

# Lily Medina

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CONTACT INFORMATION	<code>lily.medina@berkeley.edu</code> <code>https://lilymedina.github.io</code>
EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley</li></ul> Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Methodology Dissertation Committee: Alison Post, Scott Straus, Erin Hartman, Thad Dunning, Aila Matanock 2021 M.A. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley 2017 M.S. Statistics, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin 2012 B.S. Industrial Engineering, Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia
DISSERTATION PROJECT	<i>Legal Militias: The Case of Convivir Groups in Colombia</i>
PUBLICATIONS	<i>Civilian Attitudes towards Traditional and State Authorities: Substitutes or Complements?</i> with P Windt, M Humphreys, J Timmons, and M Voors. Comparative Political Studies. 1-31 (2018).  <i>Making, Updating, and Querying Causal Models using CausalQueries</i> with T Tietz, G Syunyaev, and M Humphreys, <i>Conditionally accept in the:</i> Journal of Statistical Software. (2025).
ONGOING PROJECTS	<i>(Class) Disparities in Policing.</i> (Single-author paper).  <i>Youth Political Participation in Manizales, Colombia</i> with P Rode and N da Cruz  <i>Marching for Change: Quantifying the Effects of Women's Rights Protests on Legislation and Femicide in Latin America</i> with J Reyes  <i>Ethnic Identification and Ethnic Deception: Experimental Evidence from Uganda, South Africa, and the United States</i> with A Harris, D Nielson, C Bicalho, M Findley, J Weinstein, J Habyarimana, M Humphreys, and D Posner.  <i>Formalising theories of change as Bayesian causal models and eliciting expert priors over model parameters: lessons from UPAVAN</i> with C Davey, M Humphreys, A Jacobs, M Juden, T Mapuwei, H Mwambi, and T Tietz.
GRANTS	2025 CEGA Spring 2025 Development Economics Challenge. With or Without the State: Understanding the Origins and Effects of Militias in Civil War. <i>Amount Awarded:</i> \$4,900. 2023 The John L. Simpson ABD Research Fellowship in International & Area Studies. Outsourcing Coercion: The Emergence of State-Sponsored Militias in Colombia. <i>Amount Awarded:</i> \$10,486. 2023 Tinker Field Research Grant Outsourcing Coercion: The Emergence of State-Sponsored Militias in Colombia. <i>Amount Awarded:</i> \$2,500.
TEACHING	2024 (PhD level) Quantitative Analysis in Political Research for Erin Hartman (UC Berkeley)

	2023	Instructor for the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) Module: Causal Inference with Causal Models with Alan Jacobs
	2023	Graduate Student Instructor for Introduction to Comparative Politics for Pradeep Chhibber (UC Berkeley)
	2022	Graduate Student Instructor for Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Jason Wittenberg (UC Berkeley)
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	2021	Graduate Student Instructor for the Learning Days Workshop of the Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Module: Randomization
RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT	2019	Research Consultant, Wageningen University
	2017-2019	Predoctoral Research Fellow, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	2016-2017	Research Assistant, Humboldt Universitat Germany,
	2010-2012	Finance Analyst, Ajoever, Colombia
	2009-2010	Intern, Davivienda, Colombia
	2009	Research Assistant, Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia
PUBLISHED SOFTWARE		<i>CausalQueries</i> , R statistical package using Bayesian methods for generating inference on causal queries from structural models with M Humphreys and A Jacobs.
		<i>DesignLibrary</i> , R statistical package for quickly simulating canonical research designs with G Blair, J Cooper, A Coppock, M Humphreys, C Correia, and N Fultz.
CODE	Statistical:	R, Stan, Stata (beginner)
	Typesetting:	Markdown, Knitr, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
	General-Purpose:	Java, C++ (beginner)
LANGUAGES	Spanish:	Native speaker
	English:	Fluent
	German:	Conversational
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