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Thiago Fonseca is a Pos-doctoral fellow from the Center for Politics and Economics in the Public Sector Studies at the Getúlio Vargas Foundation and a research associate from the Judiciary and Democracy Research Group at the University of São Paulo, Brazil. PhD (2021) and MA (2015) in Political Science and BA in Social Science (2011), University of São Paulo. With expertise in corruption, elections, and judiciary, Fonseca's research agenda involves the impact of anti-corruption policies and institutions on political competition and public policies. His methodological skills include quasi-experimental methods, text analysis, and machine learning.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corruption and anti-corruption, elections, judicial politics, causal inference and machine learning.

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science, 2021, University of São Paulo.

MA in Political Science, 2015, University of São Paulo.

BA in Social Science, 2011, University of São Paulo.

[PhD Dissertation](#): “Costs and interests: the political bias of independent anti-corruption institutions” [Translated from “Custos e interesses: o viés político de instituições anticorrupção independentes”]. Committee: Rogério Bastos Arantes (Chair), George Avelino Filho, Paulo Furquim de Azevedo, Fernando de Magalhaes Papaterra Limongi.

[MA Dissertation](#): “Brazilian Federal Audit Court: institutional rules and political variables in explaining its performance” [Translated from “Tribunal de Contas da União: regras institucionais e fatores políticos na explicação de seu desempenho”] Committee: Rogério B. Arantes (Chair), Bruno W. Speck, and Fernando L. Abrúcio.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

2019, George Avelino Filho, Center of Studies in Politics and Economics of Public Sector, Getúlio Vargas Foundation, São Paulo, Brazil. Project “The Costs of the Electoral Campaign in Brazil: An Evidence-Based Analysis” [translated from “Os Custos da Campanha Eleitoral no Brasil: Uma análise baseada em evidência”]

2017-2019, Elize Massard da Fonseca. Center of Studies in Politics and Economics of Public Sector, Getúlio Vargas Foundation, São Paulo, Brazil. Project “Policies to increase the competitiveness of the pharmaceutical sector: Brazil's experience”.

AFFILIATIONS WITH RESEARCH GROUPS

Center for Politics and Economics in the Public Sector Studies (CEPESP). Getúlio Vargas Foundation (FGV), Brazil. 2021-present.

Judiciary and Democracy, Research Group (JUDE). University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil. 2017-present.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

FONSECA, Thiago do N. (2020), [Translated from “Entre riscos e ameaças: independência e controle do Tribunal de Contas da União na Assembleia Constituinte de 1988”]. *Opinião Pública*, 26(2).

FONSECA, Thiago do N. (2019), “Neither political appointment, nor cooperation. The importance of Federal Audit Court's autonomy for the control of

federal public resources transferred to municipalities.” [Translated from “Nem indicação política, nem cooperação. A importância da autonomia do TCU no controle de recursos públicos federais transferidos aos municípios”]. *Dados*, 62(3).

FONSECA, Thiago do N. (2017), “Do campaign donations involve future contractual returns? An analysis of the resources received by companies before and after the elections” [Translated from Doações de campanha implicam em retornos contratuais futuros? Uma análise dos valores recebidos por empresas antes e após as eleições]. *Revista de Sociologia e Política*, v. 25, p. 31-49, 2017.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2017, Best working paper of Political Institutions. V Brazilian Conference of Graduate Students in Political Science. “Neither party politics, nor cooperation. The importance of Federal Audit Court's autonomy on the control of federal public resources transferred to municipalities.” [Translated from “Nem cooperação, nem política partidária: a importância da autonomia do TCU no controle de recursos públicos federais transferidos aos municípios”].

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021, FONSECA, T. N. Do anti-corruption institutions provide competitive advantages to specific political parties? The Federal Audit Court’s oversight over Brazilian mayors [Translated from: Instituições anticorrupção independentes conferem vantagens competitivas a partidos específicos? O controle do TCU sobre prefeitos]. *Conference of Brazilian Association of Social Science – ANPOCS*.

2021, FONSECA, T. N., Does granting independence ensure impartial oversight over corruption? Evidence from Brazilian Supreme Audit Court. *The 2021 MPSA Annual Conference*, working paper.

2020, FONSECA, T. N. Does independence ensure the impartial performance of anti-corruption institutions? Evidence from the Brazilian Federal Audit Court [translated from: “Independência institucional garante a atuação imparcial de

instituições de combate à corrupção? Evidências do controle exercido pelo TCU sobre os municípios"]. *IX Political Science Graduate Student Seminar of University of São Paulo*.

2019, FONSECA, T. N. Do anti-corruption institutions exercise unequal control? Political influence on Brazilian Audit Court's performance" [translated from "Instituições de combate à corrupção atuam de modo desigual? Influência política sobre a atuação do TCU"]. *Annual Conference of Brazilian Association of Social Science – ANPOCS*. Brazil.

2019, FONSECA, T. N. Independent anti-corruption institutions exercise control in unequal way? Political influence on Brazilian Audit Court's performance [Translated from "Instituições de combate à corrupção atuam de modo desigual? Influência política sobre a atuação do TCU"]. *Latin American Congress of Political Science – ALACIP*.

2019, FONSECA, T. N. A constrained agenda: unequal influence of government actors on Brazilian Supreme Court [Translated from: "Uma agenda estrangida: influência desigual de membros do governo sobre a corte constitucional brasileira". *IV Political Science Graduate Student Seminar of University of São Paulo*. São Paulo, Brazil.

2018, FONSECA, T. N. "Agreements from electoral financing inside the cabinets: contract distribution to electoral donors of government coalition" [Translated from "Acordos de financiamento eleitoral por dentro dos ministérios: Distribuição de contratos aos doadores da coalizão". *Presented at 11^o Conference of Brazilian Political Science Association – ABCP*, Curitiba, Brazil.

2018, FONSECA, T. N. & SILVA, R. T. "What explains the impeachment of president Dilma Rousseff? Conflicts and risks within the coalition government." [Translated from: "O que explica o impeachment de Dilma Rousseff? Conflitos e riscos no interior da coalizão". *VIII Political Science Graduate Student Seminar of University of São Paulo*. São Paulo, Brazil.

2018, FONSECA, T. N. & MOREIRA, T. M. Q. "Voting order and veto power at Brazilian Supreme Court: individual agenda instruments on the concentrated constitutional review" [Translated from: "Ordem de julgamento e poder de veto no STF: o uso do pedido de vista em ações diretas de inconstitucionalidade"]. *VIII*

Political Science Graduate Student Seminar of University of São Paulo. São Paulo, Brazil.

2017, FONSECA, T. N. “Do political appointed directors and institutional cooperation matter for the federal account control? The importance of Brazilian Federal Audit Court autonomy for its performance” [Translated from “Ministros políticos e cooperação institucional fazem diferença para o controle de contas federais? A importância da autonomia do TCU para seu desempenho”. *41º Annual Conference of Brazilian Association of Social Science – ANPOCS*. Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

2015, FONSECA, T. N. “Do campaign donations involve future contractual returns? An analysis of the resources received by companies before and after the elections” [Translated from “Doações de campanha implicam em retornos contratuais futuros? Uma análise dos valores recebidos por empresas antes e após as eleições”]. *Brazilian Conference of Graduate Studies in Political Science*. Brazil.

SPECIAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2019, FONSECA, T. N. & MOREIRA, T. M. Q. “When court faces government”. *Mare Incognitum III: empirical research challenges about Brazilian Supreme Court*.

2018, FONSECA, T. N.; MOREIRA, T. M. Q. “Individual instruments of agenda at Brazilian Supreme Court: uncovering incentives from voting order” [Translated from “Pedido de vista no STF: desvendando incentivos com base na ordem de votação”]. *Mare Incognitum II: empirical research challenges about Brazilian Supreme Court*.

2017, FONSECA, T. N. “Politics or autonomy? the performance of Brazilian Audit Court on control of public accounts” [Translated from: “Política ou autonomia? O desempenho do TCU no controle das contas públicas”. *Center of Policy Studies of University of São Paulo – NUPPs*. Brazil.

SERVICE: MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

2020, Revista CGU.

2019, Revista de Ciências Sociais – DADOS.

2018, 2017, Revista de Sociologia e Política.