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ABOUT ME

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EDUCATION

- **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile** 2022 - 2023
Santiago, Chile
Master of Arts in Sociology
 - Grade: 6.5/7
- **Data and Artificial Intelligence Center - Universidad de Concepción** March 2024 - Dec. 2025
Concepción, Chile
Master in Data Science and Innovation
 - GPA: In course
- **Universidad de Concepción** 2017 - 2021
Concepción, Chile
Bachelor in Sociology
 - GPA: 6.3/7

DIPLOMAS, COURSES, AND INTERNSHIPS

- **Internship at the Institute for Applied Computational Science (IACS)** Jun. 2024

Harvard University
 - Research internship focused on computational methods applied to social science problems.
 - Developed skills in high-performance computing, data analysis, and applied machine learning.
- **Mixed Methods Summer School (EVMM)** Jan. 2024

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
 - Advanced training in integrating qualitative and quantitative research designs.
 - Applied mixed methods to projects on political attitudes and social behavior.
- **Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Data Processing and Analysis in R (96 hours)** Mar. – Dec. 2021

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
 - In-depth coursework on statistical programming, data cleaning, and visualization in R.
 - Completed applied projects involving large-scale social survey datasets.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- **Fulbright Program - Equal Opportunity Scholarship [SUSPENDED]** 2024

Fulbright Commission and Ministry of Science, Chile
 - Scholarship awarded to pursue a fully funded PhD in the United States from 2027.
 - Granted in recognition of outstanding academic performance and research potential.
- **ANID Scholarship – National Master's No. 22220115** 2022 – 2024

National Agency for Research and Development (ANID), Chile
 - Competitive national scholarship to pursue a fully funded Master's degree in Chile.
 - Awarded based on academic record, research trajectory, and future potential.
- **University of Concepción Award** 2022

University of Concepción
 - Institutional award recognizing outstanding academic excellence in the Sociology program.
 - Includes formal university recognition and support to continue postgraduate studies.
- **Best Sociology Student – University of Concepción** 2021

University of Concepción
 - Awarded to the top-performing student in the Sociology program (Cohort 2017–2021).
 - Recognizes sustained academic excellence throughout the undergraduate degree.

WORK EXPERIENCE (RECENTLY)

- **Research Assistant** Jan. 2024 – Present | Santiago, Chile
Government School - PUC Chile
 - Part of the research team of the *Estudio Longitudinal de Percepciones y Seguridad (ELSEP)* ([project site](#)).
 - Designed and maintained large-scale research databases.
 - Conducted automated web scraping of national newspapers to build longitudinal datasets.
 - Performed institutional document analysis for policy-oriented reports.
- **Coordinator Quantitative Studies Researcher** Dec. 2022 – Nov. 2025 | Santiago, Chile
Center for Intercultural and Indigenous Studies (CIIR)
 - Technical coordination of the *Longitudinal Survey on Intercultural Relations – Wave 4 (ELRI)*.
 - Collaborated with UNDP–CIIR on policy briefs regarding the Constitutional Council.
 - Coordinated and co-edited the book *Intercultural Change in Chile*.
- **Research Assistant** Nov. 2024 – Sept. 2025 | Santiago, Chile
FONDECYT Project: The Right Wing in Dispute: Ideology y Tactics in Contemporary Chile
 - Implemented large-scale web scraping of online newspapers in Chile (2016–2024).
 - Applied natural language processing techniques to analyze political discourse.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Methodological Advisor** Jan. 2023 – Sept. 2024
PREATI – FONDEF IDEa I+D (21I10037), Santiago & Villarrica, Chile
 - Co-developed measurement indicators for assessing Indigenous tourism activity.
 - Facilitated focus groups with Indigenous communities in multiple territories.
 - Coordinated the implementation of the PREATI national survey.
 - Designed visual analytics for stakeholder reports.
- **Research Assistant** Mar. 2021 – Oct. 2023
Fondecyt Project N° 11200900: Refounding Sociology in Chile – Santiago & Valparaíso, Chile
 - Conducted in-depth interviews with key sociological actors.
 - Collected and systematized archival materials.
 - Contributed to the writing of peer-reviewed journal articles.
- **Principal Investigator** Oct. 2020 – May. 2021
VRID-UDEC Project 220.172.027: Trends in Suicide Mortality in Chile – Concepción, Chile
 - Cleaned and prepared DEIS mortality database for statistical analysis.
 - Performed advanced statistical modeling of suicide trends.
 - Produced data visualizations using ggplot2 for dissemination.
- **Research Assistant** Dec. 2018 – Dec. 2020
VRID-UDEC Project 218.058.009: Discussion on Education in Chile (2017–2018) – Concepción, Chile
 - Conducted archival research on educational policy debates.
 - Interviewed key stakeholders in the Chilean higher education system.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Instructor** 2025
Centro de Estudios Interculturales e Indígenas – Santiago, Chile
 - **Continuing education:** InteRcultural: Computational techniques in social sciences applied to intercultural relations
- **Teaching Assistant – Institute of Sociology** 2022 – 2024
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile – Santiago, Chile
 - **Graduate level:** Advanced Data Processing in R [SOL4001] (2S 2022, 2S 2023).
 - **Undergraduate level:** Qualitative Research Techniques [SOL133] (1S 2022), Formation and Development of Latin American Culture [SOL127] (2S 2022), Data Analysis II [SOL114] (2S 2022).
- **Teaching Assistant – Department of Sociology** 2018 – 2021
University of Concepción – Concepción, Chile
 - **Undergraduate level:** Research Methodology (1S 2018, 1S 2019, 1S 2020), Latin American Sociology (1S 2020, 1S 2021), Numerical Data Analysis I (1S 2020, 1S 2021), Methods and Techniques of Qualitative Research (1S 2020, 1S 2021).

- **Teaching Assistant – Department of Psychology**

2020 – 2021

University of Concepción – Concepción, Chile

- **Undergraduate level:** Social Bases of Human Behavior (2020, 2021).

- **Teaching Assistant – Department of Political Science**

2021

University of Concepción – Concepción, Chile

- **Undergraduate level:** Foundations of Social Theory (1S 2021).

PUBLICATIONS

Papers

- Gerber, M. M., Castelo Branco, F., Cubas, V., Sáez-Fuentealba, L., de Oliveira, A. R., **Deneken, M.**, & Jackson, J. (accepted). **Fear of the police and the fragility of legitimacy: Insights from Chile and Brazil.** *International Journal of Social Psychology*.
- Alenda, S., Sandoval, C., Somma, N. & Deneken, M. (under review). **Varieties of Radical Right Discourse in Chile: A Comparative Analysis of José Antonio Kast and Johannes Kaiser.** *Latin American Research Review*.
- Deneken, M. (2025). **The Brief History of the Center for the Study of National Reality, CEREN (1968–1973).** *Revista Temas Sociológicos*, 37. [Spanish]
- Maltrain, V., Cárdenas, J. C., Iglesias, M., Deneken, M. (2023). **"Camouflaged Sociology" at ARCIS (1984–1991): Critique, Commitment, and Militancy.** *Revista Izquierdas*, 52. [Spanish]

Books

- Deneken, M. & Valenzuela, E. (2025). *Radiografía del cambio intercultural en Chile: Dinámicas contemporáneas entre población indígena y no indígena*. Editorial Catalonia.

Book Chapters

- Valenzuela, E., & Deneken, M. (2025). *El problema de la identificación indígena: Un análisis longitudinal*. En Deneken, M. & E. Valenzuela (Eds.), *(Re)configuraciones interculturales*. Editorial Catalonia.
- Deneken, M. (2025). *Descifrando el voto de indígenas y no indígenas en Chile en el referéndum constitucional del 4 de septiembre de 2022: Un enfoque psicosocial*. En Deneken, M. & E. Valenzuela (Eds.), *(Re)configuraciones interculturales*. Editorial Catalonia.
- Deneken, M. (2023). *An Exonerated Story: The Center for the Study of National Reality (1968–1973)*. In Karle, C. (Ed.), *CEREN, an Unfinished Project. 50 Years Later* (pp. 23–33). Ediciones FEUC.

Other publications

- Deneken, M., Valenzuela, E., & Murray, M. (2025, October 5). *Indígenas y no indígenas frente al espejo*. Tercera Dosis.
- González-Biedma, L., Deneken, M., & González-Arias, J. (2025). *Quali-quantitative data collection techniques and instruments: Analysis of socioeconomic determinants for university admission in Chile* [SPANISH: *Técnicas e instrumentos de recolección de datos cuali-cuantitativos. Análisis de determinantes socioeconómicos para la admisión universitaria en Chile*]. *Revista Educación Iberoamericana: Investigación y Reflexión*, 1(1), 59–70.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATION

2026

- Deneken, M. (2025). **(Re)configuraciones interculturales: A longitudinal analysis of Indigenous–non-Indigenous dynamics in Chile (2016–2023)**. Book presentation at LASA 2025 – Latin American Studies Association Congress.

2025

- Gerber, M. M., Figuereido, A., Deneken, M., & Bahamondes, J. (2025). **State violence and resistance: Police violence, human rights and anti-repression measures.** *International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting*.
- Deneken, M., Díaz, F., González, R., & Fuenzalida, D. (2025). **A longitudinal examination of factors facilitating and hindering intergroup trust: Dynamics between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Chile (2016–2023).** *International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting*.
- Deneken, M. (2025). **A radiography of media coverage of the police in Chile: A longitudinal analysis of online press (2000–2024)**. Paper presented at the panel *Police Legitimacy and the Democratic Process in Chile* (Panel VIO–668), LASA 2025 – Latin American Studies Association Congress.

2024

- Deneken, M., Díaz, F., González, R., & Fuenzalida, D. (2024). A Longitudinal Examination of Factors Facilitating and Hindering Intergroup Trust: Dynamics between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous People in Chile (2016–2023). *La Triada Conference – Latin American Congress of Social Sciences and Government*.
- Cárdenas, J.C., Deneken, M., & Maltrain, V. (2024). Sociology in Post-Dictatorship Chile. *XII Chilean Sociology Congress – Universidad Diego Portales*.

2023

- Cárdenas, J.C., Deneken, M., & Maltrain, V. (2023). Refounding Sociology in Chile: Camp Disputes, Shifts, and Continuities in Sociological Knowledge Production and Use in the Post-Dictatorship Era (1990–2020). *Seminar on Chilean Sociology in Post-Dictatorship – Universidad de Valparaíso*.

2022

- Deneken, M. (2022). Social Sciences at Pontificia Universidad Católica in the Times of Salvador Allende: The Case of CEREN (1968–1973). *Intellectual History Workshop in Chile – USACH*.
- Deneken, M. (2022). A Radiography of Aging in Chile: An Analysis from the CASEN Surveys (1990–2020). *XXXII Congress of the Latin American Sociology Association – UNAM, Mexico*.
- Jara, R. & Deneken, M. (2022). Pedro Morandé: An Approach to His Thought and Work. *XXXII Congress of the Latin American Sociology Association – UNAM, Mexico*.
- Deneken, M. (2022). Masonry, MAPU, and MIR: The Refoundation and Deployment of Sociology at Universidad de Concepción (1991–2000). *XXXII Congress of the Latin American Sociology Association – UNAM, Mexico*.
- Deneken, M. (2022). Train to the South: The Refoundation of Sociology at Universidad de Concepción. *Chilean Sociology Congress – Universidad de Concepción*.

2021

- Deneken, M. & Cárdenas, J. (2021). The Refoundation of Sociology at Universidad de Concepción. *XIV Sociology Workshop – UBA, Argentina*.
- Montero, V., Santibáñez, C., Ortiz, C., & Deneken, M. (2021). Disagreement and Polarization in Higher Education: Free Tuition and Profit in Perspective. *Research Colloquium – Universidad de Concepción*.

2019

- Montero, V. & Deneken, M. (2019). The Tension between Free Tuition and Profit in the 2018 Educational Reform. *XXXII Congress of the Latin American Sociology Association – Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Peru*.
- Deneken, M. (2019). The Chilean Right in the Post-Transition: The Case of José Antonio Kast. *XXXII Congress of the Latin American Sociology Association – Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Peru*.

Press and media appearances

- Guest interview. Centro de Estudios Interculturales e Indígenas (CIIR). (2025). *Intermedio Podcast — Episode 14: Matías Deneken* [Video]. YouTube. [\[Link\]](#)
- Name mentioned (as a researcher on right-wing studies/projects). Gómez, A. (2025, May 18). *Republicans and libertarian nationalists: How the new right-wing currents resemble and differ from each other*. La Tercera. [\[Link\]](#)

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Data Processing	R, Python, Stata, SQL
Information Management	ATLAS.ti, Mendeley, Zotero
Text Processing	Microsoft Office, L ^A T _E X

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Secretary General – UC Graduate Student Academic Council (CADEPUC), [link](#) 2022 – 2023
- Master's Representative – Institute of Sociology, UC 2022

APARICIÓN EN PRENSA

- Latin American Studies Association 2023 – Present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Latin American Studies Association 2023 – Present
- International Society of Political Psychology 2024 – Present
- International Sociological Association 2024 – Present

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (B2)

Interests: Natural Language Processing, Computational Social Science

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

- **Mónica Gerber, PhD Social Research - London School of Economics**

Goverment School, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

- **Roberto González, PhD Psychology - Kent University**

Psychology School, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile