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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2023-present. Butler University

- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Criminology
- Faculty Affiliate, Science, Technology & Environmental Studies

2022-2023. University of Notre Dame

- Visiting Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies

2015-present. Indiana University Bloomington

- Affiliated Researcher, Center for the Analysis of Social-Ecological Landscapes
- Research Fellow, Milt and Judi Stewart Center on the Global Legal Profession

## EDUCATION

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2022. Ph.D. in Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington

- Committee: Ethan Michelson (co-chair), Jayanth K. Krishnan (co-chair), Arthur S. Alderson, Eduardo S. Brondizio, Patricia A. McManus

2017. M.A. in Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington

2015. LL.M. Indiana University Maurer School of Law

2011. LL.M. São Paulo Law School of Fundação Getulio Vargas, São Paulo, SP, Brazil

2009. LL.B. Centro Universitário do Pará, Belém, PA, Brazil

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Climate Change	Governance	Political Sociology
Law and Society	Organizational Theory	Social Movements

## PEER-REVIEWED AND LAW REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

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2024. Jayanth K. Krishnan, Megan Riley, and **Vitor M. Dias**. Big Law's Immigration Advocates, *University of Illinois Law Review*.

- Featured on: [Harvard Law School's The Practice Magazine](#), [ImmigrationProf Blog](#), and [TaxProf Blog](#).

2023. **Vitor M. Dias**. Climate Change, Organizational Culture, and Symbolic Embeddedness in the Brazilian Amazon, *Sociology of Development*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1525/sod.2023.9.4.366>.

2023. Martin Delaroche, **Vitor M. Dias**, and Paulo Eduardo Massoca. The Intertemporal Governance Challenges of Brazil's Amazon: Managing Soybean Expansion, Deforestation Rates, and Urban Floods, *Sustainability Science*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11625-022-01149-4>.

2021. **Vitor M. Dias**, Pedro Paulo de Miranda Araújo Soares, Eduardo S. Brondizio, and Sandra Helena Ribeiro Cruz. Grassroots Mobilization in Brazil's Urban Amazon: Global Investments, Persistent Floods, and Local Resistance across Political and Legal Arenas. *World Development*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2021.105572>.

– Environmental Sociology Robert Boguslaw Award, American Sociological Association

2021. **Vitor M. Dias**. Black Lawyers Matter: Enduring Racism in American Law Firms, *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.36646/mjlr.55.1.black>.

– Featured on: [The University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform Podcast](#), [TaxProf Blog](#), [Race, Racism and The Law](#), and [Orange County Bar Association](#).

2021. **Vitor M. Dias** and Alisha Kirchoff. The Overlooked Story of the Immigrant Lawyer Experience in the United States: Analyzing Income Differences in the American Legal Profession, *International Journal of the Legal Profession*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09695958.2021.1890090>.

2016. Jayanth K. Krishnan, **Vitor M. Dias**, and John E. Pence. Legal Elites and the Shaping of Corporate Law Practice in Brazil: A Historical Study, *Law & Social Inquiry*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/lsi.12142>.

2016. **Vitor M. Dias**. International Trade v. Intellectual Property Lawyers: Globalization and the Brazilian Legal Profession, *Journal of Civil Law Studies*, 9: 57-108.

2016. Jayanth K. Krishnan, **Vitor M. Dias**, and Martín Hevia. External Forces, Internal Dynamics: Foreign Legal Actors and Their Impact on Domestic Affairs, *Texas Law Review* 94: 995-1022.

2015. Jayanth K. Krishnan and **Vitor M. Dias**. The Aspiring and Globalizing Graduate Law Student: A Comment on the Lazarus-Black and Globokar LL.M. Study. *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, 22: 81-93.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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2023. Robert Nelson, Ronit Dinovitzer, Bryant Garth, Joyce Sterling, David Wilkins, Meghan Dawe, and Ethan Michelson with **Vitor M. Dias**. “White Spaces: The Enduring Racialization of American Law Firms.” In *The Making of Lawyer Careers: Inequality and Opportunity in the American Legal Profession*. Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press.

2018. Rubens Glezer, **Vitor M. Dias**, Adriane Sanctis de Brito, and Rafael A. F. Zanatta. “Transforming Legal Capacity in Brazil: International Trade Law and the Myth of a Booming Practice.” in *The Brazilian Legal Profession in the Age of Globalization: The Rise of the Corporate Legal Sector and its Impact on Lawyers and Society*, eds. Luciana Gross Cunha, Daniela Monteiro Gabbay, José Garcez Ghirardi, David M. Trubek, and David B. Wilkins, New York: Cambridge University Press.

## IN PROGRESS

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**Vitor M. Dias** and Mario Schapiro. Resisting Environmental Authoritarianism from within the State: Evidence from Bolsonaro’s Brazil. *Revise and resubmit at the Policy Studies Journal* (draft available).

**Vitor M. Dias**. Book Project: “Navigating Turbulent Waters: Floods and Climate (In)Justice in the Brazilian Amazon” (sample chapter available).

**Vitor M. Dias**. Dual Structures, Dual Outcomes: Mobilizing for Climate Justice in Brazil’s Urban Amazon. In preparation (draft available).

**Vitor M. Dias**. Double Consciousness, Legal Consciousness, and Rightful Resistance among those Facing Climate Change. In preparation (draft available).

**Vitor M. Dias**. “A Clear Path for Top Talent?” Analyzing the Economic Situation of Highly-Skilled Immigrants in Four Occupations in the U.S. In preparation (draft available).

– Graduate Student Paper Award, North Central Sociological Association.

## PUBLICATIONS IN PORTUGUESE

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André J. Rosilho, Dalton T. Cusciano, and **Vitor M. Dias**. 2014. “Buscando Respostas: Construindo um Método de Análise de Decisões.” In *O Supremo Tribunal Federal para além das Ações Diretas de Inconstitucionalidade*, eds. Dimitri Dimoulis, Luciana Gross Cunha, and Luciana de Oliveira Ramos. São Paulo: Fundação Getulio Vargas.

Luciana Gross Cunha, Luciana Oliveira Ramos, André J. Rosilho, Dalton T. Cusciano, Maria L. S. Coutinho, Paulo André Nassar, Rubens E. Glezer, and **Vitor M. Dias**. 2011. “Fundamentação e Previsibilidade no STF: uma Forma de Análise da Argumentação dos Ministros em Recursos Extraordinários.” In *Desafios da Constituição: Democracia e Estado no Século XXI*, eds. José Vieira Ribas and Flávia Martins de Carvalho. Rio de Janeiro: FAPERJ.

**Vitor M. Dias**. 2011. “Por uma Leitura Alternativa da Judicialização da Política: Aproximação entre Direitos Sociais e Econômicos.” In *Direito e Democracia: Estudos sobre o Ativismo Judicial*, eds. Bárbara Lou da C. Dias and Ana Darwich. São Paulo: Método.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Butler University

- Race, Institutions, and Organizations (Fall 2023)
- Understanding Society (Fall 2023, Fall 2024)
- Law & Society (Spring 2024)
- Climate, Conflict, and Community (Fall 2024)

### University of Notre Dame

- Law, Climate Justice, and Sustainable Development (Spring 2023, graduate course)

### Indiana University Bloomington (\* denotes teaching assistant)

- Climate Change and Society (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
- Work in the New Economy (Spring 2021, Online)
- Work and Occupations (Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2017)
- Numeric Literacy for the Global Citizen\* (Fall 2018, graduate course)
- Sociology of the Family\* (Fall 2016, Fall 2015)
- The Economy, Organizations, and Work\* (Spring 2016)

## SERVICE

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2023-2024. Co-Editor of the special issue on “Law in a Changing Climate” for the *Law & Society Review*

2020-present. Founding Co-Organizer of the Law and Society Association’s Law and Climate Change Collaborative Research Network (CRN 57)

2018-2019. Member. Mentoring Committee. American Sociological Association Sociology of Law Section

2018-2019. Member. Undergraduate Affairs Committee. Department of Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington

2017-2018. Sociology Representative. Graduate and Professional Student Organization, Indiana University Bloomington

Reviewer for: *Ambio*; *American Sociological Review*; *Sustainability Science*; *Law & Social Inquiry*

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

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2022. Raphael Morrison Dorman Postdoctoral Fellowship. Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (declined)

2021. Social Science Research Commons Research Grant (\$9,600, Indiana University Bloomington)

2020. Advanced Departmental Fellowship (\$8,500, Department of Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington)

2019. International Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$21,700, Social Science Research Council)

2018. Martins-Sadlier Award. Honorable Mention for the Best Paper in Brazilian Studies (Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Indiana University Bloomington)

2018. Travel Award (Graduate and Professional Student Government, Indiana University Bloomington)

2018. Sheldon Stryker Research Grant (Department of Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington)

2017. Tinker Field Research Grant (Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Indiana University Bloomington)

2017. Travel Award (Midwest Sociological Society)

2016-2018. Summer Research Fellowship (Department of Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington)

2015-2022. Graduate Tuition Fellowship (Department of Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington)

2015. Travel Grant to the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA (Center on the Global Legal Profession, Indiana University Maurer School of Law)

2013. Travel Grant to the 3<sup>rd</sup> East Asian Law & Society Conference in Shanghai, China (Fundação Getulio Vargas)

2011. Travel Grant to the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA (Fundação Getulio Vargas)

2010-2011. Mario Henrique Simonsen Fellowship (Fundação Getulio Vargas)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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2023. “Resisting Environmental Authoritarianism from within the State in Bolsonaro’s Brazil.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting.

2022. “Global Environmental Change, Local Social Problems: Mobilizing for Climate Justice in Brazil’s Urban Amazon.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.

2022. “Climate Change, Organizational Culture, and Symbolic Embeddedness in a Brazilian Legal Aid Office.” Sociology of Development Pre-Conference.

2022. “Roundtable on Climate Change, COVID-19: Governance and Claims Making.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

2021. “Global Environmental Change, Local Governance Challenges: Grappling with Subnational Climate Politics.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (online due to COVID-19).

2020. “Grassroots Mobilization against Urban Floods in Brazil’s Amazon: Global Investments and Local Resistance across Arenas.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (online due to COVID-19).
2020. “Grassroots Mobilization against Urban Floods in Brazil’s Amazon: Global Investments and Local Resistance across Arenas.” 2020 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (online due to COVID-19).
2019. “Accessing Justice in Brazil’s Urban Amazon: Brazilian Legal Aid Lawyers at Work.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
2019. “Accessing Justice in Brazil’s Urban Amazon: Brazilian Legal Aid Lawyers at Work.” Inaugural World Forum on Climate Justice.
2019. “What is the Economic Situation of the “Preferred Immigrants” in America’s Expert Labor Market? An Analysis of Four Occupations in the U.S.” North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
2018. “Social Justice, Legal Aid, and Access to Justice in the Urban Brazilian Amazon: A Case Study of How Petitioners Interact with Lawyers.” 7<sup>th</sup> Sociology of Development Conference.
2018. “Anti-Equality Machines: Racial and Ethnic Variation in Moves within, between, and away from Law Firms.” After the JD: Strategies and Structures in the Making of Lawyers’ Careers. University of California, Irvine School of Law.
2018. “Anti-Equality Machines: Racial and Ethnic Variation in Moves within, between, and away from Law Firms.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting.
2017. “Boundaries and Elite Immigration: Examining Income Disadvantage in the U.S. Expert Labor Market (2000-2014).” 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Midwest Sociological Society.
2015. “Roundtable on Globalization and Its Influence on Methodology: Approaches for Studying Lawyers and the Legal Profession.” 2015 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting.
2013. “Legal Education in Brazil: Who is the Law Professor in Brazil and what does this Explain about the Brazilian Legal System?” 3<sup>rd</sup> East Asian Law & Society Conference.

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2011-2013. Pacheco da Silva Advogados
2010. Secretariat for Economic Law, Brazilian Ministry of Justice
- 2010-Present. Admitted to the Brazilian Bar Association

## MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association

- Sections: Collective Behavior and Social Movements; Economic Sociology; Environmental Sociology; Global and Transnational Sociology; Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility; Organizations, Occupations, and Work; Political Sociology; Race, Gender, and Class; Sociology of Development; Sociology of Human Rights; Sociology of Law; Theory

Law and Society Association

## LANGUAGE AND OTHER SKILLS

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Portuguese: Native

English: Fluent

Spanish: Advanced

Software Packages: Atlas.ti, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, QGIS, R, Stata

## REFERENCES

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