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EDUCATION

- 2013- present Harvard University
Ph. D. Candidate, Government. Expected May 2019.
Dissertation: “On the Ballots, in the Streets or under the Table: Explaining Business Political Strategies in Latin America”
Committee: Steven Levitsky (chair), Frances Hagopian, Scott Mainwaring (HKS), Ben Ross Schneider
(MIT)
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations
- 2009-2011 Torcuato Di Tella University, Buenos Aires, Argentina
M.A. (Valedictorian), Political Science with a focus on Latin American Politics.
Thesis: “Union Revitalization in the Least Likely Case: The Retail Federation of Argentina”
- 2002-2008 B. A. (with honors), Sociology
University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

WORKING PAPERS

- “Subnational Variation in Forest Protection in the Chaco Forest” (with Candelaria Caray) (under review)
- “Multilevel Approach to Enforcement: Forest Protection in the Argentine Chaco” (with Candelaria Garay), in Brinks, D., V. Murillo and S. Levitsky (eds.), *Understanding Weak Institutions. Lessons from Latin America* (forthcoming)
- “Harvesting Influence. The Building of Brazil’s Rural Caucus”
- “With a lot of Help from our Friends. Agrarian Elites and Politics in Contemporary Chile”
- “From the *Fazenda* to City Hall. What Happens when your Mayor is a Big Landowner? Evidence from Brazilian Municipalities”

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2012 “El Nuevo Liderazgo Sindical en la Argentina Post Neoliberal: el Caso de la Federación de Trabajadores Camioneros” (with Enzo Benes), *Desarrollo Económico*, Vol. 52 N° 205, pp. 31-61.
- 2010 “Moderación Reivindicativa en el Nuevo Contexto Macroeconómico post 2001: El Caso del Sindicato de Comercio” (with Enzo Benes), *Revista de la Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político (SAAP)*, Vol. 4 N°1.
- “La CGT Disidente frente a la Crisis y Salida del Régimen Convertible”, *Realidad Económica* N° 250, pp. 75-104.

Book chapters

- 2013 “Cuellos no tan Blancos. Los Trabajadores de Supermercados y su Desafío al Viejo Modelo Sindical Mercantil. (Argentina 2004-2009)”, in Senén González, Cecilia and Andrea del Bono (Comp.): *Revitalización Sindical en Argentina. Heterogeneidades Sectoriales*, PROMETEO-UNLaM, Buenos Aires, pp. 151-176.

Op-Ed Articles

- 2017 “Sistema Débil, Presidentes Fuertes” (with Hernán Flom), in *La Nación*, August 18.
“Ni Autoflagelantes, ni Autocomplacientes” (with Hernán Flom), in *Bastión Digital*, August 2.
- 2015 “No Estás Solo Buenos Aires” (with Hernán Flom), in *Bastión Digital*, November 12.
- 2013 “Economic Roots for Unstable Regimes”, in *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies*, Spring, pp 56-48.
- 2012 “Un Cambio de Escenario que Reclama Moderación”, in *Tiempo Argentino*, January 30.
“La Esperanza de Retomar el Vínculo con la Casa Rosada”, in *Tiempo Argentino*, May 25.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017 Graduate Student Associate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University (\$2500)
Jens Aubrey Westengard Scholarship, Committee on General Scholarships, Harvard University (\$1500)
Summer Research Travel Grant, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University (\$2000)
- 2016 Jorge Paulo Lemann Fellowship. Committee on General Scholarships, Harvard University (\$20,700)
Pre-dissertation Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (\$4000)
- 2015 Graduate Student Associate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University (\$2500)
Pre-dissertation Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (\$3000)
- 2014 Pre-dissertation Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (\$3000)
Summer Research Travel Grant, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University (Declined)
- 2013 Fulbright Ph. D. Scholarship for International Students. Argentine Fulbright Commission. (Declined)
- 2011 Graduate Studies Fellowship, CONICET (National Council of Research, Argentina)
- 2010 Initial Researcher Fellowship, ANPCyT (National Agency for the promotion of Science and Technology, Argentina)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Teaching Fellow | Foundations of Comparative Politics (Harvard University, Fall 2015, 2017)
Research Practice in Qualitative Methods (Harvard University, Spring 2016)
Latin American Politics (Catholic University of Argentina, Fall 2011)
Introduction to Politics and Government (Torcuato Di Tella University, Fall 2011) |
| Senior Thesis Advisor | Government Department, Harvard University (Academic year 2017-2018) |

PRESENTATIONS

- Invited Talks Tuesday Seminar Series, David Rockefeller for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 2017
Brazilian Studies Program Seminar Series, David Rockefeller for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 2017
- Conferences Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting 2015, 2017
REPAL (Latin American Political Economy Network) Annual Meeting, 2017
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistance Prof. Candelaria Garay, Harvard Kennedy School (2014- present)
Prof. Alison Post, Department of Political Science, University of California Berkeley (2012-2013)
Prof. Germán Lodola, Department of Political Science, Di Tella University (2011)
Prof. Rut Diamint, Department of Political Science, Di Tella University (2009-2010)
Prof. Agustín Salvia, Gino Germani Institute for Research, School of Social Sciences, University of Buenos Aires (2007- 2008)
- Junior Researcher 2009-2012. Project: “Argentine Unions after Neoliberalism”, Department of Political Science, Torcuato Di Tella University.
Directors: Juan Carlos Torre and Sebastián Etchemendy
- 2010-2011: Project: “Crisis of the neoliberal consensus and trade unions in Argentina. Old and new strategies of workers’ organization. Variance across sectors”, Gino Germani Institute for Research, School of Social Sciences, University of Buenos Aires.
Director: Cecilia Senén González.

OTHER DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

- 2016 American Political Science Association. Travel grant for the annual meeting.
- 2012 Torcuato Di Tella University. Invited to be Student Speaker at the Graduation Ceremony. (For having attained the highest GPA among all the University graduate students receiving their diploma that year)
- 2011 Argentine Fulbright Commission. Travel Grant and Full Tuition Fellowship: “Young leaders’ seminar at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst”.
- 2009-2010 Torcuato Di Tella University. Partial Tuition Fellowship, M. A. program.
- 2008 University of Buenos Aires, School of Social Sciences. Honors Diploma.

SKILLS

- Languages Spanish (native speaker), English (bilingual), Portuguese (fluent)
- Software packages R, Stata, Arc GIS, Latex.

PROFESSIONAL AFILIATIONS

- Latin American Studies Association (since 2011)
American Political Science Association (since 2013)

