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My main interests lie within comparative politics, encompassing state building and environmental enforcement. I have a regional focus on Latin America. I am also interested in bureaucratic politics, causal inference, and state-society relations in frontier territories.

Education

2021 – present **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**
Doctoral program in Political Science
Graduate Student Work-In-Progress workshop coordinator (2022-2023)
Comparative Politics Work-In-Progress workshop coordinator (2023-2024)
Graduate Student Council president (2023-2024)

Spring 2020 **New York University (NYU)**
International exchange program
16 credits at the Department of Politics (4.0 GPA)

2016 – 2020 **Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC-Chile)**
BA in Political Science (*Título profesional*, five year degree)
Honors registration award, best incoming student (2016)
6.53 GPA (3.86 US equivalent), maximum distinction
Graduated 1st out of an incoming cohort of 59

Independent research

Working papers

2023 “Eyes beneath the canopy: co-enforcing environmental crackdowns in the Brazilian Amazon.” [LINK](#). Under Review.

Academic articles

2023 “Two paths towards the exceptional extension of national voting rights to non-citizen residents.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 49(10), pp. 2541-2560. With David Altman and Sergio Huertas-Hernández. [LINK](#).

2021 “Citizens at the polls: direct democracy in the world, 2020.” *Taiwan Journal of Democracy*, 17(2), pp. 85-106. With David Altman. [LINK](#).

Undergraduate thesis

2019 “Sharing is for suckers: tactical distribution, institutions, and movement politics in Bolivia.” Advisor: Carla Alberti. [LINK](#). Fieldwork in La Paz and El Alto funded by the FONDECYT #1191068 grant.

Fellowships and grants

2021 - present	Luksic PhD Fellowship, Luksic Scholars Foundation
2024 - 2025	MIT GovLab Seed Grant (USD\$5,000)
2024	MIT MISTI support for field research (USD\$6,000)

Teaching assistantships

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

2024	17.802	G	<i>Quantitative Research II: Causal Inference</i> (F. Daniel Hidalgo)
2023	17.801	UG	<i>Political Science Scope and Methods</i> (Fotini Christia)

Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC-Chile)

2019	ICP0101	UG	<i>Introduction to Political Science</i> (Carla Alberti)
	ICP0114	UG	<i>Indigenous Politics In Latin America</i> (Carla Alberti)
	ICP0147	UG	<i>Political Processes in Latin America</i> (Valeria Palanza)
2018	ICP0101	UG	<i>Introduction to Political Science</i> (Carla Alberti)
	ICP0103	UG	<i>Introduction to Comparative Politics</i> (Julieta Suárez)
	ICP0505	UG	<i>Qualitative Research Methods in Political Science</i> (Julieta Suárez)
	ICP0601	UG	<i>Writing in Political Science</i> (Maria de la Calle)
2017	ICP0601	UG	<i>Writing in Political Science</i> (Maria de la Calle)

Research assistantships

MIT	2022	Summer research assistant. Researcher in charge: Daniel Hidalgo.
ANID	2021	FONDECYT grant. <i>Fiscal Origins of Democracy: How Different Sources of Income Affect Democratization</i> . Researcher: Diego Díaz.
	2020	FONDECYT grant. <i>The impact of migratory waves and the extension of suffrage in contemporary democracies</i> . Researcher: David Altman.
		FONDECYT grant. <i>Becoming parties: indigenous social movements and party politics in Latin America</i> . Researcher: Carla Alberti.
		FONDECYT grant. <i>The paradoxical adoption of citizen-initiated mechanisms of direct democracy</i> . Researcher: David Altman.
IMFD	2021	Research area #1. <i>Data for the study of highly complex social problems</i> . Researcher: Juan Pablo Luna. Project: <i>Congress diaries, 1810-2010</i> .
PUC	2019	Winter research assistant. Researcher: Carla Alberti.
		Summer research assistant. Researcher: Carla Alberti.
	2018	Winter research assistant. Researcher: Valeria Palanza.
		Summer research assistant. Researcher: Carmen Le Foulon.

Skills and certificates

Language proficiency: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (two graduate courses).

Software proficiency: R (advanced), Python (intermediate), QGIS (intermediate), STATA (beginner).