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Profile

Interested in political economy, democratic theory and regime change
Experience on economic and political elite's reaction to left-wing governments and democratic backsliding in Brazil

Education

Master's in Political Science, University of São Paulo (USP), 2021-2023
Master's Thesis: Untying the Knots: Business reaction to Partido dos Trabalhadores (PT)
Advisor: André Vitor Singer
Passed with Distinction and *nominated* for Best Master's Thesis in the program

BA in Social Science, University of São Paulo (USP), 2020. (9/10, Class rank 2 out of 103).

Publications

1. "Interpretations of Gramsci in Fernando Henrique Cardoso's political thought", with Daniela Mussi (UFRJ)
Revista DADOS, 2024 (Forthcoming)
2. "Port's war: a case of business' political success"
Revista Agenda Política, 2023
3. "Industrial entrepreneurs in Dilma Rousseff's first term (2011-2014): an analysis from the newspaper Valor Econômico", with Gabriel Nunes de Oliveira (USP)
Revista Brasileira de Ciência Política, 2022
4. "Aspects of the New Right-Wing Extremism: The Relationship Between Capitalism and Fascism",
Revista Dissonância, 2022

Working Papers

"When do redistributive threats trigger elite's antidemocratic reaction? The case of Brazil"

Translations (EN to PT)

1. "The Twilight of Formal Democracy: Contradictions of Accumulation and the Political Crisis of Neoliberalism", by Alyson J. Ayers and Alfredo Saad-Filho (2022)
2. "The Age of Crisis: Neoliberalism, the Collapse of Democracy, and the Pandemic", by Alfredo Saad-Filho (upcoming, 2023)
3. "American Interregnum: Nancy Fraser's interview to Alessandra Spano" (2021)

Conference Presentations

1. "Ports' War: A Case of Business' Political Success"
VII Fórum Brasileiro de Pós-Graduação em Ciência Política (2022)
Awarded best paper in the studies of Political, Social and Burocratic Elites
2. "The giant woke up: June 2013 mass demonstrations and business opposition to Rouseff's government"
XII Seminário Discente da Pós-Graduação em Ciência Política da USP (2022)
Awarded best paper in Political Theory and Political Thought

3. “Textile businessmen perceptions on Dilma’s impeachment: what are the causes and solutions to the Brazilian crisis?”

46^o Encontro anual da ANPOCS (2022)

4. “The political behavior of the textile-clothing business sector in the Dilma Rousseff governments (2011-2016)”

XI Seminário Discente da Pós-Graduação em Ciência Política da USP (2021)

5. “Dilma Rousseff’s administration and business’ opposition”

27^o Simpósio Internacional de Iniciação Científica e Tecnológica da USP (2019)

Awarded top 10 papers in the International Round

Teaching Experience

University of São Paulo (USP), 2021

Short course: “Brazil in crisis? Capitalism and Democracy”

with Gabriel N. de Oliveira, Alessandra Freixo, Rafael Costa and Fellipe Bernardino

Teaching assistant to undergraduate course (USP):

Modern and Contemporary Political Theory, 2022

Awards and Fellowships

Awarded best paper in Political, Social and Burocratic Elites in VII FBCP, 2022

Awarded best paper in Political Theory in XII Seminário Discente DCP, 2022

Awarded top 10 papers in SIICUSP 2019

2020-2022: CAPES-PROEX graduate fellowship

2019: CNPq undergraduate fellowship

Other Professional Experiences

Research assisant to Maria Hermínia Tavares de Almeida (CEBRAP), 2022-2023.

Responsible for data collection (including archival) and analysis about the Brazilian Social Democracy Party (PSDB), its pre-electoral coordination and electoral campaign

Research assistant to Ritika Goel (UC Berkeley), 2022.

Responsible for collecting and coding Jair Bolsonaro’s and Lula da Silva’s online campaign during the 2022 Brazilian elections.

Translation and proofreading of academic works

Skills

RStudio

Atlas.ti

Office

Languages

Portuguese (native)

English (Cambridge English Advanced; 108 TOEFL - 30R, 26L, 25S, 27 W)

Spanish (reading)

Methods and tools experience

Process tracing; media analysis; discourse analysis;

Semi structured interviews (elites and bureaucrats);

Creation of database in Excel and RStudio

Analysis of national surveys such as IBGE and RAIS

Extracurricular
and Community
Activities

Coordinator of University of São Paulo's Student Union (DCE-Livre da USP) - 2018-2019
Member of Undergraduate in Social Science's Student Union (CeUPES) - 2017-2018
Student's representative in University of São Paulo's Undergraduate Council- 2017-2019
Political organizer in Partido dos Trabalhadores' Youth (JPT) - 2017-2020