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## Education

2021–Present	Ph.D., Political Science, State University of New York at Stony Brook, US.
2015–2016	M.Sc., Master in Economics, Adolfo Ibáñez University, Chile.
2013–2014	M.Sc., Master in Public Policy, Adolfo Ibáñez University, Chile.
2009–2012	B.Sc., Management Science, Adolfo Ibáñez University, Chile.

## Research

### Published Papers

1. Oleg Smirnov, Pei-Hsun Hsieh, & **Ignacio Urbina**. (2025). *Finite pool of worry and emotions in climate change tweets during COVID-19*. *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, 106, 102728.

### In-Principle Accepted

1. **Ignacio Urbina**, Daniel Araya, Robert Vidigal, & Angelika Sharygina. *Mind Under Pressure: Does Cognitive Overload Increase Susceptibility to Misinformation?* Acceptance in principle at *Politics and the Life Sciences*.
  - Awarded with a research grant by the Association for Life Science and Politics (\$3,500).

### Dissertation Research

*Three Essays on the Political Implications of AI.* Committee: Oleg Smirnov (Chair), Reuben Kline, Andrew Engelhardt.

1. **Ignacio Urbina**. *The Conditional Activation Model: Uncovering Policy Demand Responses to AI-Driven Automation* (Job Market Paper).
  - Introduces a “funnel of causality” framework explaining when citizens update policy preferences in response to AI-driven job automation risk. Uses pre-registered experiment with ~1,000 U.S. workers and Bayesian finite mixture model.
2. **Ignacio Urbina**. *An Agent-Based Model of LLMs in Democratic Deliberation*.
  - Explores AI-driven agents to enhance deliberative democracy in small community settings; uses agent-based modeling with LLM-powered virtual representatives.
3. **Ignacio Urbina** & Oleg Smirnov. *The Nature of Attitudes Toward Artificial Intelligence in Mass Publics*.
  - Examines the structure of public AI attitudes using exploratory factor analysis on nationally representative U.S. sample; reveals multidimensional structure across domains and contexts.

## **Working Papers**

(*Drafts Available Upon Request*)

1. **Ignacio Urbina** & Vitória Sgorlon. *Fractured Trust: The Spillover Effects of Police Violence on Political Trust and Satisfaction with Democracy*.
  - Presented at the 2024 Society of Political Methodology Conference, the 2024 Human Rights Measurement Workshop at the University of Rhode Island, the 2024 MPSA Meeting, and the 2024 APSA Meeting.
  - Winner of the Best Poster Award at the 2023 Latin American Political Methodology Meeting.
  - Awarded with the 2022 Stony Brook University Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Research Grant (\$4,000).
2. **Ignacio Urbina**. *Will a Robot Take My Job? The Moderating Role of Automation Risks on Ideology's Effect on Welfare and Redistribution Attitudes*
  - Presented at the 2024 MPSA Meeting and the 2024 ISPP Meeting.
3. **Ignacio Urbina**, Reuben Kline, & Akhil Ponda. *Communication and Cooperation with Human and Artificial Agents*.
  - Presented at the 2023 APSA Meeting, Oxford's Talking to Machines Workshop (May 2024), and the 2024 IMEBESS Conference.

## **Work in Progress**

1. Oleg Smirnov & **Ignacio Urbina**. *Public Attitudes Toward Artificial General Intelligence and Superintelligent AI*.
  - Data collection finished.
  - Awarded with the 2022 Stony Brook University Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Research Grant (\$3,500).
2. Vitória Sgorlon & **Ignacio Urbina**. *Trait Aggression and Voting for the Far-Right: Evidence from Brazil*.
  - Data collection finished.
3. Vitória Sgorlon, Reuben Kline, & **Ignacio Urbina**. *Online Engagement, Offline Political Behavior: Mass Social Media Behavior as a Predictor of Electoral Accountability*.

## **Non-peer Reviewed Publications**

1. **Urbina, I.** (2022). Chile's 2019 Social Uprising: Social Movements as Drivers of Public Opinion. The Stony Brook Worker. Fall 2022, Issue 2. Accessible at: <https://stonybrookworker.com/issues/sbw-issue-2/chile-s-2019-social-uprising-social-movements-as-drivers-of-public-opinion>.
2. **Urbina, I.**, & Sugg, D. (2021, June). Análisis de la eficiencia de los hospitales públicos de alta complejidad en Chile entre 2014 y 2018. Estudios de Finanzas Públicas, Dirección de Presupuestos, Ministerio de Hacienda, Chile. Accessible at: [http://www.dipres.cl/598/articles-232639\\_doc\\_pdf.pdf](http://www.dipres.cl/598/articles-232639_doc_pdf.pdf).

## **Teaching**

### **Instructor of Record**

Stony Brook University	Math Camp for Incoming Ph.D. Students	25', 24' Fall
	Introduction to Statistical Methods in Political Science	25', 24' Summer, 25' Spring
	Introductory Statistics	2024 Fall

Finis Terrae University	Behavioral Economics	2020, 19', 18'
	Microeconomics	2018, 17', 16'
	Introduction to Economics	2016
Adolfo Ibáñez University	Industrial Organization	2016
	Microeconomics I	2016

### **Teaching Assistant**

Stony Brook University	World Politics	2022 Spring
	Introduction to American Government	2021 Fall
Adolfo Ibáñez University	Econometrics	2015
	Impact Evaluation for Public Policies	2014, 15'
	Chilean Economics	2015
	Intermediate Macroeconomics	2015
	Mathematical Economics	2013
	Calculus III	2013
	Industrial Organization	2013
	Introduction to Macroeconomics	2011
	Introduction to Microeconomics	2011
	Introduction to Economics	2010

### **Grants, Awards, and Fellowships**

- 2024 Milton Lodge Graduate Research Scholarship (\$500)
- 2024 NSF BIAS-NRT Travel Grant (\$1,100)
- 2023 Latin American Political Methodology Meeting Best Poster Award (\$200)
- 2023 GSEU Professional Development Award (\$355)
- 2023 Stony Brook University Political Science Department Koppelman Fellowship (\$3,000)
- 2022 Stony Brook University Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Grant (\$4,000)
- 2022 Stony Brook University Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Grant (\$3,500)
- 2021 Stony Brook University College of Arts and Sciences Fellowship (\$3,000)
- 2014 Best GPA of the Master's in Public Policy. School of Government, Adolfo Ibáñez University (2014 Cohort)
- 2011, 10', & 09' Academic Honor Scholarship. School of Business, Adolfo Ibáñez University. Awarded to top-performing students based on GPA

## **Conferences and Presentations**

*Presenter:* IMEBESS (2024), APSA (2024), MPSA (2024), ISPP (2024), Chilean Political Science Meeting (2024, 18'), IPSA World Congress (2023), SBU Graduate Sociology Students Colloquium (2023), Vanderbilt University's LAPOP Summer School Workshop Session (2023), Chilean Society for Public Policy Meeting (2016, 14'), Economics Chilean Society Anual Meeting (2016).

*Non-presenter co-author:* Poster Session POLMETH (2024), Human Rights Workshop at URI (2024), APSA (2023), Poster Session - Latin American Political Methodology Meeting (2023).

## **Professional Experience**

2024–Present	<b>Lab Manager</b> - Behavioral Political Economy Lab (BPEL), Stony Brook University. Supervisor: Prof. Reuben Kline (Ph.D. Political Science, UC Irvine). Coordinate team of 10 research assistants; manage lab operations, onboarding, and project workflows for behavioral experiments.
2022–May 23'	<b>Research Assistant</b> - Supervisors: Prof. Oleg Smirnov (Ph.D. Political Science, U. of Oregon), & Prof. Reuben Kline (Ph.D. Political Science, UC Irvine).
May 2018–May 21'	<b>Economic Analyst</b> - Research Department of the Budget Office of the Chilean Ministry of Finance.
May 2017–Oct 17'	<b>Consultant</b> - InnovacionAL SPA.
Dec 2012–Feb 13'	<b>Intern</b> - Deloitte Chile, Finance Transformation Consulting.
2014–2018	<b>Research Assistant</b> - Supervisors: Prof. Alejandro Montecinos (Ph.D. in Economics, Notre Dame), Prof. Guillermo Paraje (Ph.D. in Economics, Cambridge), Prof. Matías Braun (Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard), & Prof. Claudio Agostini (Ph.D. in Economics, U. of Michigan).

## **Additional Training, Skills, and Others**

Traineeship:	NSF Research Traineeship Detecting and Addressing Bias in Data, Humans, and Institutions at Stony Brook University (2023–Present)
Summer Schools:	Vanderbilt University's LAPOP Summer School in International Survey Methods (June 2023).
Software:	<i>Python</i> (advanced), <i>R</i> (advanced), <i>Stata</i> (advanced), oTree Platform for Behavioral Experiments (intermediate), Qualtrics survey software (advanced), L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, MS Office Suite, HTML (intermediate), & Matlab (basic).
Online Courses:	Coursera: Introduction to Psychology (2021), The Economics of Health Care Delivery (2019), Programming for Everybody (Getting Started with Python) (2018)    Datacamp: Intermediate R (2021), Introduction to the Tidyverse (2021), Introduction to R (2017)    InterAmerican Development Bank: Behavioral Economics for Better Public Policies - (2020)    FLGlobal: Flipped Learning Certification in Spanish Level I (2018).
Other:	Elected Vice-president of the first Student Government Board at Adolfo Ibáñez University (2012). Graduate Student Organization Senator, Department of Political Science, Stony Brook University (2023–2024).