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Research interests

Comparative politics and political economy of development, governance, corruption, education. Causal inference. Qualitative fieldwork. Regional focus on Latin America and Southern Europe.

Employment

IE University – Madrid (Spain)

Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track)

2022 - present

Vanderbilt University - Nashville, TN (USA)

Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track)

2020 - 2022

World Bank, Education Sector, Latin America Region - Washington, DC (USA)

Consultant

2014

Junior Professional Associate

2011 - 2013

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, PhD in Political Science

2014 - 2020

- * Harold D. Lasswell Award for "the best doctoral dissertation in the field of public policy," American Political Science Association
- * Honorable Mention, Sérgio Buarque de Holanda Prize for Best Dissertation in Social Sciences, Latin American Studies Association Brazil section
- * Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Doctoral Thesis, MIT Department of Political Science

University of Oxford, MPhil in Politics (Comparative Government), Distinction 2009 - 2011

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Masters in Immigration and Refuge, Distinction 2008 - 2009

Sciences Po Paris, International Program Diploma

2006 - 2007

Universidad Complutense, Licenciatura in Political Science & Public Administration 2004 - 2009

Book project

The political logics of patronage: Uses and abuses of government jobs in Brazil

Articles

"Turnover: How Lame-Duck Governments Disrupt the Bureaucracy and Service Delivery Before Leaving Office." *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming (2024).

- * Leonard S. Robbins Best Paper Award, APSA Health Politics and Policy Section
- * Media coverage: BBC News Brasil, Globo G1, MIT News

"How Patronage Delivers: Political Appointments, Bureaucratic Accountability, and Service Delivery in Brazil." *American Journal of Political Science* 68(2): 797-815 (2024).

- * Best Paper Award, REPAL (Network for the Study of Latin America's Political Economy)
- * Media coverage: Folha de São Paulo, Frankfurter Allgemeine, Nexo, The World

"Bureaucratic Politics: Blind Spots and Opportunities in Political Science" (with Sarah Brierley, Kenneth Lowande and Rachel Potter). *Annual Review of Political Science* 26: 271-290 (2023).

"Competence versus Priorities: Negative Electoral Responses to Education Quality in Brazil" (with Taylor Boas and F. Daniel Hidalgo). *Journal of Politics* 83(4): 1417-1431 (2021).

"Immigrant Organizations as Civil Society: A Three-Dimensional Analysis" (in Spanish). Revista Española de Investigaciones Sociológicas 132: 105 - 130 (2010).

Editor-invited book reviews

Decadent Developmentalism: The Political Economy of Democratic Brazil by Matthew Taylor (Cambridge University Press, 2020). Political Science Quarterly 137.2: 435-437 (2022).

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). Translated into Spanish and Portuguese.

- "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.

Policy reports

"Information and Accountability: Evidence Syntheses of Within-Government and Citizen-Government Accountability Pathways" (with Lily Tsai, Benjamin Morse, and Varja Lipovsek). Transparency and Accountability Initiative (2019).

"Taxation and Accountability in Developing Countries" (with Lily Tsai, Blair Read, and Varja Lipovsek). Transparency and Accountability Initiative (2018).

"Effects of International Standards on Accountability Behaviors" (with Lily Tsai, Benjamin Morse, and Varja Lipovsek). Transparency and Accountability Initiative (2018).

Working papers

"Can anti-corruption policies curb political budget cycles? Evidence from public employment in Brazil"

- * Best Comparative Policy Paper Award, APSA Public Policy Section
- * Honorable Mention, Best Political Institutions Paper, LASA Political Institutions Section

"Street-level rule of law: Prosecutor presence and the fight against corruption"

"Information, oversight, and compliance: A field experiment on horizontal accountability in Brazil"

"Undoing insulation: Meritocracy and politicization in a Weberian bureaucracy" (with Pablo Fernández-Vázquez)

"Franchise reforms in the age of migration: Why do governments give voting rights to noncitizens?" MIT Working Paper 2015-12 (dormant)

Affiliations

Grants & fellowships

MIT GOV/LAB, Faculty Affiliate Vanderbilt Center for Latin American Studies, Faculty Affiliate Vanderbilt Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Faculty Affiliate Harvard Ash Center, Democracy Visiting Fellow Universidade de São Paulo, Visiting Researcher Fundação Getúlio Vargas (São Paulo), Visiting Researcher Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Rio de Janeiro), Visiting Research Scholar	2020 - present 2021 - 2022 2021 - 2022 2019 - 2020 2018 2018 Summer 2017
Spain's Ministry of Science Research Grant (with Pablo Fernández): €73,000 Vanderbilt Seeding Success Grant: \$30,000 European University Institute Max Weber Fellowship (declined) New York University Abu Dhabi Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined) Kellogg Institute (University of Notre Dame) Visting Fellowship (declined)	2021 - 2024 2021 - 2022 2020 - 2022 2020 - 2022 2020 - 2021

2019

2019

2018

Center for International Studies Summer Study Fellowship: \$3,500

MIT GOV/LAB Dissertation Grant: \$35,000

Governance and Local Development Institute Short-Term Research SEK 27,000

		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 2	
	•	2014 - 2015
	·	2009 - 2011
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	European Union & Spanish Government Erasmus-Socrates Fellowship: €2,500	2006 - 2007
	Madrid Regional Government Fellowship for Outstanding Students: €9,000	2004 - 2006
Awards	Honorable Mention, Best Political Institutions Paper, LASA Political Institutions Sec	ction 2024
	Best Comparative Policy Paper Award, APSA Public Policy Section	2023
	Leonard S. Robbins Best Paper Award, APSA Health Politics and Policy Section	2022
	Best Paper Award, REPAL (Network for the Study of Latin America's Political Ecor	nomy) 2021
	Harold D. Lasswell Award for best dissertation in the field of public policy, APSA	2021
	Honorable Mention, Prize for Best Dissertation in Social Sciences, LASA Brazil Sect	tion 2021
	Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Thesis, MIT Department of Political Science	2020
Teaching	IE University – Madrid (Spain)	
experience	Instructor, Comparative Politics (undergraduate) Spring 2024, S	Spring 2023
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	Instructor, Public Policy Analysis (undergraduate)	Fall 2022
	Vanderbilt University – Nashville, TN (USA)	
	Instructor, Research Design (graduate)	Spring 2022
	Instructor, Political Economy of Corruption (undergraduate) Fall 2021	1, Fall 2020
	Instructor, Political Economy of Development (undergraduate)	Spring 2021
	Instructor, Politics of Bureaucracies (graduate)	Spring 2021
	Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Cambridge, MA (USA)	
	Co-Instructor, Political Science Laboratory (undergraduate)	Spring 2019
	Teaching Assistant, Machine Learning & Data Science in Politics (undergraduate) S	Spring 2020
	Teaching Assistant, Making Public Policy (undergraduate)	Fall 2019
	Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Methods I (graduate)	Fall 2017
	Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte – Natal, RN (Brazil)	
	Instructor, Experimental & Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of Public Policy	June 2019
	IPSA-USP Summer School in Methods in Political Science, Public Policy and IR – S	São Paulo
	Teaching Fellow, Advanced Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Analysis Ja	nuary 2019
	Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) – Cambridge, MA (USA)	
	Teaching Assistant, Randomized Evaluation of Social Programs	June 2017
Other	Vanderbilt Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship – Nashville, TN (USA)	2021 - 2022
training		Spring 2019
·	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research – Syracuse, NY (USA)	June 2017
	J-PAL Certificate in Public Policy Impact Evaluation & Surveys – Santiago (Chile)	April 2013

Academic service	Co-organizer	Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference MIT Latin American Working Group	2021 2018, 2017 2016 - 2018	
	Award committees	Best Comparative Policy Paper Award Committee, APSA Policy Se Best Poster Award Committee, Latin American Political Methodolo Best Paper Award Committee, APSA Qualitative & Multi-Methods Best Social Sciences Dissertation Prize Committee, LASA Brazil Se Admissions and Awards Committee, Center for Latin American Studies	ogy 2023 s Section 2023 ection 2022	
	Article reviewer	·		
	Grant reviewer	Swiss National Science Foundation		
	Discussant	LACSUG (Subnational Governance in Latin America) CIVICA Political Behavior and Institutions Latin American Political Methodology Meeting American Political Science Association Annual Meeting IE-Rochester Workshop in Political Economy and International Relational Relationship Political Science Association Annual Conference MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference Brown-Harvard-MIT South Asian Politics seminar	2024 2024 2023 2023, 2020 ations 2023 2022, 2021 2018, 2017 2017	
Invited talks (* scheduled)	University of ETH Zürich, CAF (Develo Aix-Marseille Universidad F World Bank, CAF (Develo University of Universidade King's Colleg Fundação Ge Princeton Un University of University of Georgetown University of Georgetown University of Georgetown University of University,	Gothenburg, Quality of Government Institute KOF Swiss Economic Institute pment Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean) School of Economics Pontificia Comillas, ICADE Governance Global Practice pment Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean) Oxford, Nuffield College Federal do Rio Grande do Norte, Department of Public Policy tulio Vargas, EBAPE iversity, Conference on Statebuilding and Political Development Oxford, Blavatnik School of Government Oxford, Latin American Centre Jniversity, McCourt School of Public Policy os III-Juan March (IC3JM) szentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB), IPI seminar School of Global and Public Affairs Gothenburg, Quality of Government Institute	2024* 2024 2024 2024 2024 2024 2023 2023 2023	

	Northwestern University, Comparative Politics Workshop	2021
	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Department of Political Science	2020
	Yale-NUS College, Division of Social Sciences	2019
	Rutgers University, School of Public Affairs and Administration	2019
	Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Public Administration Division	2019
	New York University Abu Dhabi, Social Science Division	2019
	Vanderbilt University, Department of Political Science	2019
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	Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte, Department of Economics	2019
Selected	APSA (American Political Science Association) 2024*, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019,	2018
conference	LASA (Latin American Studies Association) 2024, 2023, 2022, 2019,	2018
presentations	MPSA (Midwest Political Science Association) 2022, 2021, 2019, 2016,	
(⋆ scheduled)	REPAL (Network for the Study of Latin America's Political Economy) 2024*, 2021,	
,	PolMeth (Society for Political Methodology) 2023 (LatAm),	
	EPSA (European Political Science Association) 2024*,	
	CIVICA Political Behavior and Institutions	2024
	LACSUG (Subnational Governance in Latin America)	2024
	IE-Rochester Workshop in Political Economy	2024
	MWEPS (Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science)	2021
	NEWEPS (Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science)	2019
Mentoring	PhD committee member for Shashwat Dhar (Vanderbilt ABD) 2021 - pr	esen
J	PhD committee member for Nicholas Bednar (Vanderbilt PhD) 2021 -	
	Master thesis coordinator for IE's Master in International Development 2022 - pr	esent
	Undergraduate thesis supervisor for 9 IE students 2022 - pr	esen
	Capstone project supervisor for 2 groups in IE's Master in International Relations 2022 - pr	esen
IT skills	R, Stata, LATEX, Markdown, HTML, CSS, Qualtrics, QSR NVivo, ArcGIS, JAGS	
Languages	Spanish native (grew up in Spain) English fluent (TOEFL iBT 120/120; lived 2 years in the UK and 10 years in the US French fluent (DALF C2; lived 1 year in France) Portuguese fluent (lived 1.5 years in Brazil)	5A)

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