Fellowship : €1,500		
		Summer 2008	
	European Union & Spanish Government Erasmus-Socrates Fellowship : €2,500		
Academic service		2006 - 2007	
	Madrid Regional Government Fellowship for Outstanding Students : €9,000		
		2004 - 2006	
	Co-organizer of the MIT Latin American Working Group		
		2016 - 2018	
	Co-organizer of the MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference		
		2017	
	Discussant at the MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference		
		2018, 2017	
	Discussant at the Brown-Harvard-MIT South Asian Politics seminar		
		2017	
	Discussant at the MPSA Annual Conference <i>Latin American Politics</i> poster session		
		2015	
	Referee for <i>Latin American Research Review</i> , <i>Economics & Politics</i>		
		2019	

Invited talks	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM, Mexico City) – scheduled 2020 Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN, Natal, Brazil) 2019
Selected conference presentations	<div>APSA (American Political Science Association) Annual Meeting 2019, 2018</div> <div>MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association) Annual Conference 2019, 2016, 2015</div> <div>LASA (Latin American Studies Association) Congress 2019, 2018</div> <div>NEWEPS (Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science) Fall Meeting 2019</div> <div>PolMeth (Society for Political Methodology) Annual Meeting 2019</div> <div>REPAL (Latin American Political Economy Network) Annual Meeting 2019</div> <div>SeLAB (Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium) Conference 2017</div>
Professional experience	<div>World Bank, Education Sector, Latin America Region – Washington, DC</div> <div>Consultant (full time) December 2013 - June 2014</div> <div>Junior Professional Associate July 2011 - July 2013</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked in the preparation, negotiation and supervision of education projects in Costa Rica, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Mexico and Guyana. This contributed to the approval of 3 loans (US\$265 million) and progress of 9 projects (investments totaling US\$2.3 billion). Conducted research and formulated evidence-based recommendations for the Government of Chile, which used them to build a new strategy for higher education policy, including new student loans and grants programs, and a new quality assurance system.
In-country research & work experience	Brazil (2014-2019: 20 months), Chile (2011-2014: 3 months), Costa Rica (2011-2013: 3 months), Peru (2011-2012: 1 month), Colombia (2013: 3 weeks), Algeria (2005-2006: 3 weeks), Mexico (2013: 2 weeks), Guyana (2014: 2 weeks), El Salvador (2005-2006: 2 weeks), Guatemala (2005-2006: 2 weeks), Honduras (2005: 1 week), Albania (2015: 1 week)
IT skills	R, Stata, \LaTeX , ArcGIS, HTML, CSS, JAGS, NVivo, Qualtrics
Languages	Spanish: native (grew up in Spain) English: fluent (TOEFL iBT 120/120; lived 2 years in the UK, 6+ years in the USA) French: fluent (DALF C2; lived 1 year in France) Portuguese: fluent (lived 1.5 years in Brazil)
References	<p>Ben Ross Schneider Ford International Professor of Political Science at MIT and Director of MIT Brazil 77 Massachusetts Avenue, E53-423 – Cambridge, MA 02139 – USA ✉ brs@mit.edu ☎ +1-617-253-7207</p> <p>Lily Tsai Ford Professor of Political Science at MIT and Director of MIT GOV/LAB 77 Massachusetts Avenue, E53-413 – Cambridge, MA 02139 – USA ✉ l_tsai@mit.edu ☎ +1-617-253-6643</p> <p>F. Daniel Hidalgo Cecil and Ida Green Associate Professor of Political Science at MIT 77 Massachusetts Avenue, E53-402 – Cambridge, MA 02139 – USA ✉ dhidalgo@mit.edu ☎ +1-617-253-8078</p>

Last updated: November 2019