

# TIAGO TASCA

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Santa Cruz

2021 - Expected 2026

Ph.D. in Politics

Santa Cruz, CA

*Committee:* Sara Niedzwiecki (Chair), Kent Eaton, Eleonora Pasotti, and Zoila Ponce de León (University of Pittsburgh)

*Exams:* States and Political Institutions & Social Forces and Political Change (with honors)

### University of California, Santa Cruz

2024

Master of Arts in Politics

Santa Cruz, CA

### University of Brasília

2018

Master of Arts in International Relations

Brasília, Brazil

### Federal University of Santa Catarina

2016

BA in International Relations, with honors

Florianópolis, Brazil

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Assistant editor**, Brazilian Journal of International Relations (RBPI)

2016 -

**Researcher**, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Fiocruz - Brasília, Brazil

2018 - 2020

**Intern**, International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth, United Nations Development Programme, Brasília, Brazil

2018

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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**Tasca, Tiago** and Freitas, R. “[Reinventing the Wheel? The Convergence between the SDGs and the UN Documents for Non-Communicable Diseases Risk Factors](#)” *Meridiano 47 - Journal of Global Studies*, vol. 21, 2020, p. e21013

**Tasca, Tiago**. “[Do interesse nacional à estratégia de segurança energética: um diálogo epistemológico](#)” *Revista Brasileira de Estudos de Defesa*, vol. 5, no. 1, 2019

**Tasca, Tiago**. “[O Brasil Na Guerra Fria: Autonomia Heterodoxa e a Política Externa Independente](#)” *Carta Internacional*, vol. 13, no. 3, 2018

**Tasca, Tiago**. “[De Roboré aos anos 2000: a Bolívia como vértice de \(in\)segurança energética brasileira?](#)” *Conjuntura Internacional*, vol. 14, no. 1, 2017

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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Calmet, Y. and **Tasca, Tiago**. “[Popularity, public health and security: The convoluted conundrum of Brazil’s COVID-19 response](#)”. *Security and Safety in the Era of Global Risks*, edited by Radomir Compel and Rosalie Arcala. Routledge, 2021

Freitas, R. and **Tasca, Tiago**. “Diplomacia sanitaria y reglamentación internacional de los productos asociados como factores de riesgo para las enfermedades crónicas no transmisibles”. *Nuevas perspectivas de vulnerabilidad en el Derecho a la salud*, edited by Gonzalo Gabriel Carranza and Claudia Elizabeth

Zalazar, p. 101-113, 2021

**Tasca, Tiago** and Moreira, R. “Transição à vista! Uma abordagem multinível da transição energética brasileira” *Debates Interdisciplinares VIII*, edited by Rogério Santos da Costa and Taisa Dias, 2017

## BOOK REVIEWS

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**Tasca, Tiago.** “State-Sponsored Activism in Brazil: explaining social movement’s endurance” *Social Movement Studies*, vol. 22, 2023, 837-839

**Tasca, Tiago.** “Africa and Global Health Governance: Domestic Politics and International Structures.” *South African Journal of International Affairs*, vol. 27, 2020, 1-3

**Tasca, Tiago** and Schwether, N.D. “Resenha de: Pagliari, Graciela De Conti e Oliveira, Marcos Aurélio Guedes de (Org.). 2014. Defesa e Cooperação Interagências. Recife: Editora UFPE. 228p. Coleção Defesa e Fronteiras Virtuais, v. 2.” *Revista Brasileira de Estudos de Defesa*, vol. 3, no. 2, 2016, 217-220

**Tasca, Tiago** and Pagliari, G. “O fim da era do petróleo e a mudança do paradigma energético mundial: perspectivas e desafios para a atuação diplomática brasileira” *Revista Brasileira de Estudos de Defesa*, vol. 2, no. 1, 2015, 185-87

## SELECTED NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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“Vaccine politicization: Insights from Brazil”. *Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas*, October 14, 2024.

“Fake news and deforestation: the double threat to planetary health”. *University of California, Global Health Institute*, June 2, 2023.

Freitas, R. and **Tasca, Tiago.** “Saúde e solidariedade na 73ª Assembleia Mundial da Saúde: pré-requisitos para o desenvolvimento”. *Boletim de Direito Sanitário: caminhos para a efetivação do direito humano à saúde*, São Paulo, n. 1, July 2020. p. 19-22. *In Portuguese*.

Freitas, R. and **Tasca, Tiago.** “Unhealthy foods, non-communicable diseases, and the 2030 Agenda.” *Revista Mundorama*, Brasília, September 28, 2020. *In Portuguese*

**Tasca, Tiago.** “COVID-19, health, and borders” *Revista Mundorama*, Brasília, June 18, 2020. *In Portuguese*

Freitas, R. and **Tasca, Tiago.** “The implementation of the Tobacco Control Framework Convention” *Boletim da Rede Iberoamericana de Direito Sanitário*, p. 11 - 13. May 13, 2020.. *In Portuguese*

Freitas, R. and **Tasca, Tiago.** “More food less risk: Brazil and the multilateral dimension of agricultural pesticides regulation” *Revista Mundorama*, Brasília, September 25, 2019.

**Tasca, Tiago.** “From Marrakesh to beyond: new plans but old challenges to Brazilian bioenergy politics” *Revista Mundorama*, Brasília, January 4th, 2017.

**Tasca, Tiago** and Pagliari, Graciela. “Bolívia-Atlântico Sul: binômio geopolítico à (in)segurança energética brasileira” *Revista Mundorama*, Brasília, August 23, 2015. *In Portuguese*

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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“Social Policy Trends in Brazil in the Last Century,” with Sara Niedzwiecki. *Reviewed and Resubmitted*

“Trust, Misinformation, and Politics: Analyzing Vaccine Hesitancy in Brazil,” in preparation for submission.

Doctors as Mayors: Activating Professional Representation in Brazilian Localities (with Adan Martinez, Anthony Carrillo, and Elise Cline)

Primary Healthcare Under Strain: A Subnational Analysis of Vaccine Coverage Decline in Brazil

## PANELS AND CONFERENCES

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Trust, Misinformation, and Politics: Analyzing Vaccine Hesitancy in Brazil. *Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research*, Riverside, CA. 2024

The threat of mis- and disinformation to the universalization of health services: evidence from Brazil *International Studies Association 2024 Annual Convention*, San Francisco. 2024

- Winner - International Studies Association - Global Health Studies Best Graduate Student Paper (ISA 2024).

Voices of Health Justice: A student-led Q&A conversation with Dr. Sheila Davis, CEO of Partners in Health. *University of California, Santa Cruz*. 2023

The Far Right and Democracy: Brazil and the Américas. Panel Moderator. *University of California, Santa Cruz*. 2022.

Decolonizing global health in Latin America: overcoming regional challenges through endogenous knowledge. *20th Lusophone and Hispanic Conference [Re]Framing Knowledge*. 2021.

Brazil under Covid-19: the rise of the (un)popular Bolsonaro. *IPSA Web Forum on New Threats, New Movements, New Nationalisms: The Risks and Securitization of COVID-19*. 2020.

Desde lo global a lo local: la regulación de los factores de riesgo para enfermedades crónicas no transmisibles en Chile. *V Congreso Latinoamericano y del Caribe de Salud Global*. 2018. Medellín, Colombia

The Brazilian Ethanol Policy from 2003 to 2016: an Exploratory Study about the Interrelations Between Domestic and International Politics. *IX Congreso de ALACIP*. 2017. Montevideo, Uruguay

Encontrando o passo na cadência: o lugar do Brasil na governança global das energias renováveis, *III Seminar of International Relations*. 2016. Florianópolis, Brazil

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

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“Observatório de políticas públicas sobre regulação internacional de fatores de risco associados a DCNT.” *VII International Conference of RedBioetica - UNESCO*. Vol 14, Supl., 2018

“The Brazilian Ethanol Policy from 2003 to 2016: an Exploratory Study about the Interrelations Between Domestic and International Politics.” *Latin American Political Science Association - ALACIP*. 2017

“Encontrando o passo na cadência: O lugar do Brasil na governança global das energias renováveis.” *Anais do Seminário ABRI 2016*. Brazilian International Relations Association.

## INVITED TALKS

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Roundtable - Fundamentals of Political Research (UC Santa Cruz)  
Center for Economic Justice and Action (UC Santa Cruz)

November 2024  
October 2024

Universidade do Oeste de Santa Catarina (UNOESC), São Miguel do Oeste, Brazil  
Universidade de Brasília (UnB), Brasília, Brazil

*August 2023*  
*June 2019*

## GUEST LECTURES

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| The Politics of Well-being in Brazil, UC Santa Cruz                | <i>March 2025</i>              |
| Social Policies in Brazil, UC Santa Cruz                           | <i>November 2024, May 2025</i> |
| Psychology and Political Science: Building Bridges, UNOESC, Brazil | <i>August 2023</i>             |

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

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| KZSC Santa Cruz 88.1FM (Radio Show Guest Appearance) - Santa Cruz, California | <i>May 2024</i> |
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## TEACHING

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### University of California, Santa Cruz

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| TA: Comparative Politics, with Prof. Thomas Serres                            | <i>Spring 2025</i>       |
| TA: Theories of International & World Politics, with Prof. David Gordon       | <i>Winter 2024</i>       |
| TA: European Politics, with Prof. Eleonora Pasotti                            | <i>Fall 2023</i>         |
| TA: Foundations of Global & Community Health, with Prof. Matthew Sparke       | <i>Summer 2023</i>       |
| TA: U.S. & World Economy, with Prof. Scott Newsome                            | <i>Spring 2023</i>       |
| TA: Latin American Politics, with Prof. Kent Eaton and Prof. Sara Niedzwiecki | <i>Winter 2023, 2025</i> |
| TA: Politics of Social Policy, with Prof. Sara Niedzwiecki                    | <i>Fall 2022, 2024</i>   |
| Reader: Global Health Politics, with Prof. Matthew Sparke                     | <i>Winter 2022</i>       |

### University of Brasília, Brazil

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| TA: Brazilian Foreign Policy, with Prof. Antônio Carlos Lessa | <i>2017</i> |
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## COMMITTEES AND SUPERVISION

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Committee member (referee) at II ImunizaSUS Workshop to select the best immunization experiences across Brazilian municipalities. CONASEMS/Ministry of Health. Brasília. 2024

Committee member of Wadson Noronha. Undergraduate thesis. (Social Sciences). Universidade Federal da Fronteira Sul. 2020

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### University of California, Santa Cruz

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| Graduate Student Researcher, PI Prof. Sara Niedzwiecki | <i>2022-23, 2024</i> |
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## SKILLS

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### Programming Languages

STATA, R, Qualtrics, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

### Languages

*Portuguese (native), Spanish, English, and French.*

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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| Exploring Global Public Health, The New School for Social Research              | <i>2024</i> |
| Institute for Qualitative and Mixed-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University | <i>2023</i> |
| Methods for Comparative Analysis of Governmental Programs, PUC-RIO, Brazil      | <i>2022</i> |

## AWARDS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| <b>Qualifying Exams Fellowship</b> , Politics Department, University of California, Santa Cruz | <i>2024</i>             |
| <b>Graduate Student Grant</b> , Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas                | <i>2024</i>             |
| <b>Graduate Dean's Research Travel Grant</b> , University of California, Santa Cruz            | <i>2022-2025</i>        |
| <b>Travel Grant</b> , Politics Department, University of California, Santa Cruz                | <i>2022, 2023, 2024</i> |
| <b>BLUM Scholars Grant Program</b> , BLUM Center, University of California, Santa Cruz         | <i>2023</i>             |
| <b>Chancellor's Fellowship</b> , University of California, Santa Cruz                          | <i>2021-2022</i>        |
| <b>Conference Travel Grant</b> , Research Foundation of Distrito Federal                       | <i>2019, 2017</i>       |
| <b>Conference Travel Grant</b> , Pan-American Health Organization                              | <i>2018</i>             |

## SERVICE

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| <b>Reviewer</b> , Meridiano 47 - Journal of Global Studies, International Studies Review, Conjuntura Austral: Journal of the Global South |                  |
| <b>Student Ambassador</b> , University of California, Global Health Institute   | <i>2022-2023</i> |
| <b>Member</b> , Decolonizing Global Health Group, Karolinska Institutet   | <i>2021</i>      |
| <b>Organizer</b> , SIGHT Seminar Series - Global health security. Karolinska Institutet   | <i>2021</i>      |
| <b>Translator and copy-editor</b> , Planetary Health Alliance.  | <i>2020</i>      |

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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American Political Science Association (APSA)  
International Studies Association (ISA)  
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)