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EDUCATION	Ph.D., Political Science, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom (2016) MRes., Political Science, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom (2011) M.A., Political Science, San Diego State University, San Diego, United States (2010) B.A., Political Science, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile (2007)
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Presidential Democracies, Political Institutions, Elections, Electoral Systems, Political Parties, Party Systems, Coalitions, Strategic Voting, Public Opinion, Electoral Forecasting
PUBLICATIONS	Click here to see list of publications on Google Scholar.
PRIZES	2023 Maria Braun WAPOR Latin America prize for Best Paper.
BOOKS	Bunker, Kenneth (with Jorge Heine). 2023. "The Chilean Road to a New Constitution: The End of Neoliberalism?" <i>Routledge</i> . (Forthcoming).
ARTICLES	Bunker, Kenneth and Gabriel Negretto. 2023. "The Party System Effects of Unstable Electoral Rules: Evidence from New Democracies in Latin America." <i>Party Politics</i> . (In print). Bunker, Kenneth. 2022. "Forecasting two-horse races in new democracies: Accuracy, precision and error." <i>Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública</i> 11(1): 81-108.

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- Bunker, Kenneth. 2019. "Party Systems in Latin America: Institutionalization, Decay, and Collapse, by Scott Mainwaring (Eds.)." *Democratization* 26(3): 554-555.
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- Bunker, Kenneth. 2014. "The 2013 Presidential and Legislative Elections in Chile." *Electoral Studies* 34(2): 346-348.
- Bunker, Kenneth, and Patricio Navia. 2013. "Latin American Political Outsiders, Revisited: The Case of Marco Enríquez-Ominami in Chile, 2009." *Journal of Politics in Latin America* 5(2): 3-35.
- Bunker, Kenneth, and Patricio Navia. 2010. "Explicando la Desproporcionalidad en Latino America: Magnitud de Distrito, Malapportionment y Fragmentación del Sistema de Partidos." *Revista Española de Ciencia Política* 23(1): 83-112.
- Bunker, Kenneth, and Patricio Navia. 2010. "Democracia Comunal en Chile, 1992-2008." *Política y Gobierno* 17(2): 243-278.

MANUSCRIPTS REPORTS	Bunker, Kenneth, Camila González Piucol, Sofía Contreras Ubal and Emilio Espinosa. 2022. <i>Resumen y análisis de las elecciones presidenciales y legislativas de Chile 2021</i> . 157 pages. Tresquintos: Santiago.
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	Bunker, Kenneth, and Rocío Cancino. (Forthcoming). Efecto del sistema electoral en la distorsión entre el porcentaje de votos y el porcentaje de escaños en el Congreso, in <i>El Imperio contraataca. El retorno de la derecha al poder en Chile en las elecciones de 2017</i> .
	Acevedo, Sergio, and Kenneth Bunker. 2017. “Reelección y Carreras Legislativas en la Cámara de Diputados, 1990-2014.” in <i>El Tsunami Electoral de 2013 en Chile</i> , edited by Mauricio Morales, Patricio Navia, and Carolina Garrido. Universidad Diego Portales: Santiago, pp. 271-290.
	Bunker, Kenneth. 2012. “Modificaciones y Reformas al Sistema Electoral Municipal en Chile, 1992–2008.” in <i>Democracia Municipal en Chile, 1992–2012</i> , edited by Mauricio Morales and Patricio Navia. Universidad Diego Portales: Santiago, pp. 39-48.
	Bunker, Kenneth, and Patricio Navia. 2012. “La Incumbencia y Reelección de Alcaldes en Chile, 1992–2004,” in <i>Democracia Municipal en Chile, 1992–2012</i> , edited by Mauricio Morales and Patricio Navia. Universidad Diego Portales: Santiago, pp. 49-64.
	Bunker, Kenneth. 2010. “Cambio y Continuidad en la Cámara de Diputados, 1989–2014,” in <i>El Sismo Electoral de 2009</i> , edited by Mauricio Morales and Patricio Navia. Universidad Diego Portales: Santiago, pp. 185-201.
	Bunker, Kenneth, and Patricio Navia. 2010. “El Votante Discolo,” in <i>Chile 2009: Percepciones y Actitudes Sociales, 5to Informe de Encuesta Nacional ICSO-UDP</i> . ICSO-UDP: Santiago, pp. 121-132.
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	Bunker, Kenneth, and Patricio Navia. 2007. “Índice de Complejidad en las 52 Comunas de la Región Metropolitana,” in <i>La Reforma Municipal en la Mira</i> . Expansiva: Santiago, pp. 31-41.
SELECTED SEMINARS AND TALKS	University of Texas at Austin. 2021. Presidential election of Chile. (December 2).
	Columbia University. 2021. The Impact of the 2021 Presidential Election on Chile’s Future. (November 22). Host: María Victoria Murillo.

CONFERENCE
PAPERS

- Sabancı University: Brown Bag Seminars. 2021. Revisiting Duverger: Party System Origins in New Democracies. (October 13).
- Universidad Andrés Bello: Research Committee on Political Sociology. 2021. Book Presentation: Preferential Voting Systems. (February 25). Host: Stéphanie Alenda.
- Bunker, Kenneth and Gabriel Negretto. 2023. "The Party System Effects of Unstable Electoral Rules: Evidence from New Democracies in Latin America." Paper prepared for delivery at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Vancouver, Canada May 24–27.
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- Bunker, Kenneth. 2020. "A two-stage model to forecast elections in new democracies." Paper prepared for delivery at the 73 Annual Conference of the World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR), held online, October 6–10.
- Bunker, Kenneth and Cristóbal Bellolio. 2019. "The fourth wave of populism in Latin America: Preaching to the Electorate." Paper prepared for delivery at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Boston, United States, May 24–27.
- Bunker, Kenneth and Cristóbal Bellolio. 2019. "Unequal participation: The age gap in transitional democracies." Preparing for submission at Democratization. Paper prepared for delivery at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, United States, April 4–7.
- Briebe, Daniel, and Kenneth Bunker. 2018. "Voter equalization and turnout bias after electoral reform: Evidence from Chile's voluntary voting law." Paper prepared for delivery at the XIII Congreso Chileno de Ciencia Política, Santiago, Chile, October 24–26.
- Bunker, Kenneth, and Daniel Briebe. 2018. "Consequences of switching from compulsory voting to voluntary voting." Paper prepared for delivery at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Barcelona, Spain, May 17–27.
- Bunker, Kenneth, and Patricio Navia. 2012. "Re-election Rates and Incumbency Advantage in the Chilean Congress, 1990–2010." Paper prepared for delivery at the American Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, United States, August 30–September 2.
- Bunker, Kenneth, and Patricio Navia. 2011. "The Presidential Bid of Congressman Enríquez-Ominami in Chile in 2009: A Populist Turn to the Left or Evidence of Democratic Consolidation." Paper prepared for delivery at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, United States, March 31–April 3.
- Bunker, Kenneth. 2010. "The 2009 Presidential Election in Chile: Why did Piñera Win?" Paper prepared for delivery at the Student Research Symposium of San Diego State University, San Diego, United States, March 5–6.
- Bunker, Kenneth. 2009. "Explaining Disproportionality in Latin America: District Magnitude, Malapportionment and Party Fragmentation." Paper prepared for delivery at the International Political Science Association, XXI World Congress, Santiago, Chile, July 12–16.

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PUBLICATIONS

- Bunker, Kenneth. “Mujeres en el Poder Legislativo de Chile: 1990–2018” *Documentos de Trabajo Universidad Central*, 2018.
- Bunker, Kenneth. “Reelección en el Poder Legislativo de Chile: 1993–2017” *Documentos de Trabajo Universidad Central*, 2018.
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- Bunker, Kenneth. “El Desempeño Electoral de las Mujeres en las Elecciones Municipales.” *Documentos de Trabajo ICSO*, 1(2), 2008.
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- Bunker, Kenneth, and Patricio Navia. “Elecciones Municipales y Reelección de Alcaldes en Chile: 1992–2004.” *En Foco (Expansiva)*, Num. 125, 2007.
- Bunker, Kenneth. “Revisión de Experiencias Internacionales sobre Participación Ciudadana en Políticas Sociales.” *En Foco (Expansiva)*, Num. 87, 2006.

WORKING
PROJECTS

- Bunker, Kenneth and Cristobal Bellolio. “Unequal participation: The age gap in transitional democracies.”
- Bunker, Kenneth and Patricio Navia. “The Legislative Behavior of Party Switchers in Institutionalized Party Systems.”
- Bunker, Kenneth and Gabriel Negretto. “Electoral reforms in Latin America: Interactions between party systems and electoral systems.”
- Bunker, Kenneth and John Polga-Hecimovich. “Changing Party Landscapes: Electoral Reform and Sociological Shifts in Chile.”

GRANTS &
SCHOLARSHIPS

[London School of Economics](#)

- Student Support Fund – Final Year PhD.
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Government of Chile

- FONDECYT Project #1140072, “Patterns of Economic Voting in Latin America.” Co-Researcher. (2014 - 2016).
- FONDECYT Project #1120638, “How have Electoral Preferences, Institutional Incentives and Internal Party/Coalition Politics determined who Wins and who Loses in Legislative and Municipal Elections in Chile, 1989-2009.” Co-Researcher. (2012 - 2014).
- FONDECYT Project #1085243, “Los Determinantes de la Aprobación Presidencial en América Latina. Argentina, Chile, México y Perú en Perspectiva Comparada.” Research Assistant. (2008 - 2010).
- Beca Presidente de la República de Chile. Award: Full Fees, Tuition and Stipend at San Diego State University. (2008 - 2010).
- FONDECYT Project #1060479, “Evolución Histórica y Determinantes Sociales, Económicos, Culturales y Coyunturales del Comportamiento Electoral de los Chilenos, 1989 - 2005.” Research Assistant. (2006 - 2008).

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

La Segunda

- Most influential Twitter users of Chile (politics) **2016**

El Mercurio

- 100 young leaders of Chile (under 35 years of age) **2012**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universidad Central, Santiago, Chile

Assistant Professor, Department of Government

2016 - 2018

- Methods
- Latin American Politics
- Electoral Systems

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom

Teaching Assistant, Methodology Institute

2011 - 2014

- Introduction to Quantitative Analysis

Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile

Adjunct Professor, Instituto de Asuntos Públicos

2012 - 2012

- Comparative Politics

Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile

Adjunct Professor, Escuela de Ciencia Política

2012 - 2012

- Práctica Electiva: Sistemas Electorales”

San Diego State University, San Diego, United States

Teaching Assistant

2008 - 2009

- Statistics for Political Science
- Elementary Statistics for Political Science
- Political Behavior
- Mexican Politics
- Environmental Politics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Observatorio Electoral, UDP , Santiago, Chile	
	<i>Researcher</i>	2005 - Present
	Universidad Central de Chile , Santiago, Chile	
	<i>Researcher</i>	2016 - 2018
	Democratic Audit, LSE , London, United Kingdom	
	<i>Researcher</i>	2015 - 2016
OTHERS	Corporación Expansiva , Santiago, Chile	
	<i>Researcher</i>	2005 - 2007
	Politico Tech Global , Risk Firm	
	<i>Founder and CEO</i>	2022 - Present
	Tresquintos.cl , Political Analysis blog	
	<i>Founder and Director</i>	2010 - Present
MEDIA	ElectoralDeathMatch , Online Election Game	
	<i>Co-Founder and Partner</i>	2015 - Present
	Programa Electoral , Electoral Analysis Institute	
	<i>Founder and Director</i>	2017 - 2018
	Las Últimas Noticias , Chilean daily newspaper	
	<i>Columnist</i>	2018 - Present
EXTERNAL REVIEWER	Ex-Ante , Chilean daily newsletter	
	<i>Columnist</i>	2021 - Present
	Televisión Nacional de Chile , Chilean public TV station	
	<i>Commentator</i>	2020 - 2021
	La Tercera , Chilean daily newspaper	
	<i>Columnist</i>	2008 - 2017
MEMBERSHIP	Journal of Politics; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; International Journal of Sociology; Electoral Studies; Latin American Politics and Society; Journal of Comparative Politics; Journal of Politics in Latin America; Política y Gobierno; Revista de Ciencia Política; Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública; Revista Chilena de Derecho y Ciencia Política; Estudios Públicos (CEP), ANID (Chile).	
	LASA, APSA.	

CODER	Varieties of Democracy (V-DEM); Electoral Integrity; Political Representation, Parties, and Presidents Survey - PREPPS.
RELEVANT SKILLS	Stata, SPSS, R, \LaTeX
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