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Education

- 2024–2027 **Political Science**, Aarhus University, Aarhus, *Ph.D.*
(Expected) Supervisors: Mathias Tromborg and Christoffer Green-Pedersen
- 2021–2023 **Political Science**, University of Brasília, Brasília-DF, *M.S.*
Committee: Adrián Albala (Chair), Raimondas Ibenskas, and Frederico Bertholini
- 2016–2020 **Political Science**, University of Brasília, Brasília-DF, *Bachelor's degree*
Supervisor: Adrián Albala

Research Interests

Coalition Politics, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Behaviour, and Legislative Studies

Publications

My work has appeared in:

Brazilian Political Science Review (2x)	British Journal of Politics and Int. Rel.
Dados	Latin American Politics and Society
Political Studies Review	Revista Brasileira de Ciência Política
Revista Política Hoje	

Articles

- [A.8] **L. Couto**. "Government formation in presidentialism: Disentangling the combined effects of pre-electoral coalitions and legislative polarization". *Latin American Politics and Society* 67.1, 2025, pp. 36–55. DOI: [10.1017/lap.2024.30](https://doi.org/10.1017/lap.2024.30).
- [A.7] **L. Couto**, A. V. Lopes, and A. Albala. "A Constitution I Am Used To? Constitutional Endurance and Replacement in Democratic Latin America". *Brazilian Political Science Review* 19.1, 2025, pp. 1–36. DOI: [10.1590/1981-3821202500010001](https://doi.org/10.1590/1981-3821202500010001).
- [A.6] **L. Couto**, A. V. Lopes, A. Albala, and V. R. Paley. "Party Switching in Elected Upper Chambers: The Case of the Brazilian Senate". *Political Studies Review*, 2024, pp. 1–19. DOI: [10.1177/14789299241289757](https://doi.org/10.1177/14789299241289757).
- [A.5] A. Albala, A. Borges, and **L. Couto**. "Pre-electoral coalitions and cabinet stability in presidential systems". *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 25.1, 2023, pp. 64–82. DOI: [10.1177/13691481211056852](https://doi.org/10.1177/13691481211056852).
- [A.4] A. Albala and **L. Couto**. "Question of Timing: Pre-Electoral Coalitions in Multiparty Presidential Regimes". *Brazilian Political Science Review* 17.1, 2023, pp. 1–28. DOI: [10.1590/1981-3821202300010001](https://doi.org/10.1590/1981-3821202300010001).

- [A.3] **L. Couto** and A. Albala. "A Coalescência Revisitada: O Cálculo Presidencial no Bicameralismo". *Dados* 66.4, 2023, pp. 1–45. DOI: [10.1590/dados.2023.66.4.304](https://doi.org/10.1590/dados.2023.66.4.304).
- [A.2] A. Albala, **L. Couto**, A. Lopes, and B. Livramento. "Uma Câmara Só Para Carimbar? Produção Legislativa do Senado Brasileiro". *Revista Política Hoje* 30.2, 2021, pp. 79–96. DOI: [10.51359/1808-8708.2021.255992](https://doi.org/10.51359/1808-8708.2021.255992).
- [A.1] **L. Couto**, A. Soares, and B. Livramento. "Presidencialismo de coalizão: conceito e aplicação". *Revista Brasileira de Ciência Política* 34, 2021, pp. 1–39. DOI: [10.1590/0103-3352.2021.34.241841](https://doi.org/10.1590/0103-3352.2021.34.241841).

Book Chapters

- [B.1] **L. Couto** and A. Albala. "QCA para Políticas Públicas: uma abordagem configuracional para estudar o Estado em ação". In: *Desafios Metodológicos das Políticas Públicas baseadas em evidências*. Ed. by I. Fernandes. 2022, pp. 231–254.

Projects

- [R&R] **L. Couto**. "The Drivers of Resemblance in Presidential Regimes: explaining the conversion of pre-electoral coalitions into coalition cabinets". [Available Here](#), pp. 1–37.

Grants and Scholarship

- 2021–2023 **CAPES** - *Pre-Electoral Coalitions and Government Formation in Presidentialism*.
Amount: R\$ 40 500.
- 2019 **FAP-DF** - *Os determinantes da aprovação dos projetos do Senado Federal*.
Amount: R\$ 4 800.

Teaching

- Fall 2021 **Research Techniques in Political Science**
Teaching Assistant to Marisa Von Bülow
- Fall 2019 **Research Techniques in Political Science**
Student Assistant to Lucio Rennó
- 2018 **Introduction to Public Policy**
Student Assistant to Adrián Albala
- Spring 2017 **The Economic Growth of Brazil**
Student Assistant to Flávio Rabelo Versiani

Conference Panel Discussant

- 2023 FBCP
- 2022 Fórum Brasileiro de Pós-Graduação de Ciência Política (FBCP)
- 2020 Associação Brasileira de Ciência Política (ABCP)

Media

- 2021 M. Machado, **L. Couto** and A. Albala. "A CPI da covid-19: palco político ou guerra de narrativas?". *Estadão*, Jul 1.
- 2020 A. Albala, **L. Couto** and B. Livramento. "O governo namora o PSD para se blindar no Senado". *Estadão*, Jul 4.

Affiliations

- 2019– Núcleo de Estudos em Bicameralismo e Instituições Comparadas (NEBIC)
2019– Laboratório de Pesquisa em Comportamento Político, Instituições e Políticas Públicas (LAPCIPP)

Languages

Portuguese Native

English Fluent

French Intermediate

Reading Proficiency

Programming/Software

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References

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