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## Degrees

- **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey—New Brunswick, New Jersey, United States**  
Ph.D. in Political Science, September 2012–May 2017.
  - Dissertation: “State Capacity in Latin America: Structural Transformations, Elite Competition, and Fiscal Development (1850-2010).”
  - Committee: Robert Kaufman (chair), Daniel Kelemen, Douglas Blair (Economics), Paul Poast (University of Chicago).
  - Fields: Comparative Politics and Quantitative Methodology.
- **Catholic University of Chile—Santiago, Chile**  
B.A. in Political Science, 2005–2009.
- **University of Turku—Turku, Finland**  
Title of *Docent in Political Science*, September 2024.

## Academic Employment

- **University of Turku, Turku, Finland**  
Senior Researcher, INVEST Research Flagship Centre, September 2021—today.
- **O’Higgins University, Rancagua, Chile**  
Assistant Professor (tenure-track), July 2018—August 2021.
- **Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, United States**  
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy & Research (CIPR), June 2017—June 2018.
- **Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, United States**  
Teaching Assistant, September 2014—May 2017.

## Appointments

- **Research Director:** INVEST-Experimental Research Hub, 2022—2023.
- **Adjunct Researcher:** Millennium Institute, Foundational Research on Data, 2022—2024.
- **Editorial Board Member:** “*Social Sciences*” journal, Springer Nature, 2020—today.
- **Program Head:** Public Administration program (UOH), 2018.
- **Researcher:** Labor Studies (UOH), 2020.

## Research

### *Research and Teaching Interests (undergraduate and graduate)*

Democratic backsliding, authoritarian values, populism, state formation, inequality, comparative political economy, political development, causal inference, experimental methods (natural, lab and survey-based) and statistical methods.

### *Dissertation*

My dissertation argues that sectoral economic conflicts fostered state-building in Latin America. Using fine-grained historical case study comparisons, sectoral outputs from 1900 to the present, panel data and time-series econometric techniques, and a novel earthquake dataset (to measure state capacities), I find that industrial expansion altered the post-colonial political balance, thus putting heavy pressures for the implementation of tax institutions. In turn, fiscal expansion fostered both political development and economic growth.

### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

- [Hector Bahamonde and Outi Sarpila \(2024\). "Physical appearance and elections: An inequality perspective." \*Political Psychology\* 45.3, pp. 623–642.](#)
- [Hector Bahamonde and Andrea Canales \(2022\). "Electoral Risk and Vote Buying, Introducing Prospect Theory to the Experimental Study of Clientelism." \*Electoral Studies\* 80, p. 102497.](#)
- [Hector Bahamonde \(2022\). "Still for Sale: The Micro-Dynamics of Vote Selling in the United States, Evidence from a List Experiment." \*Acta Politica\* 57.1, pp. 73–95.](#)
- [Hector Bahamonde and Mart Trasberg \(2021\). "Inclusive institutions, Unequal Outcomes: Democracy, State Capacity, and Income Inequality." \*European Journal of Political Economy\* 70.](#)
- [Félix Modrego, Andrea Canales, and Hector Bahamonde \(2020\). "Employment Effects of COVID-19 Across Chilean Regions: An Application of the Translog Cost Function." \*Regional Science Policy & Practice\* 12.6, pp. 1151–1167.](#)
- [Hector Bahamonde \(2018\). "Aiming Right at You: Group versus Individual Clientelistic Targeting in Brazil." \*Journal of Politics in Latin America\* 10.2, pp. 41–76.](#)
- [Juan Pablo Luna et al. \(2011\). "El Secreto de mi Éxito: Parte II. Los Caminos a Vaparaíso en 2009." \*Revista de Ciencia Política\* 31.2, pp. 285–310.](#)

### *Work in Progress*

- [Far-right Support in Finland: Bringing Income Inequality Back, \*work in progress\*. With Aki Koivula \(UTU\).](#)
- [Losers' Consent and Anti-Systemic Protest: Experimental Evidence from Chile and Estonia, \*work in progress\*. With Inga Saikkonen \(Åbo Akademi\) & Mart Trasberg \(Tec. Monterrey, Mex.\).](#)
- [Winners and Losers and Variations of Autocracy: The Finnish Case, \*work in progress\*. With Inga Saikkonen \(Åbo Akademi\).](#)
- [Illiberal Democrats: The 2016 United States Presidential Election as a Critical Juncture, a Conjoint Experiment, \*work in progress\*.](#)

### *Book Reviews in Peer-Reviewed Journals (Invited)*

- Inés Durán Matute (2019). [“Indigenous Peoples and the Geographies of Power: Mezcala’s Narratives of Neoliberal Governance”](#) (Routledge). *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Research*.

### *Conference Talks*

- **American Political Science Association (APSA):** 2016 (Philadelphia, PA, U.S.), 2019 (Washington D.C.—full panel organizer), 2020 (San Francisco, CA, U.S.).
- **European Political Science Association (EPSA):** 2022 (Prague, Czech Republic), 2023 (Glasgow, Scotland), 2024 (Cologne, Germany).
- **European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR):** 2022 (Innsbruck, Austria—full panel organizer).
- **Nordic Sociological Association Conference (NSA):** 2022 (Reykjavik, Iceland).
- **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA, Chicago):** 2017, 2018 (declined), 2020 (canceled—COVID19), 2023, 2024.
- **Italian Association for the History of Economic Thought (ISPE):** 2019 (Bologna, Italy).
- **Italian Political Science Association (SISP):** 2023 (Genova, Italy).
- **Red de Economía Política para América Latina (REPAL):** 2019 (New Orleans, LA, U.S.).
- **Latin American Studies Association (LASA):** 2014 (Chicago, IL, U.S.), 2015 (San Juan, Puerto Rico; declined), 2016 (NYC, NY, U.S.), 2018 (Barcelona, Spain), 2022 (San Francisco, CA, U.S.), 2023 (Vancouver, Canada).
- **Nordic Latin American Research Network (NOLAN):** 2024 (Copenhagen, Denmark).
- **Western Political Science Association (WPSA):** 2015 (Las Vegas, NV, U.S.), 2016 (San Diego, CA, US; declined), 2018 (San Francisco, CA, US declined).
- **Southern Political Science Association (SPSA):** 2015 (New Orleans, LA, U.S.), 2018 (New Orleans, LA, U.S.), 2020 (San Juan, Puerto Rico; declined), 2023 (St. Petersburg, FL, U.S.), 2024 (New Orleans, LA, U.S.).
- **Chilean Political Science Association (ACCP, Santiago):** 2010, 2023.
- **Consejo Europeo para la Investigación en Ciencias Sociales de América Latina (CEISAL):** 2025 (Paris—full section co-organizer).
- **Finnish Political Science Association (FPSA):** 2025 (Rovaniemi—full section co-organizer).

### *Invited Talks*

[SOMA’s Appearance & Inequalities Seminar](#), [Mustio](#), Finland (April 7th-8th, 2022) ☉ *General Research Seminar*, Political Science, Åbo Akademi, Turku, Finland (January 27th, 2022) ☉ *Political Science Research Seminar*, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Turku, Turku, Finland (December 17th, 2021) ☉ *Economics Weekly Research Seminar*, Turku School of Economic, University of Turku, Turku, Finland (December 14th, 2021) ☉ *INVEST Scientific Seminar*, INVEST, University of Turku, Turku, Finland (November 19th, 2021), [DPINVEST & INVESThub Workshop on interventions, evaluations and field experiments](#), INVEST, University of Turku, Turku, Finland (October 26th, 2021) ☉ *Colloquium*, Centre for Experimental Social Sciences, Universidad de Santiago de Chile and Oxford University—Nuffield College, Santiago, Chile (December 10th, 2019) ☉ *Guest Lecture*, “Introduction to Comparative Politics” (Prof. Christopher Chambers-Ju), Tulane University, New Orleans, U.S. (Fall, 2017).

## Media Appearances and Op-Eds

- [“Biden’s Honeymoon Is Over, and He Knows It.”](#)  
New York Times: August 4th., 2021.
- [“Conexión Global Prime”](#) (in Spanish).  
CNN Chile: May 18th., 2022.
- [“Plan Paso a Paso y Pobreza: Factores Atenuantes en la Región de O’Higgins.”](#)  
With Carolina Rodríguez (UOH). [ElRancaguino.cl](#), [O’HigginsAlDía.cl](#), [PoderyLiderazgo.cl](#): April 14th-15th., 2021.
- [“Investigadores pronostican que se podrían perder más de 35 mil empleos por la pandemia en O’Higgins.”](#)  
Cooperativa.cl: September 27th., 2020.
- [“Gerentas en la Región de O’Higgins y Precariedad Laboral: ¿Dónde estamos como Región?”](#)  
With Cristina Hernández (UOH). [ElRancaguino.cl](#): September 24th., 2020.
- [“Uso de Conceptos Políticos en Épocas de Campañas Electorales: Nos merecemos más.”](#)  
With Mariela Soto (UOH). [DiarioElPulso.cl](#): August 25th., 2020.
- [“Desigualdad y Democracia en Chile.”](#)  
[ElTipógrafo.cl](#): July 9th., 2019.

## Grants, Fellowships & Awards

- Domestic and International Conference Travel Support:
  - *Department of Political Science and School of Arts and Sciences*, Rutgers University (both fall and spring awards in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016).
  - *Stone Center for Latin American Studies*, Tulane University (2017).
  - *Center for Inter-American Policy and Research*, Tulane University (2018).
- Teaching Assistantship Appointment. *Department of Political Science and School of Arts and Sciences*, Rutgers University (2015, 2016, 2017).
- Small Grant Fund for Research on Latin America. *Center for Latin American Studies*, Rutgers University (2013).
- Teaching Assistant Professional Development Fund. *School for Arts and Sciences*, Rutgers University (2015, 2016, 2017).
- Pre-Dissertation Award. *Department of Political Science*, Rutgers University (2016).
- Experimental Workshop Award. *Center for the Experimental Study of Politics and Psychology*, Rutgers University (2015).
- Jerome M. Clubb Scholarship. *Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research* (2013).
- Excellence Fellowship. *School for Arts and Sciences*, Rutgers University (2012). Tuition remission, health benefits and stipends, for five years of doctoral studies.

## Teaching

### 1. University of Turku:

- “Quantitative Methods” (OLS): M.A. in ‘Social Sciences.’
- “Experimental Social Science”: M.A. in ‘Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State.’

### 2. O’Higgins University:

- “Quantitative Methods I”: OLS (undergraduate).
- “Quantitative Methods II”: MLE and causal inference (undergraduate).
- “Political Science I”: Introduction to political science (undergraduate).
- “Political Science II”: The political economy of state formation (undergraduate).
- “Social Sciences and Epistemology” (undergraduate).
- “Introduction to Social Sciences” (undergraduate).

### 3. Tulane University:

- “Introduction to Comparative Politics” (undergraduate).

### 4. Rutgers University:

- “Math and Computing Camp for Political Scientists” (graduate).
- “Introduction to Quantitative Methods” (TA, graduate).
- “American Government” (TA, undergraduate).

## Referee for

- American Political Science Review, European Journal of Political Economy, The Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, Third World Quarterly, Review of Development Economics, The Oxford Encyclopedia of Political Decision Making, European Journal of Political Research, Acta Politica, Journal of Iberian and Latin American Research, Revista Chilena de Derecho y Ciencia Política, Sociological Inquiry, Social Sciences, International Review for the Sociology of Sport, Revista de Ciencia Política.

## Service

- Panel organizer: APSA 2019; ECPR 2022 (co-organizer); FPSA 2022, 2024 (panel co-organizer), 2025 (panel co-organizer).
- Panel chair: WPSA 2018, APSA 2019, EPSA 2022, ECPR 2022 (co-chair), FPSA 2022 (co-chair).
- Panel Discussant: MPSA 2018, PALO 2021.
- Coordinator: *Speaker Series* 2020—2021 (UOH), *INVESThub “Brown Bag” series* 2022—today (UTU), *INVESThub “Workshop” series* 2022—today (UTU).
- Job Search Committee: Graduate Student Representative (CPE/IPE lines, 2015, Rutgers University), Social Science Institute (2018—2021, O’Higgins University).
- Discussant “Emerging Trends Topics” talks (2014, 2015). Rutgers University.
- Graduate Student Mentor (2014-2017). Rutgers University.

## References

- **Robert Kaufman:** Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Rutgers University.
- **Daniel Kelemen:** McCourt Chair at the McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University.
- **Paul Poast:** Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Chicago.
- **Juan Pablo Luna:** Associate Professor, Political Science, McGill University—Canada.
- **Ludovico Feoli:** Executive Director Center for Inter American Policy and Research, Research Associate Professor, Tulane University.
- **Ross Baker:** Distinguished Professor, Rutgers University.

## Misc

### *Languages*

English, Spanish (native).

### *Software—advanced user*

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

### *Certified Methods Proficiency*

Time Series I (ICPSR), Introduction to Bayesian Analysis (ICPSR), Time Series II (ICPSR), Advanced MLE - Panel Data (ICPSR), Experimental Political Science (RU), Advanced Research in Political Economy (RU), Formal Modeling I (Princeton), Advanced Econometrics (RU, Economics), Introduction to Game Theory (ICPSR), Regression III: Advanced Methods (ICPSR), Measurement, Scaling and Dimensional Analysis (ICPSR), Causal Inference for the Social Sciences (ICPSR), Regression Analysis (RU, Statistics), Maximum Likelihood Estimation for GLMs (RU).