MARÍA DE LOS ÁNGELES LASA

Political Data Scientist

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ABOUT ME

Political Data Scientist with 10+ years of experience in mixed-methods research. I currently design data-driven strategies and tools that help governments, CSOs, and NGOs research, measure, evaluate, and report the impact of their initiatives.

I have led technical projects related to media literacy, mis- and dis-information, judicial protection of Venezuelan migrants, migrant integration, affective polarization, participation of women in politics, "anti-vax" movements, COVID-19, sports for development (S4D), and gender justice.

Excellent communication skills to present technical analysis to non-technical audiences.

EXPERIENCE

Applied Data Science Manager
Gender Justice Data Hub, Global Fund for Women

📅 Dec 2022 – Ongoing   📍 San Francisco, US (Remote)

Director of Legacy and Sustainability
XIX Pan American and Parapan American Games Santiago 2023

📅 May - Dec 2022   📍 Santiago, CL

Research and Data Analytics Manager
Movilizatorio

📅 Apr 2020 – Apr 2022   📍 Bogotá, CO (Remote)

Open Data Policy Advisor
Unit of Open Government, OECD

📅 Jul – Sep 2019   📍 Paris, FR

Project Consultant
Oxford Development Consultancy

📅 Oct 2018 – Mar 2019   📍 Oxford, UK

Head of Legacy and Sustainability
Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games

📅 Apr 2017 – Sep 2018   📍 Buenos Aires, AR

AML/CFT Compliance Officer
Financial Intelligence Unit of Argentina

📅 Oct 2016 – Mar 2017   📍 Buenos Aires, AR

EDUCATION

Master of Public Policy
University of Oxford (GB)

📅 Sep 2018 – Nov 2019

Ph.D. in Political Science
Università degli Studi di Camerino (IT)

📅 Jun 2011 – Dec 2014

B.A. in International Relations
Universidad Católica de Córdoba (AR)

📅 Feb 2004 – Feb 2009

STRENGTHS

Writing Skills   Storytelling   Creativity
Public Speaking   Analytical Skills

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R   Python   HTML   LaTeX   SPSS
MS Excel   Tableau   Gephi   Flourish

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native   ●●●●●
English: Fluent   ●●●●○
Italian: Intermediate   ●●●○○

HONORS & AWARDS

🎤 **TEDxSpeaker**
TEDxUCC & TEDxRecoleta, 2016

🏆 **Excellence in Research Prize**
Università di Camerino, 2013

🖊 **St. Gallen Wings of Excellence Award**
St. Gallen Symposium, 2011

🖊 **International Essay Competition**
World Bank, 2010

RESEARCH & TEACHING

Assistant Lecturer, Dept. of Social Sciences
Universidad de San Andrés

📅 Aug 2025 – Ongoing   📍 Victoria, AR

Associate Professor of Politics of Policymaking
Universidad Comunera

📅 Aug 2020 – Ongoing   📍 Asunción, PY (Remote)

Guest Lecturer of State Theory and Public Policy
Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

📅 Aug 2021 – Jan 2022   📍 Buenos Aires, AR

Visiting Researcher, Dept. of Political Science
Universidad de Los Andes

📅 Sep – Nov 2013   📍 Bogotá, CO

Visiting Researcher, LLILAS
University of Texas at Austin

📅 Feb – Aug 2013   📍 Austin, US

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Erasmus+ Grant
UOxford-OECD Summer Placement (FR), 2019. €800.

iTrek Scholarship
Oxford-Blavatnik Policy Programme (IL), 2019.

Blavatnik Scholarship
University of Oxford (GB), 2018 – 2019. £7,376.

Chevening Award
British Government (GB), 2018 – 2019. £47,569.

Fulbright Scholarship
UMass Young Leaders Program (US), 2014. U$8,000.

CUIA Scholarship
Italian Government (IT), 2011 – 2014. €72,200.

Fundación Carolina Scholarship
Complutense Summer School (ES), 2011. €4,000.

PUBLICATIONS

- LASA, M. (2025). *País de vinalón: mi viaje a Corea del Norte.* Buenos Aires: EDUVIM & CADAL. ISBN: 978-987-699-879-6.

- ARGARAÑÁZ, M.; LASA, M. *et al.* (2018). *Protocolo para la gestión de eventos sostenibles.* United Nations Argentina & UNDP.

OTHER STUDIES

Summer School in Mixed Methods
Universidad Católica de Chile (CL)

📅 Jan 2025

PgDipl. in Computational Soc. Sci.
Universidad Nacional de San Martín (AR)

📅 Apr – Dec 2024

PgDipl. in Territorial Big Data
FLACSO (AR)

📅 Apr – Dec 2023

PgDipl. in Policy Evaluation
Universitat Pompeu Fabra (ES)

📅 Mar – Dec 2017

AFFILIATIONS

National
Chevening Alumni[1], CARI[2], CADAL[3]
[1] Board of Directors, 2020 – 2024
[2] Executive Board YG, 2018 & 2021
[3] Academic Council, 2022-2024

International
Oxford Union, R-Ladies Global, Red de Politólogas & YLAI

VOLUNTEER WORK

OxCGRT, University of Oxford
Data Analyst, 2020 – 2021

South American Business Forum
Contest Jury, 2012 – Ongoing

Model United Nations (MUN)
Academic Advisor, 2005 – Ongoing

CAUSES

Liberty and Human Rights in the DPRK

Gender Equality   Civic Tech   Education

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Cold War   DPRK   Bass   Violin
Podcasts   Blogs   Photography   Tetris
Lego   Travels   Space Exploration