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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive interests

Social Policy, Legitimacy of the Law, Legal Socialisation, Policy in Latin America, Policing

Methodological interests

Causal Inference, Measurement, Longitudinal Data Analysis, Survey Methodology

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

[University of Oxford](#), Oxford, UK

- Aug. 2021– present: *Postdoctoral Researcher*, Centre for Social Investigation, Nuffield College
- Aug. 2021– present: *Research Fellow*, Nuffield College

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

[University College London](#), London, UK

- Sep. 2020– Jun. 2021: *Associate Lecturer (Teaching) in Quantitative Research Methods and Data Analysis (QStep)*, Department of Political Science & School of Public Policy
- Sep. 2019– Feb. 2020: *Teaching Fellow in Quantitative Research Methods*, Department of Political Science & School of Public Policy

EDUCATION

[London School of Economics and Political Science](#), London, UK

Ph.D., Social Research Methods, 2017 – 2021

- Thesis: *It's a matter of (change over) time: The role of police conduct on the dynamics of attitudes towards legal authority*
- Supervisory team: Prof. Jonathan Jackson & Prof. Jouni Kuha
- Thesis examiners: Prof. Jeffrey Fagan & Dr. Amy Nivette

[University of São Paulo](#), São Paulo, Brazil

M.A., Sociology, 2014 – 2016

- Visiting Scholar, [International Institute for the Sociology of Law](#) (Oñati, Spain), Fall 2015
- Dissertation: *Social mechanisms of judicial decisions: An explanatory mixed-methods research design on juvenile sentencing*

* **Award:** Best M.A. dissertation concluded in the Department of Sociology in 2016

B.A., Social Sciences, 2010 – 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Papers

5. Jackson, Jonathan, Krisztián Pósch, **Thiago R. Oliveira**, Ben Bradford, Silvia Camões, Ariadne Natal, & André Zanetic. (*conditionally accepted*). “Fear and legitimacy in São Paulo, Brazil: police-citizen relations in a high violence, high fear city”. *Law & Society Review*. Preprint available at SocArXiv (doi [10.31235/osf.io/3awrz](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/3awrz)).
4. **Oliveira, Thiago R.** & Jonathan Jackson. (*forthcoming*). “Legitimacy, trust and legal cynicism: A review of concepts”. *Tempo Social*. Preprint available at SocArXiv (doi [10.31235/osf.io/7k8ma](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/7k8ma)).
3. **Oliveira, Thiago R.**, Jonathan Jackson, Kristina Murphy, & Ben Bradford. (2021). “Are trustworthiness and legitimacy ‘hard to win, easy to lose’? A longitudinal test of the asymmetry thesis of police-citizen contact”, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 37 : 1003 – 1045. (doi [10.1007/s10940-020-09478-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10940-020-09478-2))

2. Jackson, Jonathan, Ian Bruton-Smith, Ben Bradford, **Thiago R. Oliveira**, Krisztián Pósch, & Patrick Sturgis. (2021). 'Police legitimacy and the norm to cooperate: using a mixed effects location scale model to estimate the strength of social norms at a small spatial scale', *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 37 : 547 – 572. (doi [10.1007/s10940-020-09467-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10940-020-09467-5))
1. **Oliveira, Thiago R.** (2019). "Juvenile Sentencing: A Mixed-Methods Approach", *Brazilian Political Science Review*, 13(1). (doi [10.1590/1981-3821201900010006](https://doi.org/10.1590/1981-3821201900010006))

Peer-Reviewed Papers (in Portuguese)

6. Theodoro de Oliveira, Renan, Debora Piccirillo, Aline Gomes, & **Thiago R. Oliveira**. (*forthcoming*). 'Violência como fator socializador na construção da legitimidade da polícia: um estudo com adolescentes de São Paulo, Brasil'. *Análise Social*.
[‘Violence as a socialising factor shaping police legitimacy: a study with adolescents in São Paulo, Brazil’]
5. **Oliveira, Thiago R.**, André Zanetic, & Ariadne Natal. (2020). "Preditores e impactos da legitimidade policial: testando a teoria da justiça procedimental em São Paulo", *Dados*, 63(1). (doi [10.1590/001152582020197](https://doi.org/10.1590/001152582020197)).
[‘Predictors and impacts of police legitimacy: testing the procedural justice theory in São Paulo’]
4. **Oliveira, Thiago R.** André R. Oliveira, Sergio & Adorno, S. (2019). "Legitimidade policial: um modelo de mensuração", *Revista Brasileira de Ciências Sociais*, 34, 100. (doi [10.1590/3410007/2019](https://doi.org/10.1590/3410007/2019)).
[‘Police legitimacy: a measurement model’]
3. **Oliveira, Thiago R.** (2017). "Mecanismos sociais de decisões judiciais: um desenho misto explicativo sobre a aplicação da medida socioeducativa de internação", *Revista Brasileira de Sociologia*, 5(10), pp. 58-88. (doi [10.20336/rbs.205](https://doi.org/10.20336/rbs.205)).
[‘Social mechanisms of judicial decisions: an explanatory mixed-methods research design on juvenile sentencing’]
2. **Oliveira, Thiago R.** (2017). "Oitivas cerimoniais: relatos descritivos do sistema de justiça juvenil em São Paulo", *Confluências*, 18(3), pp. 65-91. (doi [10.22409/confluências.v18i3.476](https://doi.org/10.22409/confluências.v18i3.476)).
[‘Ceremonial hearings: descriptive reports of the juvenile justice system in São Paulo’]
1. Zanetic, André, Bruno Paes Manso, Ariadne Natal, & **Thiago R. Oliveira**. (2016). "Legitimidade da polícia: segurança pública para além da dissuasão", *Civitas - Revista de Ciências Sociais*, 16(4), pp. 148-173. (doi [10.15448/1984-7289.2016.4.24183](https://doi.org/10.15448/1984-7289.2016.4.24183)).
[‘Police legitimacy: criminal policy beyond deterrence’]

Working Papers

- **Oliveira, Thiago R.** "Violence and coercive policing: Dynamics and consequences of the overpolicing-underpolicing paradox in Brazil's largest city". Preprint available at SocArXiv (<https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/89jkv>).
Asked to revise and resubmit, *American Journal of Sociology*.
- **Oliveira, Thiago R.** "The upshots of aggressive policing: Assessing the impact of police stops at gunpoint on police trustworthiness". Preprint available at SocArXiv (<https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/v58je/>).
Under first review, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- **Oliveira, Thiago R.**, Jonathan Jackson, Debora Piccirillo, Renan Theodoro de Oliveira, & Rick Trinkner. "Socialization through violence: Exposure to neighborhood and police violence and the development of legal legitimacy among adolescents in São Paulo".
In preparation. Targeted journal: *Criminology*.
- Suss, Joel & **Thiago R. Oliveira**. "Economic inequality and the spatial distribution of stops and searches: Evidence from London".
In preparation. Targeted journal: *British Journal of Criminology*.

- **Oliveira, Thiago R.**, Bruna G. de Almeida, & Marcos César Alvarez. “Young offenders on trial: Sentencing patterns in the Brazilian juvenile justice system after 1990”. In preparation. Targeted journal: *Crime, Law and Social Change*.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks & lectures

- “Police violence and legal cynicism.” Guest lecture, *Police violence and racial oppression*, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, 2022.
- “Violence and coercive policing: Dynamics and consequences of the overpolicing-underpolicing paradox in Brazil’s largest city.” Invited talk, London Policing Seminar Series, University College London, 2021.
- “Violence and coercive policing: Dynamics and consequences of the overpolicing-underpolicing paradox in Brazil’s largest city.” Invited talk, Seminário NIED-CERES, UERJ/UFRJ, Brazil, 2021.
- “Police-citizen contact and public attitudes towards legal authority: a longitudinal test of procedural justice policing.” Invited talk, University of Minho, Portugal, 2019.
- “Social conservatism and legitimacy: predicting public support for police violence in São Paulo.” Workshop *Trust in Justice*, University of Minho, Portugal, 2017.
- “Profiling mechanisms in the Brazilian juvenile justice system.” Invited talk, *Violence, media, and youth*, SESC, Brazil, 2017

Scientific meetings

- ASC · 2019, 2020 (*cancelled*)
- Eurocrim · 2017, 2019
- ISA · 2018
- SBS (Brazil) · 2015, 2017
- ANPOCS (Brazil) · 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

AWARDS

LSE Class Teacher Award

2018/2019 - LSE Class Teacher Award nominated by the Department of Methodology

Departmental Award: Best Dissertation

2017 - Best M.A. dissertation concluded in 2016 in the Department of Sociology, University of São Paulo

Conference Award: Top 3 paper

2016 - VI Political Science Graduate Seminar, University of São Paulo

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Travel Fund

LSE Postgraduate Travel Fund, LSE – 2018, 2019: £2,000.00

PhD scholarship

LSE PhD Studentship, LSE – 2017-2021: £140,000.00

M.A. scholarship

Bolsa de mestrado, National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) – 2014-2016: R\$36,000.00 (~£9,000.00)

Residence Grant

Residence Grant, International Institute for the Sociology of Law (IISL) – Nov-Dec 2015

Research Trainee (Research fellowship for undergraduate students)

Iniciação Científica, The São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) – Jan-Dec 2013: R\$7,000.00 (~£1,750.00)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

50th GESIS Spring Seminar

[Causal Inference in Observational Studies](#)

Co-lecturer: 2021

MSc/PhD level

University College London (UCL)

[Introduction to Quantitative Methods \(PUBL0055\)](#)

Class Teacher: 2019, 2020

MSc level

[Data Analysis \(QStep\) \(POLS0010\)](#)

Class Teacher: 2021

Undergraduate level (year 2)

London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

[Intermediate Quantitative Methods \(MY465\)](#)

Class Teacher (GTA): 2017, 2018

MSc level

[Introduction to R Programming \(MY591\)](#)

Instructor: 2019

MSc/PhD level

[Multivariate Analysis and Measurement \(MY455\)](#)

Graduate Teaching Assistant: 2019

Msc/PhD level

[Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Media and Communications \(MY464\)](#)

Co-Instructor: 2020

MSc level

[Introduction to Quantitative Analysis \(MY451\)](#)

Class Teacher (GTA): 2017

MSc level

University of São Paulo (USP)

[Research Methods and Techniques \(FSL0203\)](#)

Teaching Assistant & Class leader: 2015, 2017

Undergraduate level

[Prison in Modern Society \(FSL0531\)](#)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant: 2013

Undergraduate level

REVIEWER

Latin American Research Review, Criminal Justice and Behavior, Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, Dados: Revista de Ciências Sociais, Revista Brasileira de Ciências Sociais, Revista de Ciências Sociais, Revista Eletrônica de Ciência Política, Revista Estudos Sociológicos.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Voluntary Consultant in Research and Data Analysis at [StopWatch](#) (2020–...)

Member of the **Advisory Board**, *National Survey on Violence Against Children*, [Fundação José Luiz Egydio Setúbal](#) (2021–...)

Coordinator of the [LSE Quantitative Methods Reading Group](#) (2020 – 2021)

PhD representative for the Teaching Committee, [Department of Methodology](#), London School of Economics and Political Science (2018/2019)

Elected **Graduate Student Representative** in the [Department of Sociology](#), University of São Paulo (2015)

Member of **Editorial Board** for [Primeiros Estudos](#) (journal organised by USP undergraduate students in Social Sciences) (2013 – 2014)

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

[Centre for the Study of Violence of the University of São Paulo \(NEV-USP\)](#)

Research Assistant (2012-2013) and Researcher (2015-2017)

[IPSA-USP Summer School on Methods and Concepts in Political Science](#)

Administrative Assistant (2014-2015)

Consultancy Work in Data Analysis

Conectas Human Rights (2014), Getulio Vargas Law School (2016), FAPESP research project (PI: Prof. Vera Telles, USP) (2017), LSE Widening Participation Team (2018)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Statistics

R (proficient user and instructor), *Mplus* (proficient user), Stata (instructor), SPSS (instructor)

Miscellaneous

L^AT_EX, RMarkdown, git

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Portuguese (native), Spanish (intermediate)

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